



Burns FFA
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"It's not how big you are, it's how big you play." John Wooden

Dear Oregon FFA members,

Measuring up at just 5'1...WITH MY BOOTS ON, small size is something I have dealt with whole life. I'm sure many of us can relate with our own individual challenges. It wasn't until I heard a quote by John Wooden that states, "It's not how big you are, it's how big you play", that I was inspired to continue facing and hurdling over obstacles no matter how big they were. Just because I was 5'1, didn't mean I couldn't show sheep that doubled me in weight, launch myself on a horse or battle for a rebound with those that seemed like giants. From that point on, I vowed to PLAY BIG!

As FFA members, we face unique challenges that come in the form of being able to explain the rationale for choosing one livestock animal over another, competing against one of the best parli-pro teams in the area, speaking in front of people or stepping up to participate in an event for the first time. We are also challenged to make a difference in the ever challenging field of agriculture as we ready ourselves for the future. FFA members, now is the time to step up to whatever the challenge may be and PLAY BIG!

I come from a large family of FFA alumni. My grandparents, parents, uncles, cousins and siblings have all worn the blue and gold dating back to 1958. Being the baby of the family, it was without doubt that I too would follow in their footsteps. When I ran for a chapter office my sophomore year and wasn't elected to a position, I learned a sobering lesson. Others were playing big when I wasn't. After taking a new approach the following year and vowing to play BIG and prepare BIG, I was a more confident and active member. FFA members if a challenge knocks you down, get up and PLAY BIG!

We are not always aware of the challenges that others face. What we often take for granted, can be another's' greatest obstacle. Playing big isn't always easy for some. I have had the pleasure and honor of working with special need students from an early age mentoring them in school and in the show ring. What a wonderful opportunity it has been to get to know them celebrating their strengths. These students never let their challenges stop them from playing big. FFA members, if these students can overcome their challenges what is stopping us from PLAYING BIG!

Oregon FFA next time we think about giving up, think of John Wooden's quote that reminds us "It's not how big you are, it's how big you play." It is with great excitement that I announce my candidacy for the 2014-2015 Oregon FFA State Officer Team. I'm looking forward to watching many of you PLAY BIG at the 86th Annual Oregon FFA State Convention.

Kylee Marie Fisher
Burns FFA Vice President
Strawberry Mountain FFA District Treasurer

Freshman Year

- County Fair Grand Champion Sheep Showman
- Grand Champion Breeding Ewe
- Greenhand Degree
- Float Decorating Committee
- FFA Ag in the Classroom
- Chapter meetings
- District Creed
- District Soil Judging
- Food for America
- District Leadership Camp
- Taco Dinner Fundraiser
- Livestock Judging
- Oregon FFA State Convention
- Chapter Plant Sale
- Chapter Meetings

Sophomore Year

- Chapter Degree
- Grand Champion Market sheep
- Reserve Grand Champion Sheep showman
- Parade Float Decorating Committee
- Ag in the Classroom
- Chapter Pie Auction
- Chapter BBQ
- Ag in the Classroom
- District Leadership Camp
- 1st place District Sophomore Public Speaking
- Chapter Banquet
- Oregon State Convention
- Middle School Recruitment

- Chapter Plant Sale
- Chapter Meetings

Junior Year

- County Fair Grand Champion Market Lamb
- County Fair Grand Champion Sheep Showman
- County Fair FFA Round Robin Champion
- Chapter Reporter
- Chapter Meetings
- 2nd place District Advanced Prepared Speaking
- Fair Clean up Committee
- Outstanding Reporter
- Food for America
- Ag Literacy
- National Convention
- District Leadership Camp
- Oregon State Convention
- Oregon FFA State Degree
- Chapter Officer Retreat
- Livestock Judging

Senior Year

- Chapter Vice President
- District Treasurer
- Chapter Officer Retreat
- Chapter Meetings
- 1st place District Rituals
- Outstanding Vice President
- County Fair Grand Champion Market Sheep
- County Fair Grand Champion Sheep Showman
- 1st place District Ag Sales

- County Fair Round Robin Champion
- FFA Pie Auction
- Ag in the Classroom
- District Leadership Camp

Other Activities

- BHS Volleyball (9,10,11,12)
- BHS Basketball (9,10,11,12)
- BHS Softball (9,10,11)
- Youth Action Committee
- National Honor Society Member
- Volleyball Team Captain
- 2012 Volleyball State Champion
- Basketball Team Captain