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

Dear Oregon FFA,

Up until my freshman year of high school, I had not stepped foot in a classroom. I was one of those kids who did my schoolwork at the dining room table, in my room, or out on the front porch. For the first 8 years of my formal education, I was homeschooled. My first day of “class” will forever be imprinted in my mind. Growing up in a small town I knew a lot of the kids staring back at me as I stood in the doorway. We had competed with each other in 4-H, been on the same tee ball team, or lived a few houses apart on the same road. But that day, I was the new kid in Ag Class. Little did I know how much that one class would impact my future. My exposure to FFA up until that point had been minimal. They were the cool older kids who had been kind enough to give advice and help me with my lamb project at shows. They gave really good reasons at the judging contests, and they were always wearing those blue corduroy jackets that looked quite uncomfortable, especially in the heat.



To be honest, in that first class I felt very out of place. Could I live up to the standard of what an FFA member is supposed to be? As I sat in that classroom and began to learn about all the opportunities that FFA had to offer, my apprehension disappeared. I started to realize that FFA isn't just another club or activity, it was much more than that. FFA was an outlet to learn and grow in ways I had never dreamed of. As this mindset took hold, FFA began to change from something very intimidating into an exciting opportunity to challenge and better myself, my fellow members, and my community. Through my interactions with Ag classes and FFA events, I started to come out of my shell and by my junior year I became an official public school student. Fast forward to now, the majority of my classes are ag classes, I'm the president of the chapter, and a district officer. The personal growth and character development that I have gained in FFA will continue to help me succeed throughout my life.

The past four years in FFA have taught me many, many things. It has taught me that hard work is never something to shy away from, that encouraging those around me is a daily necessity, and most of all that giving of the skills, talents and resources that I have been blessed with to better my community and the lives of those around me is an honor.

The privilege and responsibility of sharing FFA and the values it promotes is a worthy pursuit. Imparting to the next generation the skills, wisdom and knowledge that FFA encourages is a responsibility every FFA member should gladly undertake. FFA has taught us that bettering our communities, friends and families through acts of service and personal sacrifice is a privilege we should all gladly embrace. I proudly announce my candidacy to be an Oregon FFA State Officer, and if elected will strive to serve our state association to the very best of my abilities.

Gavin Bakker
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Eastern Oregon District Treasurer



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2019-2020

Degrees:

Greenhand Degree

Activities:

-Green Hand Conference
-Cove FFA Fall Festival
-National FFA Week
Community Breakfast
-Plant Sale
-Chapter Banquet

Contests/Awards:

-Ag sales
-District Soils
-Chapter Creed Speaking
-District Creed Speaking
-Parliamentary procedure
-Eastern Oregon Livestock
Show
-Union County Fair Sheep
Show
-Cove FFA Star Greenhand

Supervised Ag Experience:

-Eastern Oregon Livestock
Show Market Lamb
-Union County Fair Market
Lamb
-Sheep Production (12
Ewes)

Community Service:

-Senior Meals (32 Hours)
-EOLS Cleanup (5 Hours)
-UCF Cleanup (5 Hours)

2020-2021

Degrees:

Chapter Degree

Activities:

-Chapter Sentinel
-Cove FFA Fall Festival
-National FFA Week Com-
munity Breakfast
-Cove FFA Plant Sale
-Chapter Banquet
-Cove FFA Oregon Tri
-Boyle Farms Tour
-Skyline Brewery Tour

Contests/Awards:

-Sophomore Prepared Public
Speaking
-District Rituals
-E.O.L.S Sheep Show
-Union County Fair Sheep
Show
-Super Sophomore

Supervised Ag Experience:

-Eastern Oregon Livestock
Show Market Lamb
-Union County Fair Market
Lamb
-Sheep Production (14
Ewes)
-Frisch Farms (520.5 Hours)

Community Service:

-Senior Meals (25 Hours)
-EOLS Cleanup (5 Hours)
-UCF Cleanup (5 Hours)

2021-22

Degrees:

State Degree

Activities:

-Chapter Vice President
-District Treasurer
-Fall Festival
-Plant Sale
-Chapter Banquet
-National Convention
-Country Hall Of Fame tour
-Graceland Tour
-Grand Ole Opry
-Eastern Oregon District
Leadership Camp
-National FFA Week Com-
munity Breakfast
-District Convention
-State Convention

Contests/Awards:

-Prepared Public Speaking
-District Rituals
-Job Interview
-District Soils
-State Marketing Plan
-E.O.L.S Sheep Show
-E.O.L.S Livestock Judging
-Union County Fair Sheep
Show
-UCF Livestock Judging
-State Fair Sheep Show
-State Fair Livestock Judging

Supervised Ag Experience:

-Eastern Oregon Livestock
Show Market Lamb
-UCF Market Lamb
-Sheep Production (17 Ewes)

2022-23

Activities:

-Chapter President
-Cove FFA Fall Festival
-National FFA Week Com-
munity Breakfast
-National Convention
-Select Exotics Tour
-Hummel Livestock Tour
-Caterpillar Tour
-Lincoln Park Zoo

Contests/awards:

-Ag Sales
-District Soils
-District Rituals
-Job Interview

Supervised Ag Experience:

-Eastern Oregon Livestock
Show Market Lamb
-Sheep Production (17
Ewes)
-Grande Ronde Dairy (80
Hours)

Community Service:

-Farmer Merchant Banquet
(3 Hours)
-EOLS NFR Kickoff (3
Hours)