



# SHERWOOD FFA CHAPTER

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Dear Oregon FFA,

Take a glance back at the first step we all take; heading into preschool. The nerves of not knowing what will become of us; it is where we start our lives. Taking these steps defines us as who we are. When you walk into a room of your first CDE, with four judges and your nerves intensify as you begin that six minute speech. When your words become mixed and you hear called out, "Point of order!" Entering your very first FFA chapter meeting as a new member. We have all been there when the butterflies roam intensely in the deepest part of our stomachs.

These experiences, my experiences, have given me the opportunity to take a step back and relish on the moments that have created who I am. Although in the moment, these countless occurrences bring the feeling of defeat, we must look approach it like an opportunity. I look at what I have learned and notice that not only have I overcome fears and obstacles, but by giving myself the opportunity for failure, I allow myself to learn from every circumstance and become greatly successful.

By taking the initiative to succeed, allowing ourselves the opportunity for failure, and facing our fears when circumstances are beyond our control; we are taught that we cannot better ourselves without taking the chance of imminent defeat. I challenge you to find purpose in your shortcomings and victory in little successes along the way. It is with great enthusiasm and dedication that I announce my candidacy for a position on the 2014-2015 Oregon FFA State Officer team!

Sincerely,

Trinity Shodin  
Sherwood FFA President  
Northwest District President

*"Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly."  
-Robert F. Kennedy*

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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.