



The National FFA Organization

Dear Oregon FFA,

We were always told that high school was going to be the best four years of our lives. The times where we live in the fast lane with nothing to stop us, that we could dream as big as we want and only the sky was the limit. This was only a dream in the eyes of the precious middle schooler.

Later in time that middle schooler comes into high school and has to readapt to the new environment that they were dropped into. For a tiny freshman by the name of Seth Ettestad, this was the biggest day of his life. This is the start of the dance of life. It was once heard that, life is just a big dance. The first year is learning how to dance and finding your dance partner. He was lucky enough in that first year, to find his dancing partner, the FFA.

In that first dance he practiced long and hard. This dance was called “Creed Speaking.” He stumbled, fell, cried, and stumbled some more but he endured and although not winning, he still danced his heart out.

As the years moved on and the dances became harder, Seth ended up dancing in the largest dance of his life. He began to research and train for Extemporaneous Public Speaking and after moving on from districts to sectionals, he found himself dancing on the stage at state convention at Oregon State University.

So here I am! I have learned how to compete in many different ways from teachers and students all around. I have also built up confidence to learn things that were out of my comfort zone. While thinking about the awkward stick figure that I call my freshman self, I realize I have grown so much as a person both in my leadership abilities and how I compete. As someone once said to me, “The journey between who you once were, and who you are now becoming, is where the dance of life really takes place.”

So with this, my biggest dance yet, I am announcing my candidacy for the 2017- 2018 State Officer Team. I cannot imagine a better way to spend the year than by teaching others as well as myself about the dance of life that we call Oregon FFA.

Sincerely,

Seth Ettestad
2016-17 District Treasurer
2016-17 Chapter Secretary



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.

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