

THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF AGRICULTURE STUDENTS



Crane FFA Chapter

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Oregon FFA,

Remember as a little kid when you would meet new people and they always seemed to ask you the same question: "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Until I was 12 years old I wanted nothing more than to be a paleontologist, and I made sure everyone knew it. Still I was asked nearly every day, "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

After spending years answering this question, as well as watching my peers do the same, I realized something: We spend the first 18 to 25 years of our lives deciding what we want to 'be' when we grow up, yet we seem to overlook what we have already become. We all want to 'be' doctors or lawyers or paleontologists someday, but what about *today*? What do you want to be *right now*?

I challenge you, Oregon FFA, to look in the mirror and ask yourselves, "Who do I want to be, right now, and what am I going to do to make that happen?" Who you are today shapes who you will be tomorrow. If you want to be an Olympian, then train to be that Olympian today! If you want to be kind or generous, start treating others with kindness and generosity right now!

Four years ago I made the decision to put on the blue corduroy jacket and become a member of the FFA. I can honestly say that if it were not for that jacket I would not be the person I am today. I know that many of you have similar stories of lives impacted by this great organization. All of us that wear the blue jacket have decided to be someone, right now, and take action in our own lives.

When I look at Oregon FFA, I see students who did not spend their first 18 years daydreaming about 'growing up,' but instead saw that they could make an impact and leaped at the opportunity. Therefore, as State Convention draws near and new opportunities abound, it is with great pleasure that I announce my candidacy for your 2015-2016 Oregon FFA State Officer Team. I am overjoyed to be running for this esteemed position and hope to be able to watch many of you take action and make an impact at the 2015 Oregon FFA State Convention in Silverton.

Sincerely,

Maria Thompson
Crane FFA Chapter Vice-President
Strawberry Mt. District Vice-President

Every day you have the opportunity to learn and experience something and someone new. Seize the opportunity. Learn and experience everything you can, and use it to change the world.

-Rodney Williams

FFA & School Involvement

Freshman

- Creed Speaking
- Greenhand Week
- Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Server
- Parli Pro, 3rd
- Donkey Basketball
- State Talent Show
- State Ag Communications, 1st
- State Convention
- Chapter Banquet
- Cooperation Committee
- Chapter Officer Nominating Committee
- Plant Sale
- Chapter Meetings

Degree: Greenhand

Sophomore

- Market Beef
- Greenhand Week
- Diamond Dinner
- Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Server
- National Convention
- 11th Place Nat'l Ag Communications, Gold Individual
- Ag Sales, 2nd Team & 2nd Individ.
- Winterbash
- Soph. Speaking, 3rd
- Parli Pro, 2nd
- State Convention
- State Talent Show
- Officer Elections
- Chapter Meetings
- CDE Days
- Food Science
- Chapter Banquet
- Plant Sale
- District Officer Meetings
- Finance Committee
- Food For All Grant Asst. Coordinator

Degree: Chapter

Junior

- Market Beef
- Fair Parade
- Cycle Oregon
- Greenhand Week
- Chapter/Greenhand Degree Ceremony
- District Leadership Camp, Rituals 2nd
- Diamond Dinner
- Farm Bureau & Stockman's Assn. Annual Meeting Server
- National Convention
- National Talent Show Semifinalist
- Ag Sales, 2nd Team, 2nd Individ.
- Job Interview, 2nd
- Parli Pro, 1st Team
- Adv. Speaking, 1st
- Sectional Leadership (Public Speaking, Job Interview, Parli Pro)
- Beef Proficiency
- Public Relations Committee
- Finance Committee
- State Convention
- State Talent Show, 2nd Place
- National Anthem @ State Convention
- CDE Days
- Food Science
- District Officer Meetings
- Plant Sale
- Chapter Banquet
- Chapter Meetings
- CTSO Grant Team

Degree: State

Offices Held:
Chapter Asst. Reporter
District Historian

Senior

- Market Beef
- Fair Parade
- Fair Decoration Committee
- District Leadership Camp, Rituals 3rd
- Outstanding Vice President, Leadership Camp
- Greenhand Week
- Chapter/Greenhand Degree Ceremony
- Diamond Dinner
- Farm Bureau & Stockman's Assn. Annual Meeting Server
- Ag Sales, 1st Team, 1st Individ, 1st Test
- Job Interview
- Parli Pro
- Beef Proficiency
- Winterbash Committee
- District Officer Meetings
- Chapter Meetings
- Finance Committee
- CTSO Grant Team

Offices Held:
Chapter Vice-President
District Vice-President

Other Activities

- Volleyball (9)
- Football (10)
- Drama (9,10,11,12)
- Basketball (9,10,11,12), Captain (12)
- NBC Int'l Basketball Tour Player (12)
- Track (9,10,11,12)
- Class Secretary (9,10,11,12)
- National Honor Society (11,12)
- OTF (9,10,11,12)
- Church Alter Server (9,10)
- Road Clean-up (9,10,11)
- Diamond Community Play (9,11)
- NJAA (9,10,11,12)
- 4-H (9,10,11,12)
- Cattle Women (9,10,11,12)
- H.C. Fair Talent Show (9,10,11)