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**“We can complain because  
rose bushes have thorns,  
or rejoice because thorn  
bushes have roses”  
Abraham Lincoln**

Greetings Oregon FFA Members!

I can remember it like it was yesterday. It was my first State Convention and I was in eighth grade. My sister was about to receive her State Degree, but before the ceremony a speaker rolled onto the stage dressed in a blue jacket. As he approached center stage with a huge smile the crowd roared on the edge of their seats. He was a State Officer, he was none other than Ryan Kelly. Over the next few minutes I witnessed one of the most profound speeches in my life. The story enthralled me, it was the story of a small boy that never fit in, and who faced challenges throughout his school days and in the end overcame them through sheer determination. It changed me, from that moment on I wanted to be a state officer. To be a state officer to be able to impact others the way I have been, to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

To this day a line from that speech is etched in my mind “If I can make it so can you.” That stuck with me through, not only my times of struggle, but through the rest of my life. When I came to the realization of how much that state officer touched my life, a passion to do the same and give back grew inside of me. Although, I was one of many faces in the crowd that night, I felt as though the words were just for me and I was touched emotionally. The experiences, skills, lessons, friendships, motivation, and everything else that the National FFA Organization offers; is something that remains with you longer than any scar or pain. This organization has the power to help you get through those times of uncertainty or even those times when you hit that physical and emotional wall. It inspires us and illuminates our future. This organization gives you a sense of reassurance because we have the tools to build a successful future.

This is why I want to be a State Officer and serve you: Oregon FFA. This organization has enlightened my path in times of difficulty and I want to help brighten the future of others. I want to give back, to bring out the emotions, connections, and skills I experienced, in others. I hope to inspire and build connections with people and give them that sense of strength that was given to me. If one student could experience the impact that I have; I know they will be inspired to reach out to others and a chain reaction can occur to change this world into something better. There is no telling what can happen when you are inspired by something that is so moving. Oregon FFA, we have the power to illuminate the whole world, let’s inspire together!

Sincerely

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Lower Willamette District Treasurer  
Dallas FFA Vice President



**2012-2013**

Leadership camp  
 District soils evaluation  
 Greenhand conference  
 Tree lot  
 Friday Fun  
 Chapter meetings  
 District public speaking  
 Beginning public speaking  
 District convention  
 State convention  
 Trick or treat so kids can eat  
 Mother's day plant sale  
 Ag fest  
 Heart's and Wines  
 fundraiser dinner  
 CDE Days  
 Livestock evaluation  
 Market hog  
 Market Lamb  
 Polk County Fair  
 State Fair  
 Food for America  
 Chapter Banquet

**Other**

OJLE  
 Spanish  
 Baseball  
 Football  
 Basketball

**2013-2014**

Leadership camp  
 District soils evaluation  
 360 conference

Trick or treat so kids can eat  
 Tree lot  
 Friday Fun  
 Chapter meetings  
 Sophomore public speaking  
 District convention  
 State convention  
 Mother's day plant sale  
 Ag fest  
 CDE Days  
 Livestock evaluation  
 Market hog  
 Market Lamb  
 Polk County Fair  
 State Fair  
 Food for America  
 Chapter Banquet  
 Heart's and wines  
 fundraiser dinner  
 Chapter degree  
 Ag teacher interview  
 committee  
 Oregon Pork Producer's gilt  
 winner

**Other**

Spanish  
 Baseball  
 Football  
 Basketball

**2014-2015**

Hosted district soils  
 District secretary  
 District leadership camp  
 Tree lot  
 National FFA Convention

National environmental  
 science CDE assistance  
 Extemporaneous public  
 speaking  
 Job interview  
 Farm business management  
 State degree  
 Delegate  
 Nominating committee  
 State convention  
 Trick or treat so kids can eat  
 District convention  
 Mother's day plant sale  
 Greenhouse clean up day  
 Ag teacher interview  
 committee  
 Greenhand degree dessert  
 Chapter banquet  
 Friday Fun  
 Dairy Foods CDE  
 Food Science CDE  
 Dairy cattle evaluation  
 Polk county fair  
 Market hog  
 Market lamb

**Other**

Baseball  
 Football  
 Basketball

**2015-2016**

District leadership camp  
 District meetings  
 Chapter meetings  
 District soils evaluation  
 Trick or treat so kids can eat  
 Tree lot