



FFA THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STUDENTS OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

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Oregon FFA,

My first day of high school was in a new area. It was a culture shock to me from where I grew up, first for three years in China, and then the next six in Portland. Even in Portland, we never stayed in one school district for more than a few years, but I did attend Dayton for all of high school. My very first day of high school, I was signed up for an agriculture class. My advisor came to me with the biggest smile like he just won a thousand dollars on a scratch off ticket, and said "Would you like to be in Future Farmers of America and join our Beginning Parliamentary Procedure team?" And in my head I thought "Why in the world would I want to be a farmer? All they do is work in a field all day and in a barn with smelly animals. I'm a city girl, what even made him think I'd want to be a part of that?"



It wasn't too long before I found none of this was true. With everything I have learned through FFA by competing at the District, State, and National levels and showing livestock at the county fair, I have decided to pursue a career in the field of agriculture. My goal is to attend Oregon State University and Linn-Benton Community College to study to become a Plant Geneticist and Breeder. In the beginning I thought that the FFA was just about farming and animals. As my perception was broadened, I was sucked into the program through the interest of competitions. Then I discovered that there were officers. They weren't only involved in it for the competitions and showing at fair. They wanted to be a part of something bigger through leadership and accomplishment.

I remember the first time I got to meet one of the touring 2015-2016 FFA state officers, one of which was Addie Howell. I was very shy and still didn't know if I wanted to continue in FFA. She approached me, but for once I felt no anxiety as to of meeting this stranger. She was wearing the comforting colors of national blue and corn gold as she somehow managed to reach past my anti-social awkwardness and into the real me. At that moment, I realized that I want to be a part of the corduroy family of motivated individuals, and make my impact on other too. Through all of this my agriculture advisor has inspired me to follow my dreams. He is the one who got me started on this path, as he is the one who told me "This is your calling." My time has now come to be able to impart the same impact as one State Officer once had on me. It is with hope and excitement that I announce my candidacy for the 2019-2020 Oregon FFA State Officer Team.

Respectfully,

Alison Williams
Dayton FFA Chapter Reporter

*It's only after you've stepped outside your
comfort zone that you begin to change, grow,
and transform.*

-Roy T. Bennett

FFA Events & Activities

<p>Freshman 2015-2016</p>	<p>Sophomore 2016-2017</p>	<p>Junior 2017-2018</p>	<p>Senior 2018-2019</p>
<p>FFA Degree: Greenhand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Beginning Parliamentary Procedure CDE • Sectional Beginning Parliamentary Procedure CDE • State Beginning Parliamentary Procedure CDE • District Crops CDE • Agstravaganza • Middle School Assembly • Chapter award Banquet • Chapter Desert Banquets • Chapter Plant Sale • District Leadership Camp • Peaches and Pears Sale • District Nursery/Landscape and Design CDE • State Convention • District Convention • State Knowledge • State CDE Days • Chicken BBQ • Pancake Breakfast and Toy Show • Christmas Wreath Sales • Chapter Leadership Award • Chapter Service Award • Chapter Participation Award <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varsity Football Cheer Team • Varsity Basketball Cheer Team • Junior Varsity Softball Team 	<p>FFA Degree: Chapter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Convention • State CDE Days • Chapter Award Banquet • Chapter Desert Banquets • District Convention • Chicken BBQ • Pancake Breakfast and Toy Show • Agstravaganza • Middle School Assembly • School Board Meeting • Christmas Wreath Sales • Peaches and Pears Sale • Master Gardeners Plant Sale • District Leadership Camp • Officer Retreat • District Advanced Parliamentary Procedure • Sectional Advanced Parliamentary Procedure • District Crops CDE • State Crops CDE • District Nursery/Landscape CDE • State Nursery/Landscape CDE • National Nursery/Landscape CDE • Beginning Ags.Sales CDE • Chapter Leadership Award • Chapter Service Award • Chapter Participation Award <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varsity Football Cheer Team • Varsity Basketball Cheer Team • Junior Varsity Softball Team 	<p>FFA Degree: Chapter Office Held: Junior Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food For All • Christmas Wreath Sales • Chapter Plant Sale • Chicken BBQ • Pancake Breakfast and Toy Show • Agstravaganza • Middle School Assembly • School Board Meeting • Peaches and Pears Sale • Master Gardeners Plant Sale • District Leadership Conference • Officer Retreat • District Veterinary Science • District Advanced Parliamentary Procedure • Sectional Advanced Parliamentary Procedure • State Advanced Parliamentary Procedure • District Crops CDE • State Crops CDE • National Crops CDE • Market Goat Production SAE • Tissue Culture Production SAE • Chapter Leadership Award • Chapter Service Award • Chapter Participation Award <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varsity Football Cheer Team • Varsity Basketball Cheer Team • Junior Varsity Softball Team 	<p>FFA Degree: State Office Held: Senior Reporter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Wreath Sales • Ornament Sales • Chapter Plant Sale • Food For All • Middle School Ag Party • Agstravaganza • Wedding Help • 1st Place District Advanced Parliamentary Procedure CDE • State Convention • Tissue Culture Production SAE • Chicken BBQ • Chapter Banquets <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varsity Football Cheer Team • Varsity Basketball Cheer Team • National Honor Society