



Crater FFA Chapter

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Oregon FFA,

On a random September morning, I clung to my older cousin as we walked through our school's shop. Blue, red, white and green banners hung throughout the building. Picture frames filled with photos of students wearing blue jackets hung everywhere. People were gathered around hanging out, doing their thing, smiling ear to ear. Freshman me was terrified of this weird building full of strange things; having no clue it even existed. Little did I know that this "weird building" would become a place where my passions would be discovered and memories lasting a lifetime would be made.



We are often thrown into a new school, not knowing where to go, and with kids much older than us. It can be terrifying, but with a place to belong and people to share our same interests, high school is our time to thrive. I believe it is extremely important for us to find where we belong, what our 'thing' is. On that morning, I found mine; FFA. For FFA members, their Ag room, shop, barn or simply being in the blue corduroy jacket is their place, their 'thing'.

After being that once-scared freshman whose life has been impacted by so many others, my hope is that I can do the same for those who need it now. As FFA members, we get to inspire, encourage, and help others pursue their passions. Every day is a new opportunity. Most seniors dread the bittersweet moment of zipping up their FFA jacket for their last time, as we remember all FFA has brought into our lives. As a 2018-2019 Oregon FFA State Officer candidate, my hope is for 365 more opportunities to serve in my blue jacket. Just as many others have helped me my find my full potential, in or out of the blue jacket, my goal is to do the same. I hope to help people find their 'thing' and pray I can inspire them like past members have done with me.

Looking back, I cannot imagine the person I would be today if I never went into that once strange building. Shortly, we will find ourselves onto our next opportunity and adventure at the 90th Oregon State FFA Convention. It is with pure honor and excitement I am announcing my candidacy for the 2018-2019 Oregon FFA State Officer Team.

Sincerely,

Megan Burkhardt
Crater FFA Chapter President

*"There is no passion to be found playing
small- in settling for a life that is less
than the one you are capable of living."*

-Nelson Mandela

Freshman Year

2014-2015

FFA

- Spaghetti Feed
- Harvest Fair Silent Auction
- Crater Foundation Auction
- Crater FFA Alumni Auction
- Rotary Auction
- Pass-the-Pig
- Plant Sale
- Christmas Tree Sales
- Sectional Parliamentary Procedure
- West Side Invitational Floriculture Competition
- District Floriculture
- State Floriculture
- State Convention
- Reserve Champion Rabbit Showman
- Breeding Rabbit Project
- Market Lamb Project
- Chapter Banquet
- Greenhand Degree

School/Other

- Headstart Book Collection
- Table Rock Fellowship Set-up Team
- Southern Oregon Wrestling Competition Set-up
- Hollobaugh Lamb Sale
- Reading to Elementary Kids

Sophomore Year

2015-2016

FFA

- Spaghetti Feed
- Harvest Fair Silent Auction
- Crater Foundation Auction
- Crater FFA Alumni Auction
- Rotary Auction
- Sam's Valley Carnival
- Friends of the Fair Foundation
- Pass-the-Pig
- Plant Sale
- Christmas Tree Sales
- West Side Invitational Floriculture Competition
- District Floriculture
- State Floriculture
- Champion Rabbit Showman
- Breeding Rabbit Project
- Market Lamb Project
- Overall Grand Champion Market Goat
- Breeding Goat Project
- State Fair
- Chapter Banquet
- Chapter Degree

School/Other

- Table Rock Fellowship Set-up Team
- Hollobaugh Lamb Sale
- Reading to Elementary Kids

Junior Year

2016-2017

FFA

- Spaghetti Feed
- Harvest Fair Silent Auction
- Crater Foundation Auction
- Crater FFA Alumni Auction
- Rotary Auction
- Sam's Valley Carnival
- Friends of the Fair Foundation
- Pass-the-Pig
- Plant Sale
- Christmas Tree Sales
- West Side Invitational Floriculture Competition
- District Floriculture
- State Floriculture
- Chapter Veterinary Science Team
- District Parliamentary Procedure
- Champion Rabbit Showman
- Reserve Overall Champion Market Rabbits
- Breeding Rabbit Project
- Market Lamb Project
- Breeding Sheep Project
- Reserve Overall Grand Champion Market goat
- State Fair
- Breeding Goat Project
- Chapter Banquet
- Chapter Secretary
- District Leadership Camp
- District Rituals
- Chapter Officer Retreat
- State Convention
- State Degree
- Washington Leadership Conference

School/Other

- Reading to Elementary Kids
- 4-H Involvement

Senior Year

2017-2018

FFA

- Spaghetti Feed
- Harvest Fair Silent Auction
- Crater Foundation Auction
- Christmas at the FFARM
- State Veterinary Science Team
- District Extemporaneous Speaking
- District Job Interview
- Chapter President
- District Leadership Camp
- District Rituals
- Chapter Officer Retreat

School/Other

- Table Rock Fellowship Set-up Team
- 4-H Junior Leader