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"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!" This little nursery tune I grew up singing for as long as I can remember. Although, my idea of the song has changed as I've grown up. I remember the shift from it being just a song to representing more in my faith and as I got into high school, I understood a much deeper meaning. High school is a fairly dark time, the idea was to keep shining throughout it, during my five years in FFA I practiced time and time again how to keep shining my light as I went through life's biggest struggles. We all experience our own darkness, but what keeps us all going is our own light and the light of others around us, sometimes sharing their flame to keep us going.



I started college in September last year, moving to a new city, beginning a new school and chapter of my life I wasn't sure if I was ready for. During the first couple months of college I met new people, made *extraordinary* memories and attended classes for my future career that I adored. As glamorous as it all was, I was struggling. In November 2021 I was in a major rollover car accident which caused me to withdrawal from college and return home to heal. I felt down and in the darkness, I felt as if I had no purpose and getting out of bed each day became a challenge. I relied on the light of my friends and family to keep me going and it was then I realized the true importance of shining your light. Its not always for your own benefit but for the benefit of others. I'm not sure where I would be today if not for my friends and family getting me through those tough days. If they hadn't shined their light for me, I wouldn't have been able to reignite mine.

Oregon FFA, at times we might feel as if our light has faded and we're living in darkness, but remember you are not alone, let the rest of us shine for you and reignite your flame again. As leaders, aim to lead with enough light that it shines upon your people rather than yourself. My dream is to shine with you this coming year, starting with proudly announcing my candidacy for the 2022-2023 Oregon FFA State Officer Team!

Most Sincerely,

Katie Gentry
Dayton FFA Chapter Secretary 2020-21



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Freshman Year 2017-2018

*Degree Held: Greenhand
Office Held: Chapter
Reporter*

District Beginning Soils
Dayton FFA Annual Chapter
Pancake Breakfast
District Crops Judging
Dayton FFA Annual Chapter
Toy Show
District Knowledge
State Knowledge
District Beginning Crops
Greenhand Dessert
Alumni Auction
National FFA Week
Staff Appreciation Lunch
District Convention
State Convention
District Volleyball
Chapter Awards Dessert
Swine Exhibitor, Yamhill
County Fair
2017 Oregon State Fair
90th National FFA Convention
Beginning Ag Sales
Districts Beginning Parli Pro
Sectional Beginning Parli Pro
State Beginning Parli Pro
National Conduct of Chapter
Meeting
Citizenship Award, Yamhill
County Fair
Other:
Honor Roll
National Honors Society
Master Gardeners Sale
Greenhouse Sales
Easter Egg Hunt
School Canned Food Drive

Sophomore Year 2018-2019

*Degree Held: Chapter
Office Held: Chapter Vice
President*

District Advanced Soils
Leadership Camp
Agstravaganza
Chapter Pancake Breakfast
Staff Appreciation Lunch
Junior High Assembly
Christmas Wreath Sales
Chapter Peach Sales
District Advanced Parli Pro
District Convention
State Convention Delegate
State Nursery Landscape
State Agronomy
Swine Exhibitor, Yamhill
County Fair
Reserve Beginning FFA Swine
Showman, Oregon State Fair
Food For All Ambassador
91st National FFA Convention
& Expo
Sectional Advanced Parli Pro
State Advanced Parli Pro
National Parli Pro
Other:
Honor Roll
National Honors Society
WYSE Delegate
Food For All
Master Gardeners Plant Sale
Greenhouse Sales
Easter Egg Hunt

Junior Year 2019-2020

*Degree Held: State
Office Held: Chapter
Reporter*

District Advanced Soils
Leadership Camp
Advanced Ag Sales
State Ag Sales
Chapter Pancake Breakfast
Agstravaganza
Staff Appreciation Lunch
Junior High Assembly
Christmas Wreath Sales
State Convention Delegate
State Nursery Landscape
State Agronomy
Swine Exhibitor, Yamhill
County Fair
Citizenship Award, Yamhill
County Fair
Food For All Ambassador
92nd National FFA Convention
& Expo
Other:
Honor Roll
National Honors Society
School Canned Food Drive
Food For All
Dayton Nature Trail Clean Up
National FFA Day of Service
Master Gardeners Plant Sale
Greenhouse Sales
Prom Committee
Easter Egg Hunt
Yamhill County Jackpot Show

Senior Year 2020-2021

*Degree Held: State
Office Held: Chapter
Secretary*

State Advanced Soils
Christmas Wreath Sales
State Marketing Plan
National Marketing Plan
District Advanced Public
Speaking
Chapter Firewood Sales
District Nursery State
Nursery District Agronomy
State Agronomy
Swine Exhibitor, Yamhill
County Fair
Oregon State Fair
Other:
Honor Roll
National Honors Society
Food For All
Dayton Nature Trail Clean
Up
Master Gardeners Plant
Sale
Greenhouse Sales
Prom Committee
Yamhill County Jackpot
Show