



Perrydale Agricultural Education

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

Struggle- strive to achieve or attain something in the face of difficulty or resistance. Each person will struggle in their life. They face challenges that others may shrink from. The members of Oregon FFA have faced many challenges as individuals. Each member has overcome difficulties in their life and every time I hear their stories I am amazed as to how they have persevered.

As a freshman, I was shy, not very confident and not too sure about this whole FFA thing. These minor struggles almost held me back, but my advisor gently pushed me forward. I was nervous and almost backed out of numerous events because I wasn't confident in my abilities. She wouldn't let that happen though because she saw something in me that I couldn't. That year, I went to state convention with my prepared speech and was awarded third place.



No one, however, could have prepared me for what happened on May 11, 2018. It was my junior year and I was long jumping at a track meet. During my final jump, I stumbled, landing on my own hand. Within seconds, my hand began to shake. The following day, it continued to shake. Weeks and months passed by and my hand kept moving. I visited therapists, doctors, and specialists, had multiple MRIs and too many trips to OHSU. By July, it seemed as though I may have this condition for the rest of my life. The thought of struggling with this for the rest of my life pushed me into a state of depression. During this dark time, my friends and family reminded me of all the FFA members I had met at my first state convention, the ones who had struggled with their own challenges. Challenges which, at the time, I could never have imagined. The perseverance of others inspired me to persevere myself during this difficult time. With this change of mind I continued treatments that have now led to a positive prognosis.

Through my struggle, I have grown in my empathy towards others as they struggle in their lives with obstacles that I couldn't know. Each person struggles and falls, but that is what makes us human. It is perseverance and a continual striving and yearning for a better future that develops us into better people ourselves.

Oregon FFA, I am proud to announce my candidacy to be one of your 2019-2020 state officers. During my time in FFA I have developed those qualities of leadership that we should all possess. I hope to serve all of you as we share this journey and face our struggles head on this coming year!

With respectful anticipation,

***"It takes sunshine and rain to make a rainbow
There would be no rainbows without sunshine
and rain."***

-Roy T. Bennett

Timothy Fairchild
Perrydale FFA Chapter
Lower Willamette District President



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2015-2016

Freshman

Activities:

- Corn Feed
- Greenhand Conference
- Senior Tea
- Food For All
- Les Schwab Challenge
- Beg. Ag Sales
- Beg. Prepared Public Speaking
- Creed Speaking
- District Convention
- State convention
- Spring Fling
- Chapter Banquet
- PPC Auction
- Ag Olympigs
- Donkey Basketball
- State and County Fair

2016-2017

Sophomore

Activities:

- Corn Feed
- District Leadership Camp
- Oregon’s Bounty
- Ag Sales
- Soils Judging
- Senior Tea
- Food For All
- PPC Auction
- Ag Olympigs
- Livestock Judging
- Soph. Prepared Public Speaking
- State and County Fair
- District Convention
- State Convention
- Chapter Banquet

Offices:

- Chapter Treasurer

2017-2018

Junior

Activities:

- Corn Feed
- ODOT
- District Leadership Camp
- Oregon’s Bounty
- Senior Tea
- Food For All
- Parliamentary Procedure
- PPC Auction
- Ag Olympigs
- Poultry Judging
- Adv. Prepared Public Speaking
- FFA Chili Feed
- State and County Fair
- District Convention
- State Convention
- Chapter Banquet

Offices:

- Chapter President
- District Vice President

2018-2019

Senior

Activities:

- Corn Feed
- ODOT
- District Leadership Camp
- Oregon’s Bounty
- Senior Tea
- Food For All
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Ag Olympigs
- Adv. Prepared Public Speaking
- FFA Chili Feed
- National Convention

Offices:

- Chapter President
- District President