



Nyssa FFA Chapter
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Members of the Oregon FFA Association,

I mumbled and groaned as my mother signed the papers setting my schedule for my first year of high school. An Ag class? Why? I did not want to take that. That was for nerdy farm kids, and I was NOT going to be one of those. True, I lived and worked on a farm, and my parents grew up on a dairy and a feedlot, but I just wanted to work there as a kid, go to college, and move away from the agriculture industry. Boy was that the wrong mindset to be in. Agriculture and FFA both have been such enormous influences in my life, and I highly doubt I would be the person I am today without them.



There is nothing in my life that means more to me than the future. Not just my own, but that of others, our state, and of our country. FFA is a means for me to build all of those futures, while making a difference in my community, as well as my state. I would be thrilled with even greater opportunity to educate others, giving them futures as doctors, farmers, scientists, lawyers, teachers, and anything else they want to be. These are the future of our towns, states, and country. These will be the ones leading us, and I hope to be able to boost them up to give them a view over the edge to see all that they can and should become.

I know that FFA has made a difference in my life, and it can make a difference in the lives of others too. Wearing the Blue Jacket is an honor, and a chance for growth as an individual and as a nationwide organization. Whether it be the conventions, the CDE's, the SAE's, or the workshops, fun and learning go hand in hand for all things blue and gold. The qualities of leadership that all FFA members should possess are needed more and more all the time, and no other organization provides the power and state of mind that FFA can. It will be the greatest privilege of my life to serve an organization of this scope. That is why I am excited to announce my 2017-2018 Oregon State Officer candidacy!

Something that my time in FFA has taught me is that at times, you don't want to do it, whatever *it* may be. But more often than not, things like this pay off, and elevate you to be the greatest you can be. I can't wait to elevate others, like all of you have elevated me. Oregon FFA, let's make the 2017 Oregon State FFA Convention the best convention yet!

Sincerely,

Boston Payne
Nyssa FFA Chapter Vice President
Snake River FFA District Treasurer
2016-2017



9th Grade (2013-14)	10th Grade (2014-15)	11th Grade (2015-16)	12th Grade (2016-17)
Athletics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wrestling -Varsity -5th in District ● Golf -Varsity 3rd Slot 	Athletics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Golf -Varsity 2nd Slot 	Athletics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Golf -Varsity 1st Slot ● Baseball Coach -Coached 11-12 Y.O. Baseball 	Athletics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Golf -Varsity 1st Slot
CDE's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beg. Parli Pro ● Creed Speaking ● Beginning Public Speaking ● Dairy Judging 	CDE's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adv. Parli Pro ● Farm Business Management ● Sophomore Public Speaking ● Dairy Judging ● Soils Evaluation 	CDE's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adv. Parli Pro ● Advanced Public Speaking ● Extemporaneous Public Speaking ● Proficiency ● Dairy Judging ● Farm Business Management 	CDE's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adv.Parli Pro ● Extemporaneous Public Speaking ● Advanced Public Speaking ● Dairy Judging
FFA Leadership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beginning Leadership Training ● District Competition ● Sectional Competition ● State Convention ● County Fair 	FFA Leadership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beginning Leadership Training ● District Competition ● Sectional Competition ● State Convention ● County Fair 	FFA Leadership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beginning Leadership Training ● District Leadership Camp ● District Competition ● Sectional Competition ● State Convention ● County Fair ● National Convention 	FFA Leadership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beginning Leadership Training ● Greenhand Leadership Training ● District Leadership Camp ● District Competition ● Sectional Competition ● State Convention ● County Fair ● State Exec
Other FFA Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Banquet Committee ● Plant Sales 	Other FFA Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Banquet Committee ● Plant Sales 	Other FFA Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Banquet Committee ● Chapter Swing Dance ● Chapter Movie ● Officer Movie ● Plant Sales 	Other FFA Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Banquet Committee ● Officer Dinner ● State Officer Activities ● Chapter Swing Dance ● Officer Movie ● Plant Sales

