

Dear Oregon FFA,

It was my eighth grade year and I remember going to the High school FFA advisor and stating, “ I want to do FFA and be a part of fair this summer”. The next thing I knew I was at the Malheur County Fair with my favorite chicken, a barred plymouth rock hen, as I was told where to place her for the week I remember how excited I was to be a part of something bigger than me, something amazing, something national. As I prepared for my showmanship contest during the week, I was scared and nervous. Then someone else wearing a blue corduroy jacket with the FFA emblem on the back and the title State Sentinel on her jacket said to me in an encouraging voice “ Just go and do your best and you will do fine.” After competing along with the other poultry exhibitors we stood and awaited for the results. As they named off the awards I eagerly stood and waited to hear my name. Blue ribbons for everyone, Reserve champion, and then Grand champion Josh Dorathy, I was ecstatic! I just won my first FFA contest and I was then on to small animal round robin and received Master Showman after showing poultry, rabbits, and pygmy goats. This voice was a big part of my conversion into the FFA organization.



That encouraging voice motivated me to do what I had learned in preparation months prior to the county fair. And as a result of this, I have since then put forth my dedication and effort every year to prepare my animals and myself to do the best I can and have since then received many purple ribbons, two master showman ribbons, many jackets and a belt buckle for doing so.

To me it seemed as if FFA and its contest were going to be a breeze, they weren't. The following years were a battle. I prepared myself for all the contests and activities my advisor would allow me to do. From dairy and soil judging, to running for a chapter and district office, I put in the effort and didn't place or receive anything . To some this is devastating, but I took it as an opportunity to learn, grow and move forward in an organization that matters so dearly to me.

The FFA Organization has taught me a plethora of things, but what means the most to me is hard work and learning from failure. Without either we will never succeed. As I have competed and grown within the FFA organization I have come to realize that one encouraging voice is what started my journey in this amazing program. I to want to be that encouraging voice to start others on their journey into the FFA. I now proudly announce my candidacy for the 2019-2020 Oregon State Officer team.

Sincerely,

Josh Dorathy
Nyssa FFA Chapter Reporter 2018-2019

**Chase your dreams but
always know the road
that'll lead you home again
-Tim McGraw**

<u>Freshman Year</u> 2015-2016	<u>Sophomore Year</u> 2016-2017	<u>Junior Year</u> 2017-2018	<u>Senior Year</u> 2018-2019
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