



**Cascade FFA Chapter  
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Dear Oregon FFA,

It was my first; I had the biggest grin on my face when it arrived. It was my first blue corduroy FFA jacket. To some it was just another jacket, to me it was my next four years. For the next four years I would have two other jackets, but none will hold the memory of my first. There is something that all the jackets hold in common; they hold the past, present, and future memories of the FFA.



Each jacket has its own story, it has every memory of all the CDE's, and every SAE you ever raised and showed. They hold the memories of every convention you go to, every new member you meet. The jackets may lose their original color, but the memories within them will last forever. Each jacket builds a leader. The FFA and the blue jacket build leaders for a better tomorrow. The blue jacket gives us opportunities to show the world who we really are. Every year the blue jackets present us a new challenge that with the help and support of the other blue jackets, you will prevail.

Everyone in the FFA wears their jacket with the upmost pride. The blue corduroy jacket changes lives; it changed mine. The blue and gold stays in each member's heart for the rest of their life, and the jacket will hold the memories that you will always remember and love because no matter how old you get the FFA helped make you the person you are today. The blue jacket has pushed me to become a person that other members will look up to, with members that I could look up to as well. Oregon FFA, the blue jacket has given me so much and I feel like my journey in the blue jacket is not over. The blue jacket gave me the drive to dream, my dream is to be a State Officer, and I strive to use the blue jacket and show other members the drive to dream. My name is Roland Middleton and it is my upmost honor to announce my candidacy for the 2014-2015 Oregon FFA State Officer Team.

Sincerely,

Roland Middleton  
Capital District Reporter

#### **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.**