



## Lost River FFA Chapter

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Oregon FFA,

What adjective would your friends, teammates, and family members use to describe you? Would it be kind, funny, spontaneous, loving? Maybe all of the above, but we all have one word specific to us that perfectly encapsulates all that we are. My adjective is loud, and I am proud of it.

Now I don't mean loud in a disruptive way, though sometimes I get a little excited, and noise follows. I mean loud in my confidence and beliefs. Loud enough to speak when it's time to speak up and understand when it's time to listen. Loud enough to understand where my confidence comes from. But I wasn't always loud; there was a time not too long ago when I was so much quieter. I didn't know what confidence felt like and I wasn't firm in my beliefs.

Thankfully, those around me taught me the value of using my voice and handed me a microphone when it was time to be loud. I learned the importance of understanding agricultural issues in my community, then I found a passion for advocating for my community by speaking loudly into a microphone. Learning to be loud is the most valuable skill I've ever developed, and it's one I hope to help others learn.

Maybe your "loud" is showing livestock, and the show ring is your microphone. Or perhaps you're loud by volunteering in your community, and serving is when you're most amplified. Maybe you're not sure what being loud is yet, and that's okay too.

Oregon FFA members, I see your potential. I know you can be loud. And this year, I want you all to be the loudest you've ever been. Be so loud that your confidence shakes the room, and your voice can be heard from the rafters. Let your blue jacket be your microphone, and listen as your voice becomes louder.

It is with a loud deal of excitement that I announce my candidacy for your 2023-2024 State Officer Team. I can't wait to hear, and see how you choose to be loud.

Enthusiastically,

Alicia J. Venegas  
2022-2023 Lost River Chapter President  
2022-2023 Southern Oregon District President



***"Spread your voice to inspire  
and teach others to use  
theirs."***

**—Kailee Macy, Culver FFA**

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

<b>Freshman</b> 2019-2020	<b>Sophomore</b> 2020-2021	<b>Junior</b> 2021-2022	<b>Senior</b> 2022-2023
<p><b>Degree &amp; Office Held:</b> Greenhand, Greenhand President</p> <p><b>Activities &amp; Awards:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Market Lamb SAE</li> <li>- Drive-Thru Dinners</li> <li>- Monthly Chapter Meetings</li> <li>- Working in Chapter Land Lab</li> <li>- SO Greenhand Conference</li> <li>- Elementary Ag Field Day</li> <li>- District &amp; State Agricultural Sales</li> <li>- Soroptimist Bazaar Community Service</li> <li>- SO Proficiency Night &amp; District Officer Elections</li> <li>- Klamath County Farm Expo</li> <li>- National FFA Week</li> <li>- District Virtual State Floriculture</li> <li>- Klamath County Livestock Fair &amp; Exhibits</li> </ul> <p><b>Other:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FBLA</li> <li>- Robotics</li> <li>- Leo's Club</li> <li>- Volleyball</li> <li>- Softball</li> <li>- Honor Roll</li> <li>- Making &amp; Delivering Food boxes to local families (Covid Relief)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Degree &amp; Office Held:</b> Chapter, Chapter Secretary/District Sentinel</p> <p><b>Activities &amp; Awards:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Market Lamb SAE</li> <li>- Potato Festival Dinner volunteer</li> <li>- Working in Chapter Land Lab</li> <li>- Monthly Chapter Meetings</li> <li>- Drive-Thru Dinners</li> <li>- Potato Festival Parade Float</li> <li>- District &amp; Sectionals Sophomore Prepared Public Speaking</li> <li>- Virtual District Agricultural Sales</li> <li>- SO District Officer Elections</li> <li>- District Parliamentary Procedures</li> <li>- Klamath County Farm Expo</li> <li>- National FFA Week</li> <li>- Klamath County Livestock Fair &amp; Exhibits</li> <li>- District Floriculture</li> <li>- District Soils</li> <li>- Malin Community Service Club Fundraiser</li> </ul> <p><b>Other:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FBLA</li> <li>- Robotics</li> <li>- Leo's Club</li> <li>- Volleyball</li> <li>- Softball</li> <li>- Honor Roll</li> <li>- National Honor Society</li> </ul>	<p><b>Degree &amp; Office Held:</b> State, Chapter Vice-President/District President</p> <p><b>Activities &amp; Awards:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Market Lamb SAE</li> <li>- Breeding Ewe SAE</li> <li>- Dairy Production SAE</li> <li>- Working in Chapter Land Lab</li> <li>- Lions Club Potato Festival Dinner</li> <li>- Drive-Thru Dinners</li> <li>- SO Greenhand Conference</li> <li>- Monthly Chapter Meetings</li> <li>- District Soils Judging</li> <li>- Potato Festival Parade Float</li> <li>- District Agricultural Sales</li> <li>- SO Proficiency Night &amp; District Officer Election</li> <li>- District Adv. Prepared Public Speaking, 1<sup>st</sup> Place</li> <li>- District Extemporaneous Public Speaking, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place</li> <li>- Sectionals Adv. Prepared Public Speaking, 1<sup>st</sup> Place</li> <li>- State Adv. Prepared Public Speaking, 4<sup>th</sup> Place</li> <li>- National FFA Week</li> <li>- State Convention</li> <li>- Farm Expo</li> <li>- Lost River Plant Sale</li> </ul> <p><b>Other:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Volleyball</li> <li>- Softball</li> <li>- Honor Roll</li> <li>- National Honor Society</li> <li>- FBLA</li> </ul>	<p><b>Degree &amp; Office Held:</b> State, Chapter President/District President</p> <p><b>Activities &amp; Awards:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Market Lamb SAE</li> <li>- Breeding Ewe SAE</li> <li>- Dairy Production SAE</li> <li>- Drive-Thru Dinners</li> <li>- SO Greenhand Conference</li> <li>- Monthly Chapter Meetings</li> <li>- District Agricultural Sales</li> <li>- State Agricultural Sales</li> <li>- Skyline Brewery Dinner</li> <li>- National FFA Convention</li> <li>- Working in Chapter Land Lab</li> <li>- Elementary Ag Field Day</li> </ul> <p><b>Other:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Volleyball</li> <li>- Softball</li> <li>- Honor Roll</li> <li>- National Honor Society</li> <li>- FBLA</li> <li>- Worked as Certified Deep-End lifeguard and swimming instructor</li> <li>- CPR Certification</li> <li>- 2022 Klamath Basin Potato Festival Queens Court</li> <li>- 2022 Klamath Basin Potato Festival Queen</li> </ul>