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Age: 15

Address:

Years of Agricultural Education: 3

Years in FFA: 3

Current FFA Degree: Greenhand Degree

I have attended all monthly meetings since June 1st.

**FFA Activities I have participated in:**

- Quiz Bowl(2017)
- Coaching Quiz bowl(2018)
- District speaking competitions(2017-2019)
- Sectionals speaking competitions(2017-2018)
- State Convention(2017-2018)
- 4th Grade Food For America(2017-2018)
- Monthly meetings(2016-2019)
- Top 14 Trip(2017)
- Industry Tours(2016-2018)
- Cow Chip(2017-2018)
- Tractor Pull Concessions(2016-2018)
- Ditch Clean Up(2016-2018)
- 4th of July Float building(2017-2018)
- Showing at the Sauk County Fair(2017-2018)
- Culvers Share Nights(2016-2018)
- EDGE Conference(2017)
- F.I.R.E Conference(2016)
- 212 Conference(2017-2018)
- Fruit Sale(2016-2018)
- Strawberry Sale(2017-2019)
- Janesville CDE's(2017)
- State CDE's(2017)
- National Convention(2017-2018)
- Cheese Spread Making(2017)
- Snow Tubing(2017)
- 7th Grade Career Day(2017-2018)
- 6th Grade Conservation Day(2017-2018)
- Cans For Christmas(2017)
- 3rd Grade Food For America(2017-2018)

- Mobile Meals(2017-2018)
- Stocking Food Pantry(2017-2018)
- Laser Tag(2017-2018)
- Sectional Leadership Workshop(2017-2018)
- Creed Speaking(2018)
- National Speaking contest(2018)

### **School And Community Activities I Participate In**

- Softball
- FFA
- Church youth group
- Basketball manager

### **What leadership qualities do you believe you have that would make you a good chapter officer?**

I believe that I am a good leader because I am adaptable and welcoming. This past year, I have been able to learn how to become adaptable in situations that I have no control over. This is a useful skill because it helps me to stay calm when things don't go as planned, and help me to choose the next best option. Being a welcoming person is important when holding an office because often times, members are more likely to become active if they feel welcome and feel that they can talk to upperclassmen. I also think that I am a good leader because I love helping people. This year, I got to help some of the current freshman with their proficiencies and things like that. It helped me as well because I got the opportunity to learn more about different SAE's and how they work.

### **Chapter Goals:**

My goal for the chapter is that we can increase member activeness with SAE's and Proficiencies. I think that it's important that we encourage these things because it helps people while choosing possible college paths or career options. It also allows new members to try new things like job shadowing, and get a little bit more out of their comfort zone. Another thing I would like to improve is member activeness in general. This year, it seems like we have had less and less members at meetings, and that also means that we have had less people at other activities. I think that if we utilize our resources and technology, we could easily include a lot more people in our activities and program throughout the year. Another thing with this, is that we have had a lot of people willing to sign up for things like 6th grade conservation day or 7th grade career day because they get to spend time with their friends and younger kids. While it's great to

have so many members willing to help with these, there is often times a shortage of members that want to participate in other activities like tractor pulls, cow chip, or food pantry work nights. Most of the time, members don't want to try things that would put them more outside their comfort zone, but in reality, that's part of what FFA does.

**Goals as an FFA member:**

This year, I want to challenge myself to do things well ahead of deadlines so that I am not in a hurry to get things done. With this, I also need to make sure that I am helping other people out after I complete the task at hand. I often times get other peoples things done before my own because I enjoy helping them and want them to feel like they can ask questions. Next year this will be more of a struggle for me with being involved in many things and taking higher level classes throughout the year. Another thing that holds a large amount of importance to me is my proficiency. This year, my goal is to be fifth gold in the state. For me, my SAE and proficiency play a big role in my everyday life and I love spending time working with my project.

**Goals for myself:**

With higher level classes in the year to come, I will obtain new, more beneficial, study habits that will help me to save time as well improve my grades. This is crucial so that I can make sure I achieve my post high school goals with college and a career as an agri-science teacher. This is a goal that I have had for a long time and every year it has gained importance as I get to know more and more ag teachers and role models within the FFA.

**Why do you think you should be selected to be an officer for the Sauk Prairie FFA?**

I think that I should be selected as an officer because over the past year, I have been able to learn a lot more about the different aspects of FFA and all that goes into it. These pieces of knowledge will help me to be prepared for the year to come, if I am selected, and would be beneficial to our current and future members. This past year has also taught me how to be a welcoming and open individual while working with members on various projects and activities. It is really import to me that we continue to grow our membership and encourage new ag ed students to become more active in our chapter. Being a welcoming person plays directly into this and would help us have lots of willing members to participate in the different types of activities that we have every year.

**What do you feel you will do differently as a returning officer to make you qualified to hold a position again?**

As a returning officer, I will strive to plan activities earlier so that when the time comes to put a sign-up on the board, I am not in a rush to find willing members. With this, I would have additional time to begin planning new activities to keep our members involved as well as to use as a recruiting tool. Another thing that I will improve upon is involving our local alumni in some of the activities that we do throughout the year. Our alumni does a lot to support us as a chapter and many of our younger members don't know any of them. This is something that I view as a fairly large issue because they like to be involved and are always willing to help us, but some members don't know who to ask for help on certain topics.