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# Baker FFA Chapter

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Greetings Oregon FFA,

We all have barriers. For some of us, they are financial; for others, they are physical. But for many of us our biggest obstacle is fear. Fear of failure causes us all to turn away from opportunity and choose the “safe” course. We abandon our hopes and dreams because we think we’re not good enough. But what if we were? What if we laughed at our fears and boldly cast them aside?

Last year I decided to do just that. I was in my senior year of high school; full of passion, pride and love for the FFA. Pursuing my dream of serving as a State Officer, I had finished the first round of interviews and was standing with 29 other brilliant young leaders, all sharing a mutual feeling of excitement and trepidation as we waited for the results of the first cut. The envelopes containing the results were handed out. Some of the candidates opened theirs while I looked on. Watching the faces of those who didn’t make it, I felt fear like never before. I couldn’t breathe and my knees didn’t want to support me. Then I saw the beaming glances of the ones who were going on to the next round; shaking off my doubts I looked my fear in the eye and opened my envelope. I couldn’t believe it. I was cut. I had failed. I thought my dream was dead, but I was wrong. Jessica Roland encouraged me to apply again and continue to pursue my dream. Inspired by her faith in me, I realized that I could only fail if I let myself.

And here I am. It’s been a long road from Convention last year. I have met triumph and defeat; had my highs and my lows; but through it all, I have focused on breaking every obstacle I faced. Oregon FFA, I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for 2014-2015 State Office. Let’s conquer our fears and Breakthrough our barriers.

I am incredibly excited to see you at Convention!

*Luke RW Coomer*

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2012-2013 Baker FFA Reporter  
2011-2012 Baker FFA Historian



*“What great thing would you attempt if you knew you could not fail?”*  
~ Robert H. Schuller

## The FFA Mission

**FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.**

### **Sophomore Year (2010-2011)**

- Chapter Star Greenhand
- Advanced District Soil Judging CDE
- Advanced District Ag Sales CDE
- Advanced State Ag Issues CDE
- Beginning B District Parliamentary Procedure CDE
- Advanced State Horse Judging CDE
- Advanced State Livestock Judging CDE
- State Beef Proficiency Committee
- Field Ag Day
- Kindergarten Ag Day

### **Other:**

- 4-H Beef Project
- 4-H Leadership Development Project
- 4-H Beef County Medal
- Baker County 4-H Equestrian Team
- Haines Stampede Rodeo Association

### **Junior Year (2011-2012)**

- Chapter Historian
- Advanced District Rituals CDE
- Advanced District Ag Sales CDE
- Advanced District Job Interview CDE, 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Advanced Section Job Interview CDE
- Advanced State Ag Issues CDE
- Advanced District Parliamentary Procedure CDE, 2<sup>nd</sup> team
- Advanced Section Parliamentary Procedure CDE
- Advanced State Meats CDE
- Advanced State Livestock Judging CDE
- State Delegate Sessions
- Chapter Fundraising Committee
- Chapter Recreation Committee
- Field to Fork Ag Day
- Kindergarten Ag Day

### **Other:**

- 4-H Beef Project
- 4-H Leadership Development Project
- 4-H Leadership County Medal
- Baker County 4-H Equestrian Team
- Oregon National Horse Bowl Team
- Haines Stampede Rodeo Association
- Baker Assoc. of Christian Homeschoolers

### **Senior Year (2012-2013)**

- Chapter Reporter
- Advanced State Livestock Judging, 6<sup>th</sup> Ind.
- Advanced State Tractor Driving
- Advanced National Vet Science CDE 10<sup>th</sup> Ind.
- Advanced District Ag Sales CDE
- Advanced District Job Interview CDE, 1<sup>st</sup>
- Advanced Parliamentary Procedure Team
- Chapter Fundraising Committee
- Chapter Recreation Committee
- Field to Fork Ag Day

### **Other:**

- 4-H Leadership Development Project
- Haines Stampede Rodeo Association
- Baker Assoc. of Christian Homeschoolers

### **Freshman Year, College (2013-2014)**

- Agricultural Sciences
  - Oregon State University
  - Linn Benton Community College
- LBCC Livestock Judging Team
- Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta