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Do you remember your first experience surrounded in a sea of FFA jackets? For me, it took 6 place years ago, during my first state convention in Pendleton. As the youngest person there, I was in awe. Surrounded by all of these older members and feeling nervous next to all of them, I stayed close to my chapter so I wouldn't get lost in the crowd. Once we entered the convention center and the Oregon FFA state officers took the stage, my mind was blown. Seeing all of their emotions and excitement up on stage made me realize that I wanted to inspire members to reach their full potential. Over the past 6 years in FFA, I have learned how important FFA is, not only to me, but for all members in this organization.

Deciding to run for an officer was not an easy choice for me. I debated a lot about the cost, missing an entire year of college, and being on the road for such a long time. In the end, I decided that I definitely wanted to become a state officer. One of the biggest reasons I decided to run, was seeing Ken Quick, a National FFA Officer, serve members without even thinking about his actions. At that moment I realized that I wanted to become a state officer. Doing this would not just be about the fun experience, but about giving back to the organization. If I get the opportunity to become an officer I will make it my goal to make a positive difference and give back to this amazing organization.

After all of these years as a part of this great organization, I would be honored to serve in such an impactful way. This would be an amazing experience and I can't imagine any other way to give back to this prestigious organization. I look forward to serving you as a 2013-2014 Oregon FFA State Officer!