



# FFA

## THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF AGRICULTURE STUDENTS

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"A great leader's courage to fulfill his  
vision comes from passion, not position."

John Maxwell



Dear Oregon FFA:

I never really had confidence until I joined the FFA. My first time in the Ag room, I sat in the very back during a parliamentary procedure practice. Everyone in the room was either a junior or a senior. All of them well-versed in Robert's Rules of Order and began yelling "Mr. Chairman!" I was confused and didn't understand why they were arguing against each other. It seemed as though all of them were speaking a foreign language. After our first rotation, we had a break and I was planning my escape. I figured I would sneak behind the advisors and slip out the door as fast as I could. As I prepared for my quick exit, all of the seniors were moving their chairs next to mine. Scared out of my mind, I realized that they were planning something, but they didn't want to scare me--they wanted to help me. And they did. For the rest of practice they explained the entire process of parliamentary procedure, and-most importantly, they made me feel like I belonged. They gave me confidence that day; as a result, I grew to become the chapter president and am now helping younger members realize all the great accomplishments that they can achieve through the FFA.

That newfound confidence is why I went to the state convention in Hermiston as a freshman. During convention, I watched the state officers give their retiring addresses, each one inspiring me in their own way. I remember just before the final round for Ag issue, as I was nervously pacing the hall, the state president came over and told me to calm down, and that I had nothing to worry about because I would do a great job. That conversation is when I decided I was going to run for state office my senior year. His encouragement and his simple act of telling me to be myself and to do my best gave me the confidence to reach for my dream of becoming a state officer.

With that in mind, I am pleased to announce my candidacy to be a part of your 2015-2016 Oregon FFA state officer team. My dream is to help the FFA members reach their fullest potential in the FFA and help them gain the skills and courage that will be with them for the rest of their lives. I want to help everyone in the FFA be able to be themselves and be confident, not only while wearing the blue corduroy, but for years beyond.

Sincerely,

Morgan Springer  
Ontario FFA Chapter President  
Snake River District Reporter

FFA Motto:  
"Learning to Do, Doing to  
Learn, Earning to Live, and  
Living to Serve"

# High School Resume: Morgan Springer- Ontario FFA

## Freshman Year (2011-2012)

### FFA Activities:

#### Degree earned:

- Green hand degree

#### Competitions

- Begin. Parli Pro
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> District
  - Sectionals contestant
- Small animal Showman
  - 1<sup>st</sup> district
- Ag issues
  - 4<sup>th</sup> state

#### Events/Conferences

- 2012 state convention
- Beginning leadership training
- Chapter meetings
  - Member of the month
- FFA plant sale
- Chapter donut social
- Chapter Banquet
- District Swim Social
- District Volleyball Social
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recruitment

### Other school Activities:

- Future Business leaders of America
- Student senate member
- Junior varsity tennis
- Girls Basketball film
- Colors club
- Relay for life
- High schools against cancer
- Volunteering at Free Health clinic

## Sophomore Year (2012-2013)

### FFA Activities:

#### Degree/ Awards earned:

- Chapter degree
- Chapter letter

#### Competitions

- Adv. Parli Pro
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> district
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sectionals
- Sophomore public speaking
  - 4<sup>th</sup> district
- Ag issues
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> state
- Soil Judging
- Small animal Showman
  - 1<sup>st</sup> district

#### Events/ Conferences

- 2013 state convention
- Beginning leadership training
- Chapter meetings
- FFA plant sale
- Chapter donut social
- Treasure Valley Ag show
- Chapter Banquet
- District Swim Social
- District Volleyball social
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade recruitment

### Other school activities:

- Future Business leaders of America
  - Chapter Treasurer
  - 7<sup>th</sup> state public speaking
- Student senate member
- High Schools Against Cancer
- Varsity Tennis
- Honor Choir
- Girls Basketball film
- Culinary club
- Science club
- Treasure Valley Community College
  - Part time student

## Junior Year (2013-2014)

### FFA Activities:

#### Degree/ Awards earned:

- State Degree
  - Chapter Girl of the Year
  - Star Chapter Farmer
- #### Offices Held:
- Chapter Vice-President

#### Competitions:

- Adv. Parli Pro
  - 1<sup>st</sup> district
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Sectionals
  - State competitor
- Small animal Showman
  - 1<sup>st</sup> district
- Ag sales
- Adv. Job Interview
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> district
- District Rituals
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> district
- Eastern Oregon Livestock Judging
- Ag issues
  - State competitor
- Small animal proficiency
  - Chapter winner

#### Events/ Conferences

- 2014 State Convention
- District Leadership camp
- Beginning leadership training
- Chapter meetings
- FFA plant sale
- Chapter donut socials
- Treasure Valley Ag Show
  - Co-Coordinator
- District swim social
- District Volleyball social
- Chapter Banquet
- Jordan Valley Banquet
- Vale Banquet
- District tractor driving

### Other School Activities:

- Future Business leaders of America
  - 6<sup>th</sup> state Impromptu speaking
  - chapter Secretary
- Student senate member
- Varsity Tennis
- High Schools Against Cancer
- Girls Basketball film
- Culinary club
- Science club
- Treasure Valley Community College
  - Part time student

## Senior Year (2014-2015)

### FFA Activities:

#### Offices Held:

- Chapter President
- District Reporter

#### Competitions:

- Ag Sales
  - 6<sup>th</sup> state
- Adv. Job Interview
  - 7<sup>th</sup> district
- District Rituals
  - 1<sup>st</sup> district
- Adv. Parli Pro
  - 1<sup>st</sup> district
- Extemporaneous Speaking
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> district

#### Events/ Conferences

- 87<sup>th</sup> National Convention
- District Leadership camp
  - Outstanding president award
- Beginning Leadership training
- Chapter donut socials
- Treasure Valley Ag show
  - Coordinator
- District Volleyball Social

### Other school activities:

- Future Business Leaders of America
  - Chapter Secretary
  - 1<sup>st</sup> regional Impromptu speaking
- Student Senate member
- Varsity Tennis
- High Schools Against Cancer
- Girls Basketball film
- Science Club
- National Honors Society
- Treasure Valley Community College
  - Graduate with Associates of Arts