



Madras FFA Chapter

390 SE 10th Street - Madras, OR 97741

"Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve."

- FFA Motto

Oregon FFA,

Its two o'clock in the morning and my pager awakens me. At first, the squeaks and wails of the alert sound like a distant dream, but after a moment, I realize the dispatcher is reporting a house fire. Jolted awake, I throw on my clothes, hop in my car, and make my way to the fire station. Grabbing my gear, I jump onto the truck, quickly realizing the task I'm about to undertake. As I approach the scene, my heart pounds with anticipation. I take a moment to assess my surroundings and see flames raging from a building. Confused and disoriented, I grab an axe and follow my captain to the flames... This day, was my first fire as a volunteer firefighter. It was full of emotion, anxiety, and thrill. While this experience helped me gain confidence and knowledge, it does not compare to the fears I've faced while in FFA.



The Central Oregon District Beginning Parliamentary Procedure CDE was underway. Madras FFA was doing well, with each member contributing strong motions, but then the inevitable happened: one of MY topics was called. My mind blanked as I frantically searched for anything on the topic. A feeling of pure terror came over me; with a belly full of butterflies and an ice-cold chill running down my spine, I slowly stood to deliver my motion. At first my words were caught in my throat and I was almost gasping for air, but then I gathered my thoughts, found my voice, and delivered my motion and debate. After I sat down, I realized what I had just done. My entire life I have had a crippling fear of public speaking, but in that moment I overcame my fear, and with it, gained a new confidence I never thought I would acquire. It was that experience that opened my eyes to all the opportunities that await those who join this phenomenal organization.

As FFA members, we voluntarily do things most people wouldn't be paid to do. For example, public speaking is the number one fear in America, but as FFA members, we see it as yet another chance to sharpen our skillsets and expand our horizons. That moment during the Parliamentary Procedure CDE, along with many others, shifted my mindset of fears from possibilities for failure, to opportunities for growth. Every one of us carries a fear – you can choose to let that fear overtake you, or you can allow that fear to fuel your desire for success. Just as FFA has inspired me, it is my passion to motivate the members of Oregon FFA and to see their fears turned into action. My time in the blue jacket has been the most memorable and rewarding four years of my life; for that, Oregon FFA, I thank you. It would be my honor to serve you as one of your six Oregon FFA State Officers. It is with great pleasure that I announce my candidacy for the 2014-2015 Oregon FFA State Officer Team.

Sincerely,

Isaac Fisher
Madras FFA Vice President
Central Oregon District Treasurer

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

~Nelson Mandela

Freshman

2010-2011

FFA

- Greenhand Degree
- Ag 1 Outstanding Achievement Award
- Soils-3rd individual Districts
- Sectionals
- Parliamentary Procedure- 2nd State
- Oregon FFA State Convention
- Central Oregon Leadership Camp- 2nd Rituals
- Ag in the Classroom
- Shop Skills
- Madras FFA Awards Banquet

School

- Varsity Cross Country
- Varsity Track and Field

Other

- Boy Scouts of America
- Community Kitchen



Sophomore

2011-2012

FFA

- Madras FFA Asst. Reporter
- Chapter Degree
- Soils
- Parliamentary Procedure- 3rd Sectionals
- Donkey Basketball
- Labor Auction Fundraiser
- Oregon FFA State Convention
- State Forestry Proficiency Selection Committee
- Central Oregon Leadership Camp
- Ag in the Classroom
- Outstanding Horticulture Student
- Shop Skills
- Madras FFA Awards Banquet

School

- Varsity Cross Country
- Varsity Track Pole Vault Captain

Other

- Jr. Probationary Firefighter, Jefferson County Fire District #1
- Community Kitchen

Junior

2012-2013

FFA

- Madras FFA Vice President
- Central Oregon FFA District Treasurer
- Oregon FFA State Degree
- Outstanding Junior
- Soils
- National FFA Convention
- Food Science- 6th State
- CDE Days
- Parliamentary Procedure- 3rd Sectionals
- Job Interview- 1st State
- Ag Sales- 2nd Districts
- Oregon FFA State Convention
- Central Oregon Leadership Camp
- Ag in the Classroom
- Leadership Camp Preparation
- Madras FFA Awards
- Banquet

School

- Varsity Cross Country Captain
- Varsity Track Pole Vault Captain
- MHS Citizenship Award

Other

- Firefighter, Jefferson County Fire District #1

Senior

2013-2014

FFA

- Madras FFA Vice President
- Central Oregon FFA District Treasurer
- Job Interview- 2nd Nationals
- Washington Leadership Conference
- 99.7 Plowing For Pennies
- Madras FFA Alumni Benefit for the Blue & Gold
- National FFA Convention
- Soils
- Ag Sales- 9th State
- Oregon FFA State Executive Meeting

School

- Varsity Track Pole Vault Captain
- Senior Class Treasurer
- 4th Grade Math Peer Tutor

Other

- Lead Firefighter I, Jefferson County Fire District #1
- Community Kitchen
- City Year/CSX Education Supplies Service Project