



Banks FFA Chapter

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Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live,
Living to Serve

Dear Oregon FFA,

What do you get when you achieve a goal? After you achieve a goal there is a feeling of satisfaction and pride. Although that is a good feeling, it is not all that you will have gotten out of one goal. You also have made a commitment that you followed through with, learning a new skill. Often times the best memories about a goal that you have completed is not what you did but the memories that you have made while on the path to fulfilling your goal.

In the course of the past four years I have set many goals for myself, many of them were small and some I failed to complete. But no matter the outcome they all helped me learn, whether it was parliamentary procedure, football or just about myself. These goals have taught me how to make commitments. I have committed myself many things including my family, FFA, friends, football, school, and work. Football has been a very big commitment and this last year really tested how committed I was to the team. During our third game I injured my knee and soon after learned that I would be out for the rest of the season. With that I felt like I had let all my teammates down because the commitment I had made to them to help the team as much as I could. Feeling like this I still made it to every practice, with the exception of a couple for Ag sales practice, helping people with what I could. I finished the season with the team while continuing to go to every game, I tried to do what I could for the team because I would not be able to actually play.



With having said this, that I ask you, Oregon FFA, to help me reach my goal to make a further commitment to the FFA organization, to help me spread everything I have learned from my last four years of football and FFA. I am proud to announce my candidacy for the Oregon FFA State Officer Team.

Sincerely,

Matthew Murry

Matthew Murry
Banks FFA Chapter President
Northwest District Vice President

**"A dream doesn't become reality through magic
it takes sweat, determination and hard work."**

-Colin Powell

The FFA Mission Statement

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.