



FFA

THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION



Dayton FFA
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Dear Oregon FFA members,

My freshman year when I became an officer in my chapter, my advisor told me that leadership is like a pyramid. He said that some people see it as a pyramid with members on the bottom and officers on the top as if they are more important. However, leadership is actually an upside down pyramid, with the officers being at the bottom and members on the top. Why? Because the role of a leader is to serve their people, and a good leader always puts the needs of their members before the needs of themselves. This lesson has always stayed with me and has helped me do my best as a chapter and district officer throughout my years in the FFA program.

I have always been very involved in my FFA chapter, and my junior year I transferred to a school with a much smaller chapter and a more specific program. This change taught me to branch out and get other people involved. I was a strong advocate for the program and recruited other students to participate in events they had never done before. By the end of that year I knew that I wanted to become an Ag teacher, so I transferred back to Dayton for my senior year to receive a more diverse education in agriculture. I am currently the Chapter President and the Lower Willamette District Treasurer and I am a horticulture intern and a cadet teacher for beginning Ag and I have loved every second of it.

I have a passion for agriculture and the FFA program as well as spreading that knowledge to others and I can't see a better way to do that than by becoming an Oregon FFA State Officer. FFA events such as state and national convention motivate me to jump up and do my part. A fire is lit inside of me and I hope I will be able to use that to inspire you all as I have been inspired. It is with great pleasure that I announce my candidacy for the Oregon FFA 2017-2018 state officer team and I can't wait to see you all at the 2017 Oregon state convention.

Sincerely,

McKenna West
Dayton FFA Chapter President
Lower Willamette District Treasurer

“DO NOT GO WHERE THE PATH
MAY LEAD, GO INSTEAD
WHERE THERE IS NO PATH AND
LEAVE A TRAIL.”

-RALPH WALDO EMMERSON

**Freshman
2013-2014**

- FFA:
- Chapter Sentinel
 - Greenhand Degree
 - Star Greenhand
 - First Place District Beginning Parliamentary Procedure
 - First Place District Information
 - First Place Sectional Beginning Parliamentary Procedure
 - First Place State Information
 - First Place District Nursery Landscape
 - First Place State Nursery Landscape
 - First Place District Agronomy
 - First Place State Agronomy
 - Fourth Place District Mechanics
 - District Creed Speaking
 - Yamhill County Fair Sheep Showmanship
 - Oregon State Fair Sheep Showmanship
 - Leadership Camp
 - Chapter Auction
 - Chapter Awards Banquet
 - Agstravaganza
 - Staff Appreciation Lunch
 - Chicken BBQ Fundraiser
 - Pancake Breakfast
 - Toy Show
 - Junior High FFA Week Assembly
 - High School FFA Week Assembly
 - District Convention

- Other:
- YAHOO Mexico Mission Trip
 - Varsity Cheerleading
 - Girl Scouts
 - Honor Roll

**Sophomore
2014-2015**

- FFA:
- Chapter Secretary
 - Chapter Degree
 - National Marketing Plan
 - National Beginning Parliamentary Procedure
 - First Place District Advanced Parliamentary Procedure
 - First Place Sectional Advanced Parliamentary Procedure
 - Second Place State Parliamentary Procedure
 - First Place District Nursery Landscape
 - First Place State Nursery Landscape
 - First Place District Agronomy
 - First Place State Agronomy
 - First Place District Ag Sales
 - Second Place State Ag Sales
 - State Convention
 - First Place District Sophomore Public Speaking
 - Fourth Place Sectional Sophomore Public Speaking
 - Leadership Camp
 - Chapter Auction
 - Chapter Awards Banquet
 - Agstravaganza
 - Staff Appreciation Lunch
 - Chicken BBQ Fundraiser
 - Pancake Breakfast
 - Toy Show
 - Junior High FFA Week Assembly
 - High School FFA Week Assembly
 - District Convention
 - National Convention

- Other:
- Varsity Cheerleading
 - JV Softball
 - Honor Roll

**Junior
2015-2016**

- FFA:
- Chapter Reporter
 - State Degree
 - District Advanced Parliamentary Procedure
 - First Place District Nursery Landscape
 - First Place State Nursery Landscape
 - Nursery Landscape Washington Competition
 - Floriculture Washington Competition
 - Fifth place State Floriculture
 - District Advanced Public Speaking
 - Third Place District Advanced Extemporaneous Speaking
 - Yamhill County Fair Swine Showmanship
 - Oregon State Fair Swine Showmanship
 - Chapter Awards Banquet
 - Staff Appreciation Lunch
 - Chapter Plant Sale
 - Radio Promotion
 - High School FFA Week Assembly
 - District Convention

- Other:
- Varsity Pom Dance Team
 - Model United Nations
 - Honor Roll
 - Thespian Society
 - Drama Club
 - YAHOO Mexico Mission Trip

**Senior
2016-2017**

- FFA:
- Chapter President
 - District Treasurer
 - National Parliamentary Procedure
 - First Place District Ag Sales
 - First Place State Ag sales
 - Fifth Place District Advanced Extemporaneous Speaking
 - Third Place District Advanced Public Speaking
 - National Convention
 - Leadership Camp
 - District Soils
 - Agstravaganza
 - Staff Appreciation Lunch
 - Chicken BBQ Fundraiser
 - Beginning Ag Cadet Teacher
 - Horticulture Intern
 - Pancake Breakfast
 - Toy Show

- Other:
- Studied at the Tokyo International Japanese School in Tokyo, Japan
 - National Honor Society
 - Honor Roll

