



FFA THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STUDENTS OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

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*"If you hear this message, from wherever you stand
I'm calling every woman, I'm calling every man.
We're the generation that can't afford to wait.
The future started yesterday, and we're already late..."*

It was at an OASC (Oregon Association of Student Councils) session that this song was introduced to me. Not only is John Legend one of my favorite artists of all time, he also has a way of compelling me to do more to better myself and help others. His words and voice carry out across many spectrums, seeming to relate to everyone. They make me look deeper at the issues of today, and remind me that there is absolutely no time to be wasted here.



Oregon FFA, what are your goals in life? Do you want to be an engineer? A pilot? A veterinarian? A kindergarten teacher? All through elementary school, I was more than certain that I was going to somehow be the richest person on earth and for certain, I would rule the world. As I grew, I found that leadership is not about getting everything that *you* want, but doing everything to help others get what *they* want.

FFA has been an enormous part of my life since I could remember. My parents have always been actively involved in our chapter alumni, so I was exposed to the members of Dayton FFA at a young age. Up until Junior High, it was always my aspiration to be among those to sport the blue and gold. Yes, it's true and my thoughts on FFA haven't changed one bit, except for the fact that I *am* "that FFA kid," that I always dreamed of becoming.

Thus far in life, I have carried out just about every one of my dreams for high school. I've been on ASB every year, I've held a chapter office every year, and I am currently serving as the Lower Willamette District President. My participation in Public Speaking has taught me to help others as a more effective speaker and in Ag Sales I have learned to be of more service as an attentive and compassionate listener. Oregon FFA has given me friends, mentors and inspiration. I am ready to return the favor. If you would give me the opportunity to serve on the 2011-2012 Oregon FFA State Officer team, I would dedicate this next year of my life to helping *you* live out *your* dreams in this incredible organization that has given so much to so many thousands of members already.

*"If you're ready, we can shake the world.
Believe again, it starts within.
We don't have to wait for destiny,
We should be the change that we want to see."*

I challenge you, as FFA members and as the future of our world, to go forward with enthusiasm and drive to be everything that you've ever dreamed of and aspired to be. The future is here. Our time is NOW. Join me in laying our claim right now, so we can build a brighter tomorrow. Not only for us, but for all who are to follow, not only in FFA, but more importantly, in our entire world.

Sincerely,

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