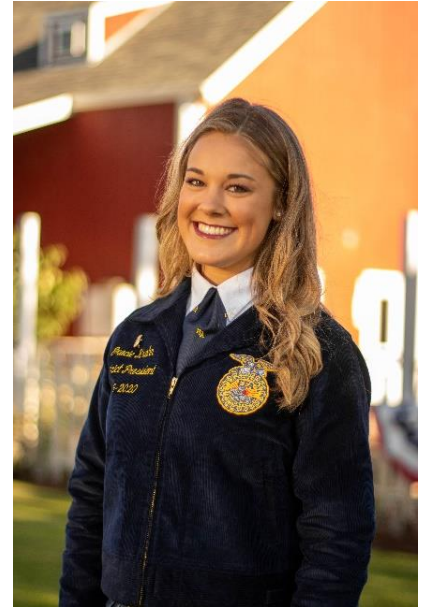




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Oregon FFA Members,

With my heart pounding in my chest and my mind racing with trepidation, I walked through the doors to my new school. I remember it like it was yesterday...I can still see the unfamiliar faces that would soon become my classmates. It was my first day of eighth grade at Santiam Christian School, and I knew absolutely no one. Caught in that moment of learning how to be comfortable in an unfamiliar environment and discovering new opportunities, I was unsure of where I belonged. However, before my first day was over, I knew without a doubt that I had found my place in the Agriculture and FFA classroom. It was in that room, filled with banners and bursting with excitement, where I learned to embrace my true self with confidence and let my light shine.

There are many times in life when we encounter uncertainty, where we feel overwhelmed and that the odds are against us. It is in challenging times like these that we can recognize our own unique abilities. Each of us has a special light that makes us shine. When I zipped up my blue corduroy jacket for the first time, that flicker of light that was once a single flame ignited a fire inside of me for the Oregon FFA Association. Since then, my blue jacket has introduced me to my best friends, taken me to places that I never imagined, and allowed me to serve those around me. FFA has allowed my light to shine brighter with each experience I have had over the past five years. Discovering my light has been more impactful than any award, banner, or title. The FFA is bigger than any one person – it is about you and me putting our lights together to ensure we leave this organization and world better than we found it. If we radiate hope, our light can truly change the world.

Engrained in the fibers of our blue jackets are promises of opportunities. Opportunities to work together, to serve others, and to be an example for those around us – to be a light. Oregon FFA, it is with humble beginnings and a leap of faith that I announce my candidacy for the 2020-2021 Oregon FFA State Officer Team. As we prepare for our upcoming 92nd Oregon FFA State Convention, our lights are shining brighter now than ever. I am eager to shine my light for you, where together we can illuminate our association.

Respectfully,

Gracie Krahn

Gracie Krahn
Santiam Christian FFA Chapter President
Upper Willamette FFA District President

***“Let the light within you shine
brightly. It takes just one candle to
light a thousand others.”***

~ Leena Patel

Freshman

2016-2017

FFA

Degree: Greenhand

Office Held:

- Chapter Secretary

Activities/Awards:

- District Beginning Ag Sales CDE-1st
- District Beginning Parliamentary Procedure CDE-1st
- District Creed Speaking CDE-1st
- District Beginning Public Speaking CDE-1st (8th grade)
- Sectional Beginning Public Speaking CDE-1st (8th grade)
- State Beginning Public Speaking CDE-1st (8th grade)
- State Novice Livestock Judging CDE-1st Team
- State Portfolio Contest-1st
- District Milk Quality CDE-1st
- District Food Science CDE-1st
- District Beginning Dairy Judging CDE-1st
- Swine Production SAE
- Dairy Production SAE
- Les Schwab Food Initiative
- State Convention
- Linn County Fair
- Oregon State Fair
- Cookie Dough Fundraiser
- Pass the Pig Fundraiser
- Wilco Ladies Night Out
- Chapter Banquet
- Chapter Officer Retreat
- District Leadership Camp
- Elementary Ag Day
- Star Greenhand
- Outstanding Freshman in Agriculture Award
- Oregon State Fair Stockman's Award
- State Fair Master Showman

Other

- Freshman Class Vice President
- Varsity Cheerleading
- Honor Roll
- OSAA Academic All-State
- Camp Attitude Volunteer
- 4-H Club President
- 4-H Teen Leader
- Oregon Junior Jersey Association President
- Oregon Jersey Youth Achievement Award
- Oregon Junior Holstein Association President
- Oregon Pork Producers

