



MADRAS FFA CHAPTER

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

- FFA Motto

Greetings Oregon FFA!

I scanned the field with my eyes as I positioned myself to quickly maneuver in whichever direction I may have needed to go. The roar of the crowd was loud, but not quite loud enough to mask the sound of the quarterback screaming, "HIKE" to initiate the snap of the football. I took four quick steps backward as I watched the wide receiver cross in front of me. Using every muscle in my body to propel myself alongside the receiver, I kept a steady eye on the quarterback. His head frantically searched the field as he locked his gaze on the receiver sprinting dangerously close beside me. In a matter of seconds the football was projected out of the quarterback's hand and sent soaring down the middle of the field. Outstretching his arms, the receiver made the impossible catch and secured the football, taking off down the field and left me trailing behind, I had failed.

I dwelled on that play for countless weeks, and for countless weeks it brought my attitude down with it. With all of this negative cloud of energy surrounding me I didn't feel like trying to do anything new, because I feared the same outcome, that I would fail. I let those thoughts control my actions until I stumbled upon the FFA organization. The FFA organization has taught me much more than just great leadership skills, it has taught me that winning isn't always about getting that blue banner at state, or having that grand champion market animal at fair. It has taught me that winning is about learning the skills that I will need to be successful in the future and ultimately at the end of the day when we take off our blue jackets, look at ourselves in the mirror, and tell yourself, "I GAVE IT EVERYTHING I HAD." If you can do that, then you truly are a winner.



After this message became clear to me, my life completely changed for the better. I was the winner that day, because I gave it everything I had. The FFA organization is one giant family, with each and every one of its members supporting each other. With all of my FFA family's support and advice I was able to overcome what I once thought was defeat, and turn it into a great victory.

Oregon FFA, How do you want to win this year at convention? I am ready to give to you everything I have this year, and in turn, it is with my great honor and respect that I announce my candidacy for your 2015-2016 State Officer Team.

Sincerely,

Ricky Molitor

2014-2015 Madras FFA Chapter President
2014-2015 Central Oregon District Reporter

"It's not wanting to win that makes you a winner; it's refusing to fail."

- Peyton Manning

FFA, School, and Community Involvement

Freshman (2011-2012)

FFA

- Greenhand Degree
- Oregon FFA State Convention
- Beginning Soils
- Jefferson County Fair
- Beg. Parliamentary Procedure
- Madras FFA Auction
- Madras FFA Chapter Banquet
- Chapter Creed Speaking
- Leadership Camp
- Community Service Committee
- Ag in the Classroom Committee
- Ag Sales

School

- Varsity Football
- Varsity Track

Other

- Operation Rudolph

Sophomore (2012-2013)

FFA

- Chapter Degree
- Greenhand Ceremony
- Madras FFA Auction Dinner
- Madras FFA Chapter Banquet
- Ag in the Classroom
- Les Schwab Can Food Drive
- Leadership Camp
- Chapter Reporter
- Madras FFA Officer Retreat
- Outstanding FFA Member Award
- Shop Skills
- CDE Days

School

- Varsity Football

Other

- Volunteer Firefighter
- Blood Drive

Junior (2013-2014)

FFA

- State Degree
- Community Service Committee
- Ag in the Classroom Committee
- Madras FFA Officer Retreat
- Oregon State Convention
- Ag in the Classroom
- Madras FFA Auction Dinner
- Madras FFA Chapter Banquet
- Les Schwab Can Food Drive
- Cycle Oregon Fundraiser
- Job Interview
- Ag Sales
- Soils
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Chapter President

School

- Varsity Football
- Varsity Track

Other

- Volunteer Firefighter
- Jefferson County Rookie Firefighter of the Year

Senior (2014-2015)

FFA

- Central Oregon District Reporter
- Madras FFA Chapter President
- Madras FFA Auction Dinner
- Soils
- Community Service Committee

School

- Varsity Football

Other

- Volunteer Firefighter
- Volunteer EMT

