



North Powder FFA Chapter

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Greetings Oregon FFA!

I grew up with the impression that failure was not an option. I remember lying in bed awake for hours the night before some of my first FFA career development events; horrible thoughts would pass through my mind of doing the wrong thing, and letting down my team.

When I was in the eighth grade I was given the opportunity to compete in the Eastern Oregon District AG Mechanics Competition at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario. We spent a month in the shop preparing for this competition and I still remember the disbelief on our faces when we placed absolute last. Of course as an eighth grader I was devastated and was ready to throw in the towel. That is when our chapter Vice President said something I never will forget, "There is always next year for us; let's start training today" Immediately we began work and over the next year we lived and breathed AG Mechanics, and the following year we returned to that same competition and took first! But where do we go from there? No North Powder team had competed at the state level in a decade, but we were determined to give it our best. That year we placed sixth at state, yet we knew we could do better. We practiced hard for another year, won the district contest, and then disaster struck. The sister of that Vice President passed away a week before the state contest. Being as close as we were it was devastating for us all. The contest was no longer about winning for ourselves, but for our team mate. Therefore we practiced non-stop for that next week in order to give it our best. That year we won the state contest and I am convinced that it was FFA that helped us through those troubling times.



Most of my high school years I have spent in service to our local FFA chapter. From my sophomore year I have served as chapter president. Over that time my goal has been to create opportunities for the future classes of North Powder FFA members. That dream was realized last year when our beginning parliamentary procedure team won the state contest, and went on to Nationals.

Now that my time as a high school student comes to a close, I embark on a new endeavor. Oregon FFA, with a goal to inspire students to accept setbacks, to learn from them, and come back stronger than ever before; I announce my candidacy for the 2017-2018 Oregon FFA State Officer Team.

Sincerely,

Tyler Hufford

“Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss you’ll land among the stars.”
Les Brown

The FFA Mission

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.