



# Bend FFA Chapter 2755 NE 27<sup>th</sup> Street – Bend, OR 97701

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

- FFA Motto

## Greetings Oregon FFA!

It finally came! Without hesitation, I pulled it out of its package, analyzed every inch of the blue corduroy and tried it on. I beamed with excitement as its fresh creases ran down my sides. I looked down to my right and there was my name, boldly stitched in gold. On my left, a crisp FFA emblem lay over my heart. The back exploded with pride, with my state and chapter highlighting the emblem of the organization that would change my life forever.

I'm sure all of you can remember your first FFA jacket. The sense of pride that you felt the very first time you ever tried it on sticks with you throughout your entire FFA journey. If you're like me, the growth in the FFA that accompanies each degree advancement—from Greenhand to Chapter then State—eventually necessitates the purchase of a new jacket. With every contest you compete in, every animal you show, every State Convention you experience, and every hug from a friend, your jacket begins to show its wear. While the fabric may deteriorate, locked within its stitches are the memories of development, friendship, and success that have become the fabric of your life. These treasures can never be washed out, replaced or forgotten. As each new jacket arrives at your door, you put it on with the same pride and enthusiasm as you did the first time and wonder, "What new adventures, stories and experiences will this one hold?"

We in the FFA take great pride in zipping up our blue and gold jackets knowing that we are the leaders of tomorrow. We can feel the history and dedication of this organization in every fiber of our jackets, along with the constant reminder that we are part of the largest youth organization in the world. This is what fuels our passion for agriculture and what drives us to make a difference in our agricultural and everyday lives.

So Oregon FFA members, I ask you. When you look at your blue and gold jacket what do you see? As my senior year comes to an end and I reflect over my high school career, I would sincerely like to thank the FFA for helping me find the authentic leader that was hidden within me. I would love nothing more than to be able to light that flame of passion inside the hearts and minds of all current and future FFA members across the state, and help them discover the leadership potential that lies within each and all of them. In pursuit of this goal of service, I would like to proudly, and with a great sense of honor and excitement, announce my candidacy for the 2011-2012 Oregon FFA State Officer Team. I could not think of a better way to spend the upcoming year than to share such a fantastic opportunity with the future leaders of our state. Together, we can proudly put on our blue and gold, and discover the new adventures waiting for us ahead.

Sincerely,  
**Ryan Kelly**  
2010-2011 Central Oregon FFA District President  
2010-2011 Bend FFA Chapter Treasurer

*"You may outgrow the jacket, but you will never outgrow the experience."*





# Ryan Kelly

## Bend FFA Chapter Activities

"A man cannot build his reputation off of what he's going to do."

- Henry Ford

### FFA Offices Held

Central Oregon District President	2010-2011
Chapter Treasurer	2010-2011
Chapter Treasurer	2009-2010
Chapter Sentinel	2008-2009

### CDE Involvement

<i>Creed Speaking</i>	2008 - '09
1 <sup>st</sup> Chapter	
1 <sup>st</sup> District	
1 <sup>st</sup> Sectionals	
1 <sup>st</sup> State	
National semi-finalist	

### Other Offices Held

MVHS Student Body President	2010-2011
Sparrow Club President	2010-2011
Be the Change Club President	2011
Interact Club Treasurer	2010-2011

<i>Parliamentary Procedure</i>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Districts	2008
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sectional	2008
2 <sup>nd</sup> Districts	2009
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sectionals	2009

### FFA Instructor/Coordinator

#### *Instructor*

Link Crew	2010-2011
Learning to Lead Workshops - Idea Fair	2011
Livestock Judging Classes - Idea Fair	2010
Time Management Presentation - Officer Retreat	2010
Organization Presentation - Officer Retreat	2009
Food for America Presentation	2009-2010
Farm Tour Presentation	2008-2009

<i>Ag Marketing</i>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> State	2010

<i>Livestock Judging</i>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> State	2010
1 <sup>st</sup> Arizona Nationals	2010
4 <sup>th</sup> Chico Regionals	2010
Overall High Ind. Deschutes Fair	2009
Overall High Ind. Clackamas Fair	2009
4 <sup>th</sup> Denver Nationals	2009
2 <sup>nd</sup> State	2009
Chico Regionals	2009
Chico Regionals	2008

#### *Coordinator*

District Leadership Camp	2010
Pumpkin Patch	2008-2009
Greenhand Week	2008
Greenhand Ceremony	2008
Chapter Degree Ceremony	2009
Chapter Banquet	08,09,10

<i>Shop Skills</i>	
1 <sup>st</sup> District Crop Identification	2010

<i>Floral Arranging</i>	
5 <sup>th</sup> Deschutes County Fair	2010

<i>CDE Days</i>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Livestock Judging	2010
3 <sup>rd</sup> Ag Communications	2010
2 <sup>nd</sup> Livestock Judging	2009
Livestock Judging	2008

### Other FFA Involvement

WLC (Washington Leadership Conference)	2010
National Convention	08 & 10
State Convention	08,09,10
District Leadership Camp	08,09,10
Officer Retreat	08,09,10

### SAE Involvement

<i>Swine Projects</i>	
Market hog/Showmanship	2010
Reserve Champion Market Hog	2009
Deschutes County fair	
Reserve Champion Novice	2008
Showmanship State Fair	

### School & Community Involvement

Board of Directors - Serendipity West Foundation	2010-2011
Board of Directors MVHS Site Council	2010-2011
MVHS Executive Board Member	2010-2011
Volunteer/Fundraising Coordinator	2010-2011
American Red Cross	2010-2011
MVHS Basketball	2008-2010
MVHS Basketball *Captain	2010
Green Club Member	2010-2011
Junior Angus Association	2009-2011
Challenge Day	2010

<i>Beef Project</i>	
Champion Angus Heifer	2009
Deschutes County Fair	
Champion Res. Beef Showman	2009
Deschutes County Fair	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jr Class Breeding Heifer	2009
Oregon State Fair	

### Awards Received

#### *FFA*

Star Chapter Farmer	2010
Outstanding Member	2010
Star Chapter Greenhand	2009

#### *Other*

Greater Bend Rotary Student of the Term	2010
First Ever MVHS Basketball	2009
Brandon Perryman most inspirational award	

### Church Involvement

Men's Bible Study	2010-2011
Youth Group	08,09,10,11
Young Life	08,09,10,11
Take it to the Streets	2010-2011
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	2010-2011