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Oregon FFA,

When you think of the word family, what comes to mind? Mom, Dad, Aunts, Uncles, Grandmas, Grandpas. When the word family comes to my attention, of course my first thought is my immediate family, but the thought that follows after? For me it's the people that I've spent countless hours with; laughing, crying, sharing the good and the bad. Through trials and triumph these members have been by my side, my home FFA chapter, my family.

Six years ago, I was twelve years old and moving from sunny St. George, Utah to rainy, Dayton Oregon. Imagine my excitement, leaving my friends and family behind for an almost completely new life. What I didn't realize was that I was about to become a part of something well worth the move. Fast forward two years, on a stage in front of what felt like thousands of people, spotlight shining down on my face, knot in my stomach and sweaty palms, "And in first place, for beginning Public Speaking, Camryn Seely!". State Convention my freshman year was the year that began my love and excitement towards the FFA. I knew that I wanted to become a State Officer the moment that I was sitting in the crowd as our State Officers lined up on the stage, ecstatic and ready to share their love for the FFA, and ready to encourage anyone to strive for what they believe.

Through my involvement in the FFA since the seventh grade, I've had the pleasure to be the freshman looking up to the Officers above me, and the pleasure to be the one with open arms, hearts and smiles for incoming members. My home FFA chapter is some of the goofiest, most enthusiastic, and outgoing group you will ever meet. Crazy as it is, they also are the most supportive group that anyone could have been blessed with. When I told them I was planning on running for State Office I was greeted with happy faces, cheesy grins and words of encouragement. Without the constant smiles, love and support from this family I would never have achieved what I have in the past six years.

Strength, support and encouragement are the things that have driven me to strive to achieve my dreams. If you had told me six years ago that I would find myself running for state office, I would have cracked up laughing. Never would I ever thought I would find the courage to do so. Yet here I am today taking the first step into a chance to make a greater impact, because "Even the greatest was once a beginner, don't be afraid to take the first step.". It is with that, I announce my candidacy for your 2017-2018 State Officer team. Oregon FFA I am ready to accept every member and new member into our Family with open arms, open hearts and the determination to lead us into the future together; dressed in blue and gold, hand in hand and ready to take on any challenge that comes our way, together.

Sincerely

Camryn Seely
Dayton Chapter Sentinel

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~Muhammad Ali