



Dear Oregon FFA,

Dive into the unknown.

Heart pounding, Adrenaline rushing through your body, the roar of the crowd fills your ears. Then you hear the announcer say “take your marks.” You grip the edge of the starting block with all your strength. This is your time to shine. The high pitch “beep” catches your ear, as you dive into the pool of unknown, the mile.



Fear of the unknown has a way of playing with our minds and causes us to become filled with fear, uncertainty, doubt and a buildup of stress. There are many unknowns in our life, but if you take a deep breath before you indulge into the unknown, it will result in a more desirable outcome. When you have an opportunity to try something unfamiliar, the experience allows you to build your character and develop into the person you were meant to be. Every day we wake up in a new day where the opportunities are endless. One of my many unknowns was swimming the mile for the first time. To top that I had to swim in the heat of all guys. I was terrified. I didn't want to swim it anymore. At the moment I was scared, but I was determined to finish the race. After I finished my race, I went and talked to my coach, like I do every other race, she told me that I made a state time, which qualified me for the state championship meet.

Your unknown might be competing in a new CDE or standing up for something you are passionate about. But, regardless of whether you are swimming the mile for the first time, or competing in a new CDE, it is important to remember to take that deep breath before we dive into the unknown. I am truly humbled and grateful to announce my candidacy for the 2020-2021 Oregon FFA State Officer Team at the 92nd annual Oregon FFA State Convention. Oregon FFA, let's dive into the unknown of the next year, together!

Yours truly,

Celilo Brun

Hood River Valley Chapter Vice President
Mt. Hood District Reporter

“Relinquish your attachment to the known, step into the unknown, and you will step into the field of all possibilities.”

-Deepak Chopra

Freshman

2016-2017

FFA-

Degree: Greenhand

Activities:

- Oregon State Fair- Grand Champion Market Steer
- Hood River County Champion Overall FFA Beef Showman
- State Convention
- Food for All
- Football game BBQ sales
- Steak Feed
- Blossom Festival
- Touch and See Day
- Harvest Festival
- Chapter Banquet
- Farmers Breakfast
- FFA Dance
- Wedding at Down Manner

Other:

- Mt. Hood 4-H- Secretary & Event Coordinator
- HRV High School Swim Team- Varsity
- HRVST- Athlete Rep.
- Hood River Parks & Recreation- Lifeguard
- Northwest Show Circuit

Sophomore

2017- 2018

FFA-

Degree: Chapter

Office Held: Chapter Sentinel

Activities:

- Oregon State Fair- Grand Champion Market Steer
- Hood River County Champion Market Steer
- Hood River County Champion Overall FFA Beef Showman
- Mt. Hood District Rituals- 1st
- Mt. Hood District Beginning Ag. Sales- 2nd
- Mt. Hood District Shop Skills- 2nd
- Mt. Hood District Tractor Driving
- Mt. Hood District Convention
- Mt. Hood District Leadership Camp
- National Convention
- North Clackamas FFA Banquet
- Sandy FFA Banquet
- Yamhill Carlton FFA Banquet
- Hood River Valley FFA Banquet
- Clackamas County Fair
- Football Game BBQ Sales
- Steak Feed
- Greenhand Lunch
- National Advisor Visit
- State Representative Visit
- Blossom Fest
- Harvest Fest
- Touch & See Day
- Farmers Breakfast

Other:

- Mt. Hood 4-H- Vice President
- HRV High School Swim Team- Varsity
- HRVST Athlete Rep.
- Hood River Parks & Recreation- Lifeguard
- Northwest Show Circuit

Junior

2018-2019

FFA-

Degree: State

Office Held:

- Chapter Secretary
- Mt. Hood District Sentinel

Activities:

- Arizona National Livestock Show Public Speaking- 2nd
- Washington Leadership Conference
- Oregon State Fair- Grand Champion FFA Market Steer
- Oregon State Fair- Reserve Grand Champion Overall FFA Beef Showman
- State Vet Science
- State Secretary Book- Bronze
- Mt. Hood District Secretary Book- 2nd
- Mt. Hood District Advanced Ag. Sales
- Mt. Hood District Advanced Job Interview
- Mt. Hood District Rituals- 1st
- Mt. Hood District Advanced Public Speaking
- Eye Openers Club Speech
- National Convention
- State Convention
- District Officer Training
- District Leadership Camp
- North Clackamas FFA Banquet
- Sandy FFA Banquet
- Clackamas County Fair
- Football BBQ Sales
- Steak Feed
- Harvest Fest

Other:

- Mt. Hood 4-H President
- HRVHS Swim Team- Varsity
- HRVST Athlete Rep.
- Hood River Parks & Recreation- Lifeguard
- Toastmasters
- Northwest Show Circuit
- CTE Student of the Month
- Free Swim Lessons

Senior

2019-2020

FFA-

Degree: State

Office Held:

- Chapter Vice President
- Mt. Hood District Reporter

Activities:

- Sectional Advanced Public Speaking
- Mt. Hood District Advanced Ag. Sales
- Mt. Hood District Advanced Job Interview
- Mt. Hood District Rituals- 1st
- Mt. Hood District Advanced Public Speaking- 2nd
- National Convention
- District Leadership Camp
- Football BBQ Sales
- Harvest Fest
- State Executive Meetings
- District Convention

Other:

- Mt. Hood 4-H President
- HRVHS Swim Team- Varsity
- HRVST Athlete Rep.
- Hood River Parks & Recreation- Lifeguard
- Toastmasters
- Northwest Show Circuit
- HRVHS Water Polo- Varsity



***“Learning to Do,
Doing to Learn,
Earning to Live,
Living to Serve.”***