

MYRTLE POINT FFA

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Dear Fellow Oregon FFA Members,

Some would say it is expected of me. Agriculture. Farming. Growing. However, I believe it is a legacy. My Grandpa Johnson owned 20 acres in Dora, Oregon, near Coos Bay. He grew many things ranging from cattle to cut flowers to produce. During the summer's I would go up to Grandpa Johnson's farm in Oregon and pick up daffodil bulbs. This was a challenging but inspiring week. Grandpa dug the bulbs before we arrived, so they would be dried and ready to pick up. It was dirty and hot work. I was paid by the crate, so I worked hard, at least at first. Then the bulbs were harder to find, and it was dirty, and did I mention, hot? However, the reward came each afternoon. Grandpa's property ran alongside the river. Cool, refreshing, clear and deep. I couldn't wait to jump in. The sweat of the morning washed off as I swam and played in the water. Trips to Grandpa's were always inspiring because it was beautiful there; the sound of the river, the breeze, the smell of the soil, trees and flowers all reminded me that farming is amazing. This might be the best legacy of all, passion for growing. Now, I am honored to live on the same 20 acres that my dad grew up on and my grandpa worked, for many years. This is a responsibility that I don't take lightly believing that this is also a legacy that I will be given in the future. I have a goal of our property becoming a Heritage Farm, being owned by the same family for 100 years. We are halfway there.



Another legacy that I was given was a rock. Yes, a rock from a State Officer at Leadership Camp. That rock also has a special word, Improvement engraved on it. After I was encouraged to select a word and write it on the rock, I chose to engrave the word to remind me of the legacy of leadership that I was given. As a State Officer, I will strive to share the legacy I was given just a few short years ago with the thousands of students in the Oregon FFA. As a third generation FFA member, I believe in a leadership from ourselves and respect from others is a foundation anchoring our family values that will allow me to stand strong in this inspiring task of leading the FFA members of the State of Oregon should I be elected to the State Officer Team.

Oregon FFA, I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the 2019-2020 Oregon State FFA Officer Team. I believe this will give me a chance to share a legacy with fellow FFA members. I can't wait to see you all at the 91st Oregon FFA State Convention, in Redmond, Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joseph Johnson

Joseph A. Johnson

Myrtle Point FFA Treasurer

JOSEPH A. JOHNSON

Freshman

2015-16

FFA

Greenhand FFA Degree
 Jr. Treasurer
 Parking Lot Fundraiser
 Plant Sales Fundraiser
 Chapter Banquet
 Pumpkin Carving
 Community Service
 County Fair – Bee
 Display and Hogs
 District Ag. Sales
 District Soils
 District Tractor Driving
 – 2nd
 Creed Speaking
 District Job Interview
 District Rituals
 District Leadership
 Camp
 State Convention
 Envirothon

School

Robotics – Advanced to
 Super Qualifiers

Other

Ford Family Leadership
 Training

Sophomore

2016-17

FFA

Chapter FFA Degree
 Treasurer
 Parking Lot Fundraiser
 Plant Sales Fundraiser
 Chapter Banquet
 Pumpkin Carving
 Community Service
 County Fair – Bee
 Display and Hogs
 District Ag Sales
 District Soils
 District Tractor Driving
 District Livestock
 Judging
 District Job Interview
 District Rituals
 District Parli Pro
 District Leadership
 Camp
 NW Ag Show
 State Capitol FFA Day
 State Convention

School

Robotics

Other

City of Myrtle Point
 Community Service
 Beautification Project

Junior

2017-18

FFA

State Farmer Degree
 Treasurer
 Chapter Aquaponics
 Parking Lot Fundraiser
 Plant Sales Fundraiser
 Chapter Banquet
 County Fair – Honey
 and Hogs
 District Livestock
 Judging
 District Ag Sales
 District Soils
 District Tractor Driving
 District Job Interview
 District Rituals
 District Parli Pro
 District Leadership
 Camp
 State Soils
 State Convention
 Envirothon

School

Robotics

Other

Devereux Center –
 Volunteer, homeless
 day center

Senior

2018-2019

FFA

Treasurer
 Chapter Aquaponics
 Parking Lot Fundraiser,
 co-coordinator
 Plant Sales
 District Tractor Driving
 District Ag Sales – 3rd
 District Rituals
 District Leadership
 Camp
 District Prepared
 Speaking

School

Robotics
 Rotary Student of the
 Month, December 2018

Other

Devereux Center –
 Volunteer, homeless
 day center