



BAKER FFA CHAPTER

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Oregon FFA,

As a young girl, one of my favorite leisure time activities was playing dress up in my mother's closet. My sister and I would put on our mother's old wedding dress, prom dresses, cheerleading uniform, and whatever else we could find. I suppose it was the illusion of being whoever or whatever we wanted for the few moments we dressed up that created the enchanting experience of the game. Upon playing this game one summer afternoon, I came across the most mysterious costume of all: A blue faded corduroy jacket with my father's name embroidered on it. At that moment, I simply wondered why my dad kept such an old jacket. I had no idea that I had just found much more than another dress up costume, but rather the symbol of an organization that would shape and mold me into the person I am today.



My journey through FFA, much like my favorite childhood game, has been an "enchanting experience." However, unlike dress up it has taken the illusion of being whoever I want to be and turned it into a reality. Throughout my time in the FFA organization, the members of Oregon FFA have taught me one very important lesson: the best thing we can be in life is simply the best version of ourselves. There is no need to find the perfect costume to become something incredible and unbelievable because everything you need to accomplish that is buried deep within yourself. Without some guidance from my fellow FFA members, I never would have truly grasped the importance of believing in ourselves and those around us.

As a 2017-2018 Oregon FFA State Officer candidate, I understand that each member is full of potential they have yet to see. It is my hope that you too find confidence in your originality and no longer strive to "dress up" as something more magical than yourself.

Looking back upon my memories in the FFA, I finally understand why my father kept his jacket all these years. Though the color may fade, the lessons and the memories we make while wearing that blue corduroy will last a lifetime. The jacket has allowed each and every one of us to be exactly who we should dream to be: ourselves. Though my time in high school quickly comes to a close, I pray my time to retire the jacket has yet to arrive. It is with this hope and anticipation that I announce my candidacy for the 2017-2018 Oregon FFA State Officer Team at the 89th Oregon FFA State Convention.

Respectfully,

Kourtney Lehman
Baker FFA Chapter President
Eastern Oregon FFA District Secretary

"Today you are you!
**That is truer than true! There is no
one alive who is you-er than you!"**

- Dr. Seuss

Freshman

2013-2014

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Degree: Greenhand

- Beginning Parliamentary Procedure CDE
- District Crops Identification CDE
- District Soils Evaluation CDE
- District Creed Speaking CDE-4th
- District Dairy Foods CDE
- State Meat Evaluation CDE
- State Fair Livestock Judging-2nd
- Chapter Banquet
- Kindergarten Day
- Field to Fork
- Chapter Drive Through BBQ Fundraiser
- Helping Hands Charity BBQ
- State Convention
- Plant Sale
- Market Steer SAE
- Baker County Livestock Judging-1st Greenhand
- Union County Livestock Judging-
- Eastern Oregon Livestock Judging-4th Individual
- Sectional Job Interview CDE
- State CDE Days
- Beginning Ag Sales CDE
- District Job Interview-2nd

Other:

- Class President
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Youth track
- Presbyterian Youth Group
- Link Crew
- Community 101
- Student Council
- Bread of Life Food Bank

Sophomore

2014-2015

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Degree: Chapter

- District Job Interview CDE-4th
- Sophomore Public Speaking CDE-5th
- State Meat Evaluation CDE
- State Convention
- State CDE Days
- State Fair Livestock Judging
- Baker County Livestock Judging-1st
- Union County Livestock Judging
- Eastern Oregon Livestock Judging
- National Convention
- Chapter Banquet
- Chapter Drive Through BBQ Fundraiser
- District Convention Delegate
- State Convention Delegate
- Plant Sale
- Crop Production SAE
- Kindergarten Day
- Field to Fork
- Pig Raffle Fundraiser
- Helping Hands Chapter Charity BBQ
- Chapter Agribusiness Star

Other:

- Class President
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Presbyterian Youth Group
- Link Crew
- Community 101
- Student Council
- Bread of Life Food Bank
- Site Council
- National Honor Society

Junior

2015-2016

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Degree: State

Office Held:

- Chapter President

Activities/Awards:

- State Job Interview CDE-1st
- State Prepared Public Speaking CDE-1st
- State Ag Marketing CDE-1st
- State Ag Communications CDE-4th
- State Convention
- State CDE Days
- Baker County Livestock Judging-1st
- Washington Leadership Conference
- Chapter Banquet
- Chapter Drive Through BBQ Fundraiser
- Helping Hands Chapter Charity BBQ
- District Convention
- State Convention
- Greenhouse Fundraiser
- Crop Production SAE
- Kindergarten Day
- Field to Fork
- Chapter Leader of the Year
- District Leadership Camp
- Trick-or-Treat for cans
- Officer Retreat
- Advisor Hiring Committee

Other:

- Student Body Vice President
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Presbyterian Youth Group
- Link Crew
- Community 101
- Student Council
- Bread of Life Food Bank
- National Honor Society

Senior

2016-2017

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Office Held:

- Chapter President
- Eastern Oregon District Secretary

Activities/Awards:

- National Convention
- National Prepared Public Speaking CDE-Semifinalist
- District Ag Sales CDE-1st
- Officer Retreat
- State Fair Livestock Judging
- Chapter Officer Nominating Committee
- Chapter Sponsors Committee
- Baker County Livestock Judging
- Chapter Dance Fundraiser Chair
- Krispy Kreme Chapter Fundraiser
- Chapter Drive Through BBQ Fundraiser
- Helping Hands Chapter Charity BBQ
- District Job Interview CDE-1st
- Plant Sale
- Crop Production SAE
- District Leadership Camp
- Trick-or-Treat for cans
- Education day with Deputy Superintendent Noor

Other:

- Volleyball
- Presbyterian Youth Group
- Bread of Life Food Bank
- National Honor Society
- Youth Elder
- Youth Deacon