



Dear Fellow Oregon FFA Members and Advisors;

Have you ever gotten out of your comfort zone? Senior year I decided to do something crazy and try out for soccer. I didn't know a thing about this sport, except that you weren't allowed to touch the ball with your hands...and that was about it. Everything from putting on shin guards to learning the rules and strategy of the game was new to me.

I had to learn. I had to listen. I had to watch. I had to work hard. Through the help of my teammates and the patience of my coaches, I was able to become one of the starters on our varsity team.

Our team didn't win every game, and you won't see our faces on the back of a Wheaties box, but that season was a time of growth for all of us. We gained skills, learned to respect each other and our coaches, encouraged each other, compensated for one another's weaknesses and most importantly, grew not only as individuals, but as a team.

I can see that everything I learned in soccer applies to FFA as well. Sure, cleats may not be a part of official dress, but making goals is crucial. Teamwork, respect and hard work will push us to new heights and we can always learn from one another. There will be constant challenges to overcome and opportunities for growth.

The Santiam Christian FFA Chapter has been a new experience for me, just like soccer. Four years ago, my chapter received its charter, and the great adventure began! Since then, I have grown in leadership through serving as a chapter and district officer, competed in multiple events, gained confidence with public speaking, and created a strong bond with my fellow members. The memories I have made and the skills I have acquired can never be replaced. This, combined with my family's farming heritage, has created in me a passion for agriculture and this organization.

It is my desire to serve the Oregon FFA Association. It is with great humility and excitement that I formally announce my candidacy for the 2011-2012 Oregon FFA State Officer Team.

Sincerely,

Elle Coon
Santiam Christian FFA President
Upper Willamette District Treasurer

***"It is amazing what can be accomplished when nobody cares about who gets the credit."
- Robert Yates***

FFA - School - Activities - Awards - Service

FRESHMAN

FFA

- Soils Judging
- Creed Speaking
- Crops Evaluation
- Floriculture
- Christmas Tree Sales
- Greenhand Degree
- Star Greenhand
- Chapter Secretary
- State Convention

School

- Varsity Track
- Serve Day
- PURSUIT
- Honor Roll

Other

- Young Life
- Oakville Youth Group
- Western Star Grange
- OWA Member

SOPHOMORE

FFA

- Leadership Camp
- Soils Judging
- Public Speaking
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Floriculture
- Food Science
- Chapter Secretary
- Chapter Degree
- Crops Judging
- National Convention
- Christmas Tree Sales
- Seed Drive

- Cookie Mix Sales
- State Convention
- Harvest Festival

School

- Serve Day
- OWA Member
- Honor Roll
- Varsity Track
- Most Inspirational Award

Other

- Western Star Grange
- Oakville Youth Group
- Young Life

JUNIOR

FFA

- Soils Judging
- Ag Sales
- Public Speaking
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Food Science
- Floriculture
- Nursery
- Poultry Judging
- District Treasurer
- Chapter Vice President
- State Degree
- Nominating Committee
- WLC
- Veteran's Day Parade

School

- Drama
- Honor Roll
- JH Mentor
- Varsity Track
- Most Inspirational Award

Other

- Oakville Youth Group
- OWA Member
- Western Star Grange
- Young Life
- National Feeder Lamb Assc.

SENIOR

FFA

- Leadership Camp
- Soils Judging
- Public Speaking
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Job Interview
- Ag Sales
- Veteran's Day Parade

School

- Drama
- Varsity Soccer
- Choir
- Wrestling Manager
- National Honor Society
- Class Secretary
- JH Mentor
- October Chamber of Commerce Student of the Month
- Court of Hearts Sr. Princess
- Court of Hearts Queen
- Honor Roll

Other

- Western Star Grange
- National Feeder Lamb Assc.
- Oakville Youth Group