Sophomore

2017-2018

FFA

Degree: Chapter

Office Held:

- Chapter President

Activities/Awards:

- National Dairy Judging CDE-Gold Medal
- District Ag Sales CDE-1st
- District Advanced Parliamentary Procedure CDE-Chair, 1st Team
- District Sophomore Public Speaking CDE-1st
- Sectional Sophomore Public Speaking CDE-1st
- State Sophomore Public Speaking CDE-1st
- District Job Interview CDE-2nd
- Sectional Job Interview CDE-1st
- State Job Interview CDE-1st
- District Milk Quality CDE-1st Team
- State Milk Quality CDE-1st Team
- District Advanced Dairy Judging CDE-1st Team
- State Dairy Judging CDE-1st Team
- Swine Production SAE
- Dairy Production SAE
- Les Schwab Food Initiative
- State Convention
- Ag in the Classroom
- Linn County Fair
- Oregon State Fair
- Plant Sale Fundraiser
- Christmas Wreath Fundraiser
- Chapter Banquet
- Chapter Recruitment
- Chapter Dessert Recognition Night
- Chapter Officer Retreat
- Oregon District Officer Training
- District Leadership Camp
- Washington Leadership Conference

Other

- Varsity Cheerleading
- Honor Roll
- West Valley League Scholar Athlete Award
- 4-H Club President
- 4-H Teen Leader
- Linn-Benton Jersey Queen
- 4-H Community Service
- Oregon Jersey Leadership
- Oregon Holstein President

Junior

2018-2019

FFA

Degree: State

Office Held:

- Chapter President
- Upper Willamette District Secretary

Activities/Awards:

- National Employment Skills LDE-8th & Gold Medal
- District Prepared Public Speaking CDE-1st
- Sectional Prepared Public Speaking CDE-1st
- State Prepared Public Speaking CDE-1st
- State Diversified Livestock Proficiency Winner
- Swine Production SAE
- Dairy Production SAE
- Les Schwab Food Initiative
- National Convention
- State Convention
- Oregon FFA Legislative Conference
- Ag in the Classroom
- Linn County Fair
- Oregon State Fair
- Kettle Corn Fundraiser
- Pass the Pig Outreach
- Elementary Ag Day
- Chapter Banquet
- Chapter Recruitment
- Winter Degree Celebration
- Chapter Officer Retreat
- Oregon District Officer Training
- District Leadership Camp
- State Fair Premier Dairy Exhibitor
- Star Chapter Farmer
- Exceptional Scholar in Agricultural Leadership
- Outstanding Junior in Ag

Other

- Varsity Cheerleading
- Competitive Cheer Team
- 4-H Club President
- 4-H Teen Leader
- National Honor Society
- OSAA Academic All-State
- West Valley Scholar Athlete
- Oregon Jersey Queen
- Western National Jersey Youth Achievement Award
- Oregon Junior Pork Board Vice President
- Next Level Swine Show Camp Counselor
- Oregon Dairy Day at the Capitol Volunteer

Senior

2019-2020

FFA

Office Held:

- Chapter President
- Upper Willamette District President

Activities/Awards:

- National Public Speaking CDE-6th & Silver Medal
- National Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency-Silver
- District Rituals-1st
- District Advanced Parliamentary Procedure CDE
- Dairy Production Proficiency
- State Star Farmer Candidate
- National Convention
- Swine Production SAE
- Dairy Production SAE
- Chapter Officer Retreat
- Chapter Creed Speaking Coach
- Chapter Prepared Speaking Coach
- Chapter Job Interview Coach
- State Executive Meeting
- Oregon FFA Legislative Conference
- Facilitated Chapter Officer Workshop
- District Leadership Camp
- Assistant Chapter Dairy Judging Coach
- Les Schwab Food Drive
- National FFA Week Chair
- Christmas Wreath Fundraiser
- Kettle Corn Fundraiser
- Harvest Carnival
- Elementary Ag Day
- Linn County Ag Breakfast

Other

- Captain - Varsity Cheer Team
- Competitive Cheer Team
- National Honor Society
- Albany Chamber Youth Leadership Program
- 4-H Club President
- 4-H Teen Leader
- National Jersey Queen
- National Jersey Youth Achievement Award-2nd
- All American Junior Jersey Planning Committee
- Oregon Jr. Holstein President
- Arizona National Stock Show
- Love, INC Service Project
- Oregon Summer Ag Institute Service Project
- Oregon Junior Pork Board Vice President

