

Elkton FFA Chapter

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Hello Oregon FFA!

For as long as I can remember, I have been playing sports. From little league to year-round high school teams, it has always been a huge part of my life. Like most, I can confidently say I have experienced endless lessons throughout my time as an athlete. I've learned to take risks and cheer others on, but the one I value most of all is a lesson I was taught by a girl named Meah during my senior volleyball season.

Meah had never played volleyball before and I had immediate respect for her choosing to play a brand new sport at the intimidating high school level. But what truly impressed me was the mindset that Meah had. Meah showed up to every single practice and game with an open mind and determination to get better. She constantly cheered on her teammates, and improved each and every day. Because Meah decided to risk boldly and try something new, she was able to find a sport she loved, strengthen friendships with her teammates, and grow her self-confidence.



In life we are given countless chances to take the road less traveled and become better versions of ourselves. Yet, for most of us it is easier to pass up on these moments and to stick to what is comfortable. We convince ourselves that we might not have what it takes to tackle new opportunities. But what if we changed our perspective on taking risks? When we are willing to become beginners again and step out of our comfort zones, we find personal growth. With confidence in ourselves and supporters in our lives, the fear of failure can fade away.

Throughout our time as FFA members, we are constantly presented with new paths to explore. This can range from competing in CDE's, running for offices, taking on new community service projects, and so much more. It can be scary to try something unfamiliar, but sometimes all we need is a little faith in ourselves and cheerleaders to help push us through. I hope to be a cheerleader in the lives of members as I announce my candidacy for the Oregon FFA State Officer Team. As we travel to the 95th Oregon FFA State Convention, let's take on this new opportunity together with a perspective that doesn't see the fear of failure, and cheer each other on along the way.

With much excitement,

Camille Peters

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Elkton FFA Chapter President
Umpqua FFA District President

“Never let the fear of striking out stop you from playing the game.” - Babe Ruth

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

**Freshman Year
(2019-2020)**

**Office Held: Greenhand
Secretary
Degree Held: Greenhand**

- All Chapter Meetings
- 2019 Umpqua District Leadership Camp
- DLC Speaking Introductions
- Greenhand Conference
- District Soils
- District Beg. Rituals
- District Vet Science
- State Vet Science
- District Knowledge Quiz
- State Officer Visit
- District Beginning Public Speaking
- District Floriculture
- State Floriculture
- Market Swine SAE
- Chapter Highway Cleanup

Other Chapter Activities:

- Alumni Dinner and Auction
- Chapter Thanksgiving Dinner
- 10th Annual Elkton FFA Banquet

Committees:

- Community Service Committee

Other Events:

- Varsity Volleyball
- Class of '23 Secretary
- UNIFIED Basketball
- Saturday Basketball Coach
- Varsity Girls Basketball
- Knowledge Bowl
- Varsity Softball
- Prom Committee

**Sophomore Year
(2020-2021)**

**Offices Held: Chapter
Secretary
Degree Held: Chapter**

- All Chapter Meetings
- District Soils
- District Ag Sales
- 2020 Umpqua District Leadership Camp
- District Rituals
- State Officer Visit
- Sophomore Public Speaking
- District Floriculture
- District Vet Science
- 2021 Oregon FFA State Convention
- Market Swine SAE
- State Floriculture
- District Forestry
- State Soils
- State Forestry
- Living to Serve Conference
- Oregon District Officer Training

Other Chapter Activities:

- Highway Cleanup
- Officer Retreat
- 11th Annual Elkton FFA Banquet

Committees:

- Community Service Committee
- Banquet Committee

Other Events:

- Knowledge Bowl
- Varsity Volleyball
- Varsity Girls Basketball
- Saturday Basketball Coach
- Student Council
- Varsity Softball
- Prom Committee

**Junior Year
(2021-2022)**

**Offices Held: Chapter
Vice President; Umpqua
District President
Degree Held: State**

- All Chapter Meetings
- 2021 District Livestock Judging
- 2021 District Leadership Camp
- District Soils
- 94th Annual National FFA Convention
- National Floriculture
- District Ag Sales
- District Rituals
- State Ag Sales
- District Extemporaneous Speaking
- Sectional Extemporaneous Speaking
- District Co-op Quiz
- 2022 Oregon FFA State Convention
- Market Swine SAE
- District Forestry
- State Forestry
- Oregon District Officer Training
- State Exec Meetings
- Washington Leadership Conference

Other Chapter Activities:

- 2021 DCF FFA Way
- Officer Retreat
- Chapter Greenhand Barbeque
- Chapter Thanksgiving Dinner
- State Officer Visit
- 12th Annual Elkton FFA Banquet

Committees:

- Banquet Committee
- Community Service Committee

Other Events:

- ASB President
- Varsity Volleyball
- Varsity Girls Basketball
- Varsity Softball

**Senior Year
(2022-2023)**

**Offices Held: Chapter
President; Umpqua
District President
Degree Held: State**

- All Chapter Meetings
- 2022 District Livestock Judging
- District Soils
- State Soils
- District Ag. Sales
- District Rituals
- State Ag. Sales

Other Chapter Activities:

- 2022 Douglas County Fair FFA Way
- Officer Retreat
- Welcome Back BBQ
- Alumni Dinner and Auction
- Christmas Craft Fair Booth

Committees:

- Community Service Committee
- Banquet Committee

Other Events:

- ASB Vice President
- Class of '23 Secretary
- Varsity Volleyball
- Knowledge Bowl
- Varsity Girls Basketball
- Prom Committee