



# CULVER FFA CHAPTER

“Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve”  
- FFA Motto

Greetings Oregon FFA!

The year is 2030 and I am 29 years old. I've traveled the world, I have a rewarding career, and I am tending to my herd of alpacas. I am living the life I have always wanted. As I stop for a moment and analyze my life, I cannot help but reflect on the opportunities I took to get me to where I am today. As I look back, it's easy to think of things like my family, and education. Yet my experience in FFA is what I believe to be the most influential in my success that I am having in the year 2030.

As I think of all the adventures that I had, I cannot help but think of the time I sat in the small, musty room awaiting my first ever extemporaneous public speech topic. Another memorable moment was traveling to the National FFA Convention where we visited many places. Yet one stop that definitely defined my future was taking a campus tour of the University of Kentucky where I would later pursue my degree in agritourism. I still remember as we were leaving the university Mr. Burbank (my advisor) saying “Imagine if any of you actually liked it and came here. Your parents would kill me.” And rightfully so my mom still has it out for Mr. Burbank today.



Although the fun and exciting experiences come to my mind first, I cannot discredit the difficult and emotional ones as well. Every successful person has had a “tough” moment, yet they never let that define them or discourage them from pursuing what they wanted to accomplish. Having the perseverance to bounce back from difficult times to better myself has allowed me to be as successful as I am.

While these FFA memories are only my own, every member within the FFA is able to create memories of their own. What opportunities are you going to take to better your future? Are you going to go to National Convention and visit a college campus? Will you agree to a CDE that may be out of your comfort zone? Are you going to get back up after a hard moment and pursue your goals? In this short time, challenge yourself to take chances and make amazing memories, and better yourself now to prepare for the next 11 years.

The year is 2019, I want to make the time I have left in the FFA as impactful as possible. It would be an honor to inspire members to make memories, take risks, indulge in experiences, and become the person they want to be in 2030. It is with immense excitement and pride that I announce my candidacy for the 2019-2020 Oregon State Officer Team!

Sincerely,

Avery Oppenlander  
Culver FFA Chapter President  
Central Oregon District President

“THE BEST WAY TO  
PREDICT YOUR FUTURE IS  
TO CREATE IT.”  
- Abraham Lincoln

# FFA & OTHER ACTIVITIES

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## Senior \* 2018 – 2019 \* State Degree

- Chapter President
- District President
- Job Interview (District)
- Ag Sales (District)
- Extemporaneous Public speaking (District/Sectionals)
- Donkey Basketball Fundraiser
- Officer Retreat
- District Convention
- Oregon FFA Convention
- State Executive Meeting
- Culver Banquet
- Jefferson County Fair

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## Junior \* 2017 – 2018 \*

- Chapter President
- District Reporter/President
- Shop Skills - Floral Design
- FFA Plant sale
- Rituals (District)
- Leadership Camp
- Oregon FFA Convention
- Chapter Banquet
- Officer Retreat
- Jefferson County Fair
- Ag Sales (District)
- Extemporaneous Public speaking (District/Sectionals/State)
- Job Interview (District)
- Oregon District Officer Training
- FFA 8th Grade Seminar
- National Convention
- Books Judging (District)
- Washington Leadership Conference

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## Sophomore \* 2016 – 2017 \* Chapter Degree

- Chapter Vice President
- District Reporter
- Parliamentary Procedure (District)
- FFA Plant sale
- Rituals (District)
- Outstanding Vice President
- Leadership Camp
- Oregon FFA Convention
- Chapter Banquet
- Officer Retreat
- Ag Tour
- Jefferson County Fair
- Ag Sales (District)
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking (District/Sectionals)
- State Executive Meeting
- WLC Scholarship Committee

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## Freshman \* 2015 – 2016 \* Greenhand Degree

- Chapter Secretary
- Rituals (District)
- Outstanding Secretary
- FFA Blood Drive
- Shop Skills - Floral Design
- Beg. Parliamentary Procedure (District)
- Beg. Ag Sales (District)
- Creed (District)
- Market Lamb
- Chapter Banquet
- Greenhouse
- FFA Plant sale
- Leadership Camp
- Oregon FFA Convention
- Oregon Ag Tour
- WLC Scholarship Committee

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## 8th Grade \* 2014 – 2015 \* Discovery Degree

- Discovery Officer Team President
- State officer introduction (Ian Oppenlander)
- Valentine's Day fundraiser
- Discovery Creed
- Oregon FFA Convention
- Breeding Ewe Project
- Jefferson County Fair
- Discovery Carpentry
- Discovery Floral Design

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## Other Activities and Awards

- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Track and Field
- College and Career Club
- Yearbook
- Young life
- Wyld life
- Marching & Jazz Band
- Culver High News Team
- 4-H
- Spanish Club
- Global Leadership Adventures
- Student Council
- Student Executive Council
- Assembly Committee / Announcer
- Most Improved JV Basketball Player
- JV Volleyball Captain