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“A #2 pencil and a dream  
can take you anywhere.”

Joyce Meyer

Dear Members and Friends,

The plan was simple, I had a boar and I had a gilt, all that was left was to let nature take its course. I waited and waited, yet babies never came. I quickly learned that in AG business things are rarely simple and take hard work and dedication. Fast-forward to the next year, I decided to take matters into our own hands and artificially inseminate. Three months, three weeks, and three days later around midnight as I went out to check my pigs I heard the squealing of piglets. I was overwhelmed with feelings of joy and accomplishment. After a long night watching over the newborn piglets the next morning brought heartbreaking news. My Dad got a call that I'll never forget. David Bates, A close friend of ours had been involved in a major car accident and passed away. I learned just how quickly in life I can be moved from joy, to heart break.

As I learned more about David's life, I learned how much of a kind and compassionate leader he was. I vowed to emulate that in my life. FFA has been a big part of my life and over the years I have learned how much I like serving, leading, and teaching others. Through the influence of David and FFA I was able to create, “The Bates Project”. “The Bates Project” is a service project in memory of David's selflessness, in which I find ways to serve people anonymously leaving a card that talks about how David blessed others around him. The card also encourages recipients to pay it forward.

My greatest desire in my life is to make a difference wherever I am. This desire is what fuels my dreams to be a teacher. In the last four years of my life I have been able to gain experience and opportunities to work and teach through my church. I have been a cadet teacher, and love to teach and pass down the things I have learned. I especially love team building exercises and showing how each member of every team is important. I am committed to practicing brotherhood by lifting up others around me. I am committed to honoring agricultural opportunities and responsibilities, for things are rarely simple and take hard work and dedication. And I am committed to possess those qualities of leadership that an FFA member should possess in selfless service to others.

I would be honored to show my gratitude to FFA and do my best to represent this great program should you choose me as a State Officer. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to FFA.

With Appreciation,



Dylan Marshall

Snake River District Sentinel

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### The FFA Mission

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.*