



The National Organization of Agriculture Students



ONTARIO FFA CHAPTER

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“Better to illuminate than merely to shine, to deliver to others contemplated truths than merely to contemplate.”

St. Thomas Aquinas

Oregon FFA Members:

Why did you decide to become a member of the National FFA Organization? There really is no wrong answer. The mere fact that you decided to join such a great organization should be celebrated. One thing I have learned is that the naysayers are wrong. FFA isn't just "some club for farmers." It is a fantastic organization because behind all of the speaking competitions, the proficiencies, the fairs, and



all of the social events, the FFA's true purpose is always at work: building character. For me, it took until my senior year to fully realize this. Looking back, I now realize that while I was having fun and meeting new people, the FFA was at work building my character and leadership skills.

FFA is an organization that develops you more as a person and a leader than any other activity or club. Four years ago, I would never have pictured myself as the person on a stage at state convention singing, "What do tigers dream of when they take a little tiger snooze?" I would never have pictured myself as the person who traveled across the country to events like Washington Leadership Conference or National Convention. And, I never would have thought I would be here, asking for your support as I run for an FFA state office.

FFA has brought out the best in me and has helped to shape my character. With the support of advisors and other members, I have gained life skills that I will carry with me forever. When I was a freshman, older FFA members and advisors mentored and encouraged me. With their help, my skills and confidence improved each year. When I felt discouraged with my performance, advisors and alumni were always there to offer support and guidance.

The FFA has given me so much; I feel now is the time for me to give back. I hope I will be able to do that by serving as one of your 2012-2013 state officers. As a state officer, it would be my privilege to help others see what this wonderful organization has to offer and how it can help them gain skills that will last them a lifetime.

See you at state convention!

Garrett Kitamura

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Snake River District President
Ontario FFA Chapter Secretary

Freshman Year

FFA

Awards and Recognition:

- Greenhand FFA Degree

Competitions:

- Beginning Parliamentary Procedure (3rd State)

Events/Conferences:

- 2009 State Convention
- Beginning Leadership Training
- District Volleyball Social
- Donut Social
- Harvest Festival

Offices/Committees:

- Chapter Banquet Decorating Committee

Other

- Ontario High School
 - Golf
 - Jazz Band
 - Marching Band
 - Soccer

Sophomore Year

FFA

Awards and Recognition:

- Chapter Degree

Competitions:

- Ag. Issues (3rd State)
- Advanced Parliamentary Procedure (3rd Sectional)
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking (District)

Events/Conferences:

- 2010 State Convention
- Beginning Leadership Training
- District Volleyball Social
- Donut Social
- Harvest Festival
- Malheur County Fair (Photographer)

Offices/Committees:

- Chapter Banquet Decorating Committee

Other

- Ontario High School
 - Golf
 - Football
 - Jazz Band
- Received the Sacrament of Confirmation from the Roman Catholic Church

Junior Year

FFA

Awards and Recognition:

- Boy of the Year
- Member of the Month
- State Degree

Competitions:

- Ag. Issues (3rd State)
- Advanced Parliamentary Procedure (4th State)
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking (3rd Sectional)
- Job Interview (4th Sectional)
- State Talent (2nd State)

Events/Conferences:

- 2011 State Convention
- Beginning Leadership Training
- District Volleyball Social
- Donut Social
- Harvest Festival
- Malheur County Fair (Photographer)

Offices/Committees:

- Chapter Banquet Decorating Committee

Other

- Ontario High School
 - Attended OASC Convention
 - FBLA
 - Football
 - Jazz Band
 - Junior Class Treasurer
 - Marching Band
 - Student Senate Member
- Selected to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine in Boston
- Volunteer at Four Rivers' Community Clinic

Senior Year

FFA

Competitions:

- Ag. Sales (6th State)
- Advanced Parliamentary Procedure (2nd District)
- Dairy Judging (5th District)
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking (1st District)
- Job Interview (1st District)
- Malheur County Fair (Showman) (3rd District)
- Rituals (1st District)
- Tractor Driving (District)

Events/Conferences:

- 2011 National Convention
- 2012 State Convention
- Beginning Leadership Training
- District Leadership Camp
- District Swim Social
- District Volleyball Social
- Donut Social
- Harvest Festival
- National Talent
- Washington Leadership Conference

Offices/Committees:

- Chapter Banquet Decorating Committee
- Ontario Chapter Secretary
- Snake River District President

Other

- Ontario High School
 - FBLA
 - Football
 - Jazz Band
 - Student Senate Member
 - Tennis
- Selected to attend the Oregon Boys' State
- Volunteer at Four Rivers' Community Clinic