

FFA *The National Organization of Agriculture Students*



Central Chapter
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Dear Oregon FFA Members,

The first six years of my life I grew up on a row crop farm in the Willamette Valley. Coming from a long line of farmers, I was the fourth generation of Neville's to be born in Corvallis, Oregon. When my father received the position as the Central FFA Advisor, my destiny had begun. From that point on I was wearing FFA socks and tee shirts, I even had a pair of FFA cowgirl boots. I tagged along on every project visit, attended events, meetings, and fundraisers. Along with nightly prayers, I was told about E.M. Tiffany and recited the FFA Creed. I had FFA students as baby sitters, big sisters and role models teaching me what an FFA member should be. At the age of fourteen it was my turn to make a difference in my FFA chapter and within the community. It was then that my life would be changed forever. I was ready to accept the challenge and the changes that it would bring.

Over the next few years, I worked on Community activities and educating others about Agricultural opportunities and careers. I was elected onto my schools student council as Secretary. My FFA experiences allowed me to share my knowledge and make necessary changes. This made me want more and I realized that a District Officer position could be obtained. When I was given the application for the first time, I didn't know how I felt. I had the feeling of EXCITEMENT, to be a part of something larger than anybody could be individually, and yet, I was nervous. As I prepared for my speech that I would give in the coming days, my fear of failing faded away and the feeling of accomplishment overcame me. Finally the day of District Convention was here. I was losing hope in myself to accomplish what I had worked so hard for. I pushed through my nerves and fears that day, my dream becoming a reality as I was elected Sentinel for the Lower Willamette District Officer Team 2013-2014.

The FFA Organization has offered me so many opportunities that I can't imagine what my life would be without having put on my first blue corduroy jacket. I want to share with every student, business owner and community member throughout Oregon what FFA is about, what we stand for and the opportunities we offer; "Honesty, integrity and hard work." I am proud to announce my candidacy for the 2014-2015 Oregon State FFA Officer election. I would be an asset to Oregon FFA as a self-motivated, high energetic individual that is driven, honest and excited to serve.

Sincerely,
Emma Neville
Emma S. Neville
Central FFA Vice President
Lower Willamette District Sentinel

"In the end, we only regret the
chances we didn't take."
~Anonymous