

NORTH CLACKAMAS FFA

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Dear Oregon FFA,

Looking back at my freshman year in high school, I remember the kind of person I used to be. Like all freshman in their first year AG class, I was green and bashful. Thankfully, having influential parents and advisors, by the end of my freshman year they helped transform me into a capable junior officer. I have been blessed with many significant leaders within my chapter and district that have had an influence in every aspect of who I am. Their role in my life and the FFA allowed me to achieve premier leadership, personal growth and career success throughout high school; which is the mission of every FFA member.

It was the beginning of my senior year on a Saturday night when I found myself at the Molalla FFA alumni banquet. I walked into Molalla high school having only two things on my mind: the dinner and the dessert. Little did I know that night would mean much more than a piece of cake. Within ten minutes I was at a table with a family friend that had already had a huge influence on my life. As we were reaching for dessert, the conversation changed with one question, "Zach, are you planning on running for state office?" I stopped, put my cake down and really thought about it. It really hit me hard, and that was when I realized how much I truly love the FFA, and how I have a passion to serve the FFA. The conversation had that night will be forever engraved in my mind. That question was my realization that I don't just want to leave the FFA being influenced; I want to leave the FFA influencing others in the FFA. When he asked me that question about state office, that was the realization of how much I want to serve Oregon FFA, so I proudly answered "yes".

Going into final stretch before convention; I'm well aware that I may not get elected. But it's a risk I'm more than willing to take because of the love I have for the FFA. For everything that the FFA has given and provided me with, I want to give back by leading within my chapter, my district, and my state. I want to be an influence in your lives just like you've influenced me. Oregon FFA, thank you for everything that you have blessed me with in the past four years of my life; I am truly thankful.

Respectfully,

Zach Wetzler

North Clackamas FFA President Mt. Hood District FFA Treasurer



Freshman 2010-2011

Sophmore 2011-2012

Junior 2012-2013

Senior 2013-2014

FFA

Greenhand Degree **Outstanding Greenhand** State Livestock Judging Clackamas Country Fair Oregon State fair Sheep Showmanship District leadership camp Chapter plant sale **Oregon State Convention National Convention** Parliamentary Procedure **District Convention Beginning Portfolio Chapter Banquet** Canned food drive State Poultry Judging Sheep Proficiency Greenhand night Greenhand skills night Showmanship Clinic Chair Sectionals **Sheep Production** Kindergarten tours

Other

Clackamas Young Life 4-H Clackamas Wresting Young Life camp

FFA

Greenhand night Chapter degree Clackamas county fair Oregon State fair Oregon State convention **National Convention** State Poultry judging National Poultry judging District convention Soil judging (3rd high) District Ag sales District leadership camp District Job Interview **Sheep Proficiency Livestock Judging Beginning Portfolio** Chapter Plant sales Alumni Christmas tree sales Holiday Fair **Chapter Banquet Banquet Committee** Showmanship Clinic Sheep Showmanship Animal club chair Jr Chapter Officer Sheep production Kindergarten tours Adopt a road clean up

Other

Clackamas Young Life 4-H Clackamas Wrestling Young Life camp

FFA

Chapter Reporter District Ag sales Ag Issues Oregon State fair Clackamas county fair Sheep showmanship National convention District convention State Poultry judging Sheep proficiency District Leadership camp Showmanship clinic Canned food drives Alumni plant sales Chapter banquet Executive committee State convention Leadership day Alumni tree sales Officer retreat District Leadership camp **Outstanding Junior** Star in Agribusiness Flock and fiber food service Sheep production Kindergarten tours Alumni presentation Soil judging (3rd high) Adopt a road clean up State FFA degree

Other

Clackamas Young life Waverley Country club

FFA

Chapter President District Treasurer Ag sales (6th high) National convention District convention District leadership camp Showmanship clinic Animal club chair Canned food drives Kindergarten tours Holiday fair Holiday bazaar State executive meeting Alumni presentation **Oregon State convention** Soil judging (3rd high) Adopt a road clean up Chapter banquet Interview committee Greenhand night Greenhand skills night Ag Issues NW Ag show Officer retreat Oregon farm bureau dinne

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