



# Union FFA Chapter

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Members and Advisors of Oregon FFA,

I was in 7th grade when my parents told my little brother and I that we would be moving to the other side of the state. What I really heard was that my parents didn't care about my "popularity" in my big school, my friends, and the dream I thought I had of becoming a famous actress.

Fast forward to the next summer, my family and I were settled into our new house, and we were preparing for this new school. All I could think about was that this school was ten times smaller than my old school. I was so nervous for my first day, it was a brand new start for me. Back at my old school, I was often told by others that I talked way too much. I was scared of being judged again, so I came up with a plan to not talk at all, at least on the first day.



The first day of 8th grade finally rolled around after a long, boring, and lonely summer. I had on my Old Navy jeans that I'd been wearing since the 5th grade, my cool NASA Shirt I got at Ross the previous week, along with the yellow scrunchies on my wrist. I thought I was the coolest new girl around, and I was definitely way too cool to say anything to anyone.

My plan was working, it was 5th period and I still hadn't said a word...that was until someone in my art class made it their mission to make me talk and said something funny enough to make me laugh. For a minute I forgot about my plan and started to talk to everyone at my table. Then I realized I was talking, but it wasn't that bad after all. I walked out of my first day of school feeling better than when I had walked in that morning, I felt like myself.

I spent that entire year trying to find another feeling like that first day where I felt like myself. It wasn't truly until that spring of my 8th grade year when I decided to show a lamb at fair where I found my passions in FFA and agriculture. This organization has introduced me to most of my friends and has led me to become the person I am to this day. I would've never guessed that the girl who grew up in an urban lifestyle would be thriving in rural agriculture today.

Now here we are, nearly five years later. I don't think it is possible for me to be quiet for that long EVER again. When I was in 8th grade, I feared judgement from others, and I let it take over who I was as a person. With this letter, I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for the 2023-2024 Oregon FFA State Officer Team. Unlike 13 year old Delaney, you may not have to get into a car and drive 249 miles away to get out of your comfort zone. However, all of you can do it in your own community or school. By stepping out of our comfort zones, we can be rewarded with finding our passions. Oregon FFA, without fear of judgment, let's step out of our comfort zones, speak up, and be heard. I am so excited to see all of you at the 95th Oregon FFA State Convention.

Sincerely yours,

Delaney N. Klebaum

Union FFA Chapter Secretary

Eastern Oregon FFA District Sentinel

*"Life begins at the end of  
your comfort zone."*

*- Neale Donald Walsch*





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## Delaney Klebaum's Chart of Activities

<b>Freshman Year</b> <b>2019-2020</b> <b>Degree Held:</b> Greenhand Degree <b>Office Held:</b> Greenhand Sentinel	<b>Sophomore Year</b> <b>2020-2021</b> <b>Degree Held:</b> Chapter Degree <b>Office Held:</b> Chapter Reporter	<b>Junior Year</b> <b>2021-2022</b> <b>Degree Held:</b> State Degree <b>Office Held:</b> Chapter Secretary	<b>Senior Year</b> <b>2022-2023</b> <b>Degree Held:</b> State Degree <b>Office Held:</b> Chapter Secretary District Sentinel
<p><b>FFA Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greenhand Conference</li> <li>• Eastern Oregon District Leadership Camp</li> <li>• District Ag Sales</li> <li>• District Parliamentary Procedure- 2nd</li> <li>• Sectional Beginning Parliamentary Procedure- 2nd</li> <li>• District Beg. Portfolio- 1st</li> <li>• State Beg. Portfolio</li> <li>• Star Greenhand</li> <li>• Market Lamb SAE</li> <li>• Sheep Production SAE</li> <li>• Eastern Oregon Livestock Show</li> <li>• Union County Fair</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Varsity Cross Country</li> <li>• JV and Varsity Basketball</li> <li>• Class Fundraising Committee</li> <li>• Class Vice President</li> </ul>	<p><b>FFA Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sheep Production SAE</li> <li>• Market Lamb SAE</li> <li>• Market Goat SAE</li> <li>• Goat Dairy Placement SAE</li> <li>• District Rituals- 1st Team, Outstanding Reporter</li> <li>• Virtual 2020 Chapter Banquet</li> <li>• District Ag Sales</li> <li>• District Parliamentary Procedure</li> <li>• District Adv. Portfolio-1st</li> <li>• State Adv. Portfolio</li> <li>• 2021 Chapter Banquet</li> <li>• Eastern Oregon Livestock Show</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JV and Varsity Basketball</li> <li>• Class Secretary</li> <li>• Varsity Track</li> <li>• Class Fundraising</li> </ul>	<p><b>FFA Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sheep Production SAE</li> <li>• Farm Supply Store Placement SAE</li> <li>• Market Goat SAE</li> <li>• Market Lamb SAE</li> <li>• District Leadership Camp</li> <li>• Rituals- 2nd Team, Outstanding Secretary</li> <li>• District Ag Sales- 2nd Team, 2nd Prospecting</li> <li>• District Adv. Portfolio- 1st</li> <li>• District Adv. Scrapbook- 1st</li> <li>• District Sheep Production Proficiency- State Qualifier</li> <li>• State Adv. Portfolio- Bronze</li> <li>• State Digital Scrapbook- 1st Gold</li> <li>• State Sheep Production Proficiency- Winner</li> <li>• Outstanding Junior</li> <li>• District Adv. Dairy Foods 2nd</li> <li>• National Sheep Production Proficiency- Bronze</li> <li>• LBCC Livestock Judging Contest</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Varsity Basketball</li> <li>• Class Secretary</li> <li>• 509 Show Circuit Member</li> <li>• Cove Livestock 4-H Club</li> </ul>	<p><b>FFA Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sheep Production SAE</li> <li>• Farm Supply Store Placement SAE</li> <li>• Market Goat SAE</li> <li>• Market Lamb SAE</li> <li>• District Leadership Camp</li> <li>• Rituals- Outstanding Secretary</li> <li>• District Ag Sales- 1st Team, 1st Individual Prospecting, 2nd Individual Telephone</li> <li>• Job Interview- 3rd</li> <li>• District Job Interview</li> <li>• Prepared Public Speaking</li> <li>• District Ag Sales Placement Proficiency</li> <li>• District Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency</li> <li>• District Digital Scrapbook</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Varsity Basketball</li> <li>• National Honors Society Chapter President</li> <li>• Cove Livestock 4-H Club</li> <li>• Senior Class Fundraising</li> </ul>