

# Central FFA Chapter

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Greetings Oregon FFA,



In high school there are so many different groups, cliques, and places to belong. when I started high school I had no idea where I belonged. Little did I know, on my first day in my Intro to Agriculture class I would find out where in high school I belonged. I had always looked up to the members of my school's FFA chapter, they looked so cool in their blue jackets at the Polk County Fair and showed their animals well.

I was so nervous about my first CDE practice. I was worried I would be an outsider or not fit in with the group because I had never really met them before. I was so shocked when they invited me right in and were so welcoming. They gave me a place to belong in school and my fellow Central FFA chapter members became like a second family to me. Once I got involved and started serving as an officer I knew that I wanted to continue the legacy of FFA being for *everyone*.

I believe is the greatest student-led organization in the entire country, for a few important reasons:

- FFA is inclusive of all people no matter who they are, it is not limited to one group of people it is for everyone!
- FFA is diverse, just like agriculture: its members span across all 50 states and U.S. territories and range in various backgrounds.
- FFA is an organization that is for everyone and stands by that. Once you put on a blue jacket you gain a second family for life.
- FFA is where I created my best friends and made my favorite memories.
- FFA is the place where I challenged myself and grew out of my shell.
- FFA is the organization that became where I belonged in high school. I am forever thankful for the opportunity to be a part of this amazing organization!



I love being in my blue corduroy and am passionate about serving this great organization alongside all of you Oregon FFA members. I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for the 2023-2024 Oregon FFA State Officer Team and hope to continue encouraging others to put on their own blue jackets for the first time. This blue jacket is for everyone, and I can't wait to see everyone in theirs at the Oregon FFA State Convention!

Sincerely,

*“Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence and making sure that impact lasts in your absence .”*  
- Sheryl Sanberg

Cassandra Ainsworth



Freshman 2019-2020	Sophomore 2020-2021	Junior 2021-2022	Senior 2022-2023
Greenhand Degree	Chapter Degree	State Degree	
<p><b>FFA:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parli Pro Districts</li> <li>FBM/ COOP 6th place districts</li> <li>Food For All</li> <li>Polk County Fair</li> </ul> <p><b>SAE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swine SAE</li> </ul> <p><b>School:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intro to Ag</li> <li>AP and Honor Student</li> <li>Academic All Star</li> <li>Varsity Soccer</li> <li>Freshman Basketball</li> </ul> <p><b>Other:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Group</li> <li>Tournament Softball</li> </ul>	<p><b>FFA:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sophomore Prepared Public Speaking 2nd place districts</li> <li>Sophomore Prepared Public Speaking Sectionals 3rd place</li> <li>Virtual Veterinary Sciences District</li> <li>Central FFA Sentinel</li> <li>Super Bowl Drive Thru BBQ</li> <li>Beginning Ag Sales 2nd at Districts</li> <li>Monthly Virtual Meetings</li> <li>Officer Retreat</li> <li>Virtual District Leadership Camp</li> <li>Banquet</li> <li>Polk County Fair</li> <li>Virtual State Convention</li> <li>Blue and Gold Award</li> </ul> <p><b>SAE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greenhouse SAE</li> <li>Swine SAE</li> </ul> <p><b>School:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AP and Honor Student</li> <li>Academic All-Stars</li> <li>Advanced Ag Leadership</li> <li>Varsity Soccer</li> <li>JV Basketball</li> <li>Varsity Softball</li> </ul> <p><b>Other:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Babysitting</li> <li>Youth Group</li> <li>Tournament Softball</li> </ul>	<p><b>FFA:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Central FFA Vice President</li> <li>Lower Willamette District Leadership Camp</li> <li>District rituals- 1st place</li> <li>Outstanding Vice President Award</li> <li>State Convention</li> <li>State Convention Delegate</li> <li>Polk County Fair</li> <li>State Floriculture CDE</li> <li>District Floriculture</li> <li>Prepared Public Speaking</li> <li>Chapter sheep shearing</li> <li>Central FFA Plant Sale</li> <li>3 catering fundraisers</li> <li>FFA Field Day</li> <li>Road Clean-Up</li> <li>Food For All</li> <li>Central FFA Banquet</li> <li>Drive Through BBQ Fundraiser</li> <li>Blue and Gold Award</li> <li>Outstanding Junior Award</li> <li>Ag in the Classroom</li> <li>FFA Alumni Auction</li> <li>District Officer Training</li> <li>National Convention Committee and Chair</li> <li>District Convention</li> <li>State Fair Work Crew</li> <li>Polk County Fair</li> <li>Blue and Gold Award</li> <li>Outstanding Junior Award</li> </ul> <p><b>SAE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greenhouse SAE</li> <li>Ag Internship SAE</li> <li>Swine SAE</li> </ul> <p><b>School:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AP and Honor Student</li> <li>Academic All Star</li> <li>Varsity Soccer</li> <li>Varsity Softball</li> </ul> <p><b>Other:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panther Club Auction</li> <li>Youth Group</li> <li>Tournament Softball</li> <li>Babysitting</li> </ul>	<p><b>FFA:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Central FFA President</li> <li>Lower Willamette District Vice President</li> <li>District Rituals- Second Place</li> <li>District Agriculture Sales CDE</li> <li>District Job Interview LDE</li> <li>District Parliamentary Procedure</li> <li>District Extemporaneous Speaking</li> <li>District Soils CDE-4th</li> <li>Lower Willamette District Leadership Camp</li> <li>National Convention</li> <li>FFA Week Committee</li> <li>Central FFA Officer Retreat</li> <li>Welcome Back BBQ</li> <li>Pumpkin Arrangements Community Class</li> <li>Road Clean-Up</li> <li>Central FFA Alumni Auction</li> <li>Ag in the Classroom</li> <li>District Floriculture CDE</li> <li>Food For All</li> <li>Alumni Auction</li> <li>Banquet</li> <li>District Convention</li> <li>State Convention</li> <li>Polk County Fair</li> <li>State Fair Work Crew</li> </ul> <p><b>SAE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Market Lamb SAE</li> </ul> <p><b>School:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Link Crew</li> <li>AP and Honors Student</li> <li>Academic All-Stars</li> <li>National Honor Society</li> <li>Varsity Soccer</li> <li>Varsity Soccer Captain</li> </ul> <p><b>Other:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panther Club Auction</li> <li>Independence Kayak Rentals</li> <li>AWANAS Leader</li> </ul>