



HERMISTON FFA CHAPTER

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Dear Oregon FFA,

This past winter I was inspired to face my fear of avalanches and learn how to snowboard. While doing so, I was taught a valuable lesson: learning curves are part of the fun.

A couple of hours into my first day, I found myself standing in line for the chairlift studying how people in front of me got on, meticulously planning how I would do the same. When it was my turn, I skated my way up to the yellow line, looked behind me to see the chair coming, and plopped myself down. It was easier than I thought! While steadily climbing up the mountain, I looked around and enjoyed the view. The sun vibrantly peeked through the scattered clouds, warming my cheeks. It was so incredibly peaceful.

So peaceful that it was quite alarming when my chair was almost to the peak. Gosh, getting on the chair lift was fine but how the heck was I supposed to get off? I start to freak out internally and debate whether there was enough powder under the lift to survive if I jumped. My Dad was sitting next to me and laughed at my wide eyes filled with dread. He explained that I need to press my back foot against the binding and glide down, then stop to strap my free foot in. I was trying to hype myself up while repeating his instructions in my head. It was our turn. I told myself "Kylie, you got this"... I, in fact, did not have it. I lost my balance and instinctively grabbed my father for dear life, making us both tumble down the landing slope and land on our backs with a thud. We barely crawled out of the way of the next people without making a bigger mess. Once we were out of the way, we turned to each other and started to laugh to the point of tears! It was one of those life moments where you wished you had a video to rewatch. The same story was repeated about four more times that day. However, the fifth time getting off the lift, we made a game plan, mentally preparing to stick the landing. I am proud to tell you that we sure did!

I feel as though our stories within the FFA are not too far from my snowboarding learning curve. We are consistently put into positions, like trying a new competition, where we might not know the ins and outs yet. However, what I admire so greatly about the people in this organization, is that we learn from our mistakes and continue to progress while looking back fondly on the learning curve that got us where we are now.

Dad and I took the fall together, laughed together, and progressed together. I would humbly like to do the same with Oregon FFA as a 2023-24 Oregon State Officer. Let us learn new things, develop ideas, and be the leaders of tomorrow...together.

Respectfully yours,

Kylie A. Temple
2022-23 Hermiston FFA Vice President
2022-23 Blue Mountain District Treasurer

**"To succeed in life, you need
three things: a wishbone, a
backbone, and a funnybone."
-Reba McEntire**

Freshman 2019-2020

Sophomore 2020-2021

Junior 2021-2022

Senior 2022-2023

Degree Held:

Greenhand

Leadership:

Greenhand President

Activities/Awards:

-Blue Mountain District

Leadership Camp

-Beginning Rituals

-Advanced Ag Sales

-Beginning

Parliamentary

Procedures

-Beginning Public

Speaking

-Advanced Food

Science

-Football Concession

Fundraiser

-Alumni Auction

-Parent Member Dessert

-Teacher Appreciation

Breakfast

-Tulelake Invitational

-Virtual Food Science

Invite

-Riverpoint Farm Tour

Non-FFA

Activities/Awards:

-JV Hermiston

Volleyball

-Eastern Heat Volleyball

-Sandstorm Beach

Volleyball

-Hermiston Track and

Field

-Walchli Farms

-Echo Corn Maze

Degree Held:

Chapter

Leadership:

N/A

Activities/Awards:

-Advanced Ag Sales

-Advanced Job Interview

-Advanced Food Science

-Veterinary Sciences

-Market Beef Project

-National Convention

Watch Party

-State Convention Watch

Party

-Virtual Food Science

Invite

-Newspaper Interview

-Tri-Tip Fundraiser

-CDE Days at Dallas

Fairgrounds

-Umatilla County Show

Clinic Volunteer

Non-FFA

Activities/Awards:

-Hermiston Volleyball

-Sandstorm Beach

Volleyball

-Community Garden

Volunteer

-High School Rodeo

Volunteer

-Lucky Endz

-Walchli Farms

-Outstanding Agriculture

Underclassmen

Degree Held:

State

Leadership:

Chapter Sentinel

Activities/Awards:

-Blue Mountain District

Leadership Camp

-Advanced Rituals

-Advanced Job

Interview

-National Ag

Communications

-Parliamentary

Procedures

-Football Concessions

Fundraiser

-Parent Member

Dessert

-District Parking Lot

Party

-Oregon Cattlemen's

Convention Volunteer

-Hermiston Herald

Interview

-Living 2 Serve

Conference

-Chapter Officer Retreat

-Job Interview Night

with NWFC

-Teacher Appreciation

Breakfast

-Oregon FFA State

Convention

-Chapter Member of the

Year

Non-FFA

Activities/Awards:

-Hermiston Volleyball

-Clutivate Kindness

Entrepreneurship

-Umatilla County Fair

Princess

-Oregon Women for Ag

Volunteer

Degree Held:

State

Leadership:

Chapter Vice President

Blue Mountain District

Sentinel

Activities/Awards:

-Blue Mountain District

Leadership Camp

-Advance Rituals

-Highpoint Vice

President

-District Greenhand

Convention

-Football Concessions

Fundraiser

-National Employment

Skills Finalist

-National Convention

-East Oregonian

Interview

-Alumni Auction

Fundraiser

-Parent Member

Dessert

-Blue Mountain District

Convention

-Blue Mountain LDE

Day

-Prepared Public

Speaking

-Job Interview Assistant

Coach

-Threemile Canyon

Farm Tour

Non-FFA

Activities/ Awards:

-Hermiston Volleyball

-Ag in the Classroom

-Umatilla County Fair

Court

-Wheatland Insurance

Intern

-Acme Construction