



# Scio FFA Chapter

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“Learning to do. Doing to learn. Earning to live. Living to serve.”  
-FFA Motto

Dear Fellow Oregon FFA Members,

Have you ever been there, in the back of the classroom, afraid to raise your hand to ask a question, or join in the class discussion? I know I have. I was the quiet girl in the back; I wouldn't even ask a question when I had no clue what was going on. I didn't want to stand out, sound dumb, or fail. My biggest fear, ever since I was little, was failure. I have always been afraid to fail, from riding a bike, answering questions in class, joining in a conversation, or presenting a speech or project.

That was until Ag class freshman year. The first week of class my Advisor informed the class that we were giving speeches in three weeks. I've never given a speech, I don't talk in front of people, I can't do this. Well, I did do it. My two minute speech wasn't perfect, but I did it! FFA competitions would pass by, I didn't want to do any of them, I didn't know very much and I didn't want to fail in front of everyone. With a push from my advisor and fellow members I did one competition. Then two. Then three. I failed at some competitions, but I succeeded at others, and through good and bad I always had people there to support me. As I did more competitions I made more friends and more connections than I had ever hoped. I was quickly pushed out of my comfort zone, and I blew my fears of failure out of the water.

Since then I am no longer the shy one in the back, I overcame my fears. I ask questions and engage in conversations. I have crushed my comfort zone, and I'm no longer constantly in fear of failure. I have learned that I will always bounce back, especially because I know I have support from the people that mean the most to me. I could have never done all this without FFA, its members, and my advisor.

I never want to go back and be that person again, that isn't the real me. It is all thanks to this program and its members that I am the person I am today. I want to continue to be active in this amazing program and help every member who is just like I was to crush their comfort zones and blow their fears out of the water. Oregon FFA, it is with my greatest pleasure and excitement that I announce my candidacy for the 2016-2017 Oregon FFA State Officer Team. I'm looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at the 88<sup>th</sup> Oregon FFA State Convention!

Sincerely,

Naomi Zelenka  
Scio FFA Secretary  
2016-2017 State Officer Candidate



“Never let the fear of  
striking out keep you from  
playing the game.”  
-Babe Ruth

**Freshman Year  
2012-2013**

Degree Received:  
Greenhand Degree

**FFA Activities and  
Awards:**

- District Ag Olympics
- District Floriculture
- Animal Day
- District Soils Evaluation
- State Livestock Judging
- Chapter Winter Banquet
- Linn County Fair
- State Fair

**FFA Committee  
Activities:**

- Agricultural Awareness

**Other Activities and  
Awards:**

- Cheerleading
- Basketball
- 4H
- Church Youth
- 4.0 Honor Roll

**Sophomore Year  
2013-2014**

Degree Received:  
Chapter Degree

**FFA Activities and  
Awards:**

- District Leadership camp
- District Tractor Driving
- District Meats
- District Floriculture
- District Nursery
- State Floriculture
- State Nursery
- District Soils Evaluation
- District Dairy Judging
- District Rituals
- State Livestock Judging
- Ag Expo
- Linn County Fair
- State Fair
- State Convention
- Winter Banquet
- Spring Banquet

**FFA Committee  
Activities:**

- Chairman of County Fair Committee
- Supervised Agricultural Experience Sub-Division Chair
- Christmas Wreath Chair
- Fall Festival Chair
- Agricultural Awareness

**Other Activities and  
Awards:**

- Cheerleading
- Basketball
- 4H
- Church Youth Group
- 3.5 Honor Roll

**Junior Year  
2014-2015**

Degree Received:  
State Degree

**FFA Activities and  
Awards:**

- District Leadership camp
- Ag Olympics
- District Meats
- District Floriculture
- District Extemporaneous Speaking
- Sectionals Extemporaneous Speaking
- State Floriculture
- District Soils Evaluation
- District Dairy Judging
- District Rituals
- State Livestock Judging
- Ag Expo
- Linn County Fair
- Chapter Christmas Party
- State Convention
- National Convention
- Winter Banquet
- Spring Banquet

**FFA Committee  
Activities:**

- Chairman of County Fair Committee
- Supervised Agricultural Experience Sub-Division Chair
- Agricultural Career Skills Sub-Division Chair
- Christmas Wreath Chair
- Fall Festival Chair
- Agricultural Awareness

**Other Activities and  
Awards:**

- Cheerleading
- 4H
- Church Youth Group
- 3.5 Honor Roll

**Senior Year  
2015-2016**

Offices Held:  
Scio FFA Secretary

**FFA Activities and  
Awards:**

- District Leadership camp
- Ag Olympics
- District Rituals
- Ag Expo
- Job Interview
- Officer Retreat
- Chapter Meetings
- Executive Meetings
- Winter Banquet

**Other Activities and  
Awards:**

- National Honor Society
- Cheerleading
- Basketball
- 4H
- Church Youth Group
- 4.0 Honor Roll