



Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve.

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Dear Oregon FFA Members,

I remember it like it was yesterday, my advisor had convinced me to participate in Creed Speaking. I prepared for weeks leading up to the competition. I knew where and when to move, what hand motions to do, and how to answer the judges' questions. However, I did not know that I would come down with a 101-degree fever, laryngitis, and lightheadedness just days before the competition. By the day of the event, I felt like I had been hit by a truck, yet I still zipped up my jacket and went to the contest.

Despite my illness and not earning a banner, I still gained quite a few things that day. I learned that as FFA members we sometimes get torn down by factors we cannot control. The true test of our strength is not how well we compete or give a speech, but how we triumph over our struggles. I could have decided to never compete in another public speaking event after that day, but instead, I learned, reflected, and tried again. If I had given up, I never would have become passionate about FFA, met FFA members from all over Oregon, or made it to state in prepared public speaking my junior year.

If we let our fear control us, we may never get the opportunity experience everything life has to offer. FFA teaches us to embrace challenges, to learn from failure, and to be fearless. With the 2016 Oregon FFA State Convention quickly approaching I hope everyone challenges their fears and steps out of their comfort zones to better themselves as people and FFA members. Now it is with great excitement and pleasure that I announce my candidacy for the 2016-2017 Oregon FFA State Officer Team.

Sincerely,

Rebekah Joy Rutledge
Sandy FFA Chapter President
Mt. Hood District President

*"I learned that courage was not the
absence of fear but the triumph over it."
-Nelson Mandela*

The FFA Mission

Freshman
2012-2013

FFA

- Green Hand Degree
- Star Green Hand
- Mt. Festival Parade
- Petting Zoo
- Clackamas County Fair
- Oktoberfest Fair
- District Leadership Camp
- Sandy FFA alumni Banquet
- Soils – 1st Beginning Team
- Ag Sales
- Fruit sales
- Backpack Buddies
- Adopt – A – Family
- Wreath making
- Creed Speaking
- District Info Test- 2nd Individual
- FFA Week activities
- District Convention
- State Convention
- Portfolio – 1st District and State
- Donkey Basketball
- District Floriculture- 2nd Individual
- Pass the Pig
- Banquet

School

- Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Other

- Good Shepherd Youth Group

Sophomore
2013-2014

FFA

- Chapter Treasurer
- Chapter Degree
- Outstanding Sophomore
- Mt. Festival Parade
- Petting Zoo
- Clackamas County Fair
- State Fair
- Oktoberfest Fair
- District Leadership Camp
- Rituals Competition
- Sandy FFA Alumni Banquet
- Soils
- National Convention
- District Ag Sales – 2nd Advanced Team
- State Ag Sales
- Fruit Sales
- Backpack Buddies
- Wreath making
- Adopt –A – Family
- Sophomore Public Speaking
- District Convention
- State Convention
- Ag Issues – 2nd
- Donkey Basketball – Chairperson
- Alumni Plant Sale
- Chapter Plant Sale
- Pass the Pig
- 8th Grade Recruitment
- Banquet

School

- “Book Buddies”
- Key Club
- Peer Tutor

Other

- Good Shepherd Youth Group
- Babysitter

Junior
2014-2015

FFA

- Chapter President
- State Degree
- Outstanding Junior
- Washington Leadership Conference
- Mt. Festival Parade
- Petting Zoo
- Clackamas County Fair
- State Fair
- Oktoberfest Fair
- District Leadership Camp
- Rituals Competition
- Sandy FFA alumni Banquet
- Soils
- District Ag Sales – 1st Individual
- State Ag Sales – 4th team
- Chapter Fruit Sales
- Backpack Buddies
- Adopt – A- Family
- Wreath making
- Prepared Public Speaking -2nd Districts and Sectionals
- District Convention
- State Convention
- Ag Issues – 1st
- Donkey Basketball
- April State Executive Meeting
- Chapter Plant Sale
- Pass the Pig
- 8th Grade Recruitment
- Banquet

School

- National Honors Society
- Key Club
- Spanish Club

Other

- Sandy Mountain Festival Princess
- Oregon Food Bank Volunteer
- Good Shepherd Youth Group
- Babysitter

Senior
2015-2016

FFA

- Chapter President
- Mt. Hood District President
- District Officer Training
- July State Executive Meeting
- Mt. Festival Parade
- Clackamas County Fair
- Oktoberfest Fair
- District Leadership Camp Planning
- District Leadership Camp
- Rituals Competition
- Sandy FFA Alumni Banquet
- Soils- 1st Individual
- National FFA Convention
- Ag Issues – Silver Award
- District Ag Sales
- State Ag Sales
- Chapter Fruit Sales
- Backpack Buddies
- January State Executive Meeting

School

- Key Club –Secretary
- National Honors Society – Secretary
- Spanish Club
- Clothing Drive

Other

- Buildings and Ground Personnel at Good Shepherd Community Church
- Babysitter
- Good Shepherd Community Church member