



NEWBERG FFA
Newberg High
School
Newberg, OR 97132

FFA THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

**“TO GIVE ANYTHING LESS THAN YOUR
BEST IS TO SACRIFICE THE GIFT.”**

-STEVE PREFONTAINE

Oregon FFA:

All of us have said it, probably too many times to count. All across the state, all across the nation, FFA members can be heard repeating a singular phrase: “I believe in the future of agriculture.” Oregon FFA, the time has come to ask why- why do you believe?

In Newberg, my home chapter, we just held our annual creed speaking career development event where greenhands presented the creed for the very first time. Do you remember your first creed? Maybe you were panicking trying to memorize the last paragraph minutes before you spoke, or maybe you were as cool as a cucumber waiting your turn. This year we had a talented greenhand class, but they were about as jittery as could be. One of the participants was so nervous his knees were shaking throughout his entire creed presentation.

If these kids were so nervous, why did they compete and put themselves through that challenge? Why do any of us? FFA makes us realize that for every struggle, there is a chance of victory, and to FFA members, this victory, whether it be a chapter creed speaking honor, a star award, or a state parliamentary procedure banner, is worth the struggle. The Newberg greenhand whose knees were shaking ended up pushing through and taking first place despite his nervousness.

Oregon FFA, let me ask you again- why do you believe in the future of agriculture? I believe in the future of agriculture with a faith born not of words, but of deeds- our deeds. FFA has shown me that there are people who are willing to take the risk and see where it leads them. You are the people that I believe in, because Oregon FFA members have the courage and perseverance to show the world their very best, and to bring out the best in other people. From the state champion prepared public speaker to the freshman in my chapter whose knees were trembling as he gave the Creed for the first time, the acts of courage that FFA members commit are the proof that the FFA and agriculture are things to believe in.

Oregon FFA, I believe in the future of agriculture because we are the future of agriculture. Nothing could be more of an honor than to serve this organization that gives students the opportunity to take risks and grow into leaders. I am proud to announce my candidacy for the 2015-2016 Oregon FFA State Officer Team and can't wait to see you in Silverton!

Sincerely,

Margaret Halstead
Newberg FFA Chapter President
Lower Willamette FFA District President





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FFA and School Involvement

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Freshman 2011-2012

FFA:
CDE's
Creed
3rd place, chapter
Beg. Public Speaking
3rd place, chapter
Beg. Parli-Pro
Chairman
2nd place, state
Agriscience Fair
1st place, state
Crops
2nd place team, state
6th high individual
Coop Quiz
4th place, district
Chapter Star Greenhand

Other:

Greenhand Dessert
Chapter Awards/Auction

Other Activities:

4-H: Club Reporter
Newberg High School Track

Sophomore 2012-2013

FFA:
CDE's
Beg. Ag Sales
2nd place team, district
6th individual
Beg. Extemp Speaking
3rd place, district
Soph. Public Speaking
3rd place, state
Parli-Pro
Vice President
2nd place, state
Coop Quiz
4th place, district
FBM
1st place, district
4th individual
Crops
3rd place team, state
3rd individual

Other:

Chapter Sentinel
Chapter Officer Retreat
Greenhand Dessert
Chapter Awards/Auction
Apple picking for FISH
School Board Presentation
Newberg Potato Project
Chapter Pizza Feed

Other Activities:

4-H: Club Reporter
Varsity Cross Country
Varsity Track

Junior 2013-2014

FFA:
CDE's:
Adv. Ag Sales
3rd place team, state
6th individual
Extemp Speaking
4th place, state
Adv. Public Speaking
1st place, district
Parli-Pro
Chairman
2nd place, state
Coop Quiz
4th place, district
Crops
2nd place team, state
1st place individual
Ag Communications
4th place, state
6th individual

Other:

Chapter Treasurer
Chapter Officer Retreat
Greenhand Dessert
Chapter Awards/Auction
Chapter Pizza Feed
FAFSA Night
FFA Day at WILCO
Chapter Carwash

Other Activities:

National Honors Society
4-H: Club Secretary
Varsity Cross Country
Varsity Track
Jazz Ensemble

Senior 2014-2015

FFA:
CDE's:
Soil Judging
2nd place team, district
5th individual
Adv. Ag Sales
1st place team, state
6th individual
Extemp Speaking
1st place, district
Will compete in:
Parli-pro
Crops
Ag Communications

Other:

Chapter President
District President
Chapter Officer Retreat
Greenhand Dessert
FAFSA Night
Chapter Carwash
Chapter Wreath Sales
District Leadership Camp

Other Activities:

National Honors Society
Varsity Cross Country
Jazz Ensemble