



ELKTON FFA



ELKTON CHARTER SCHOOL

MEMBERS ATTEND ANNUAL STATE FFA CONVENTION

On March 28th, eleven Elkton FFA members and Mr. Groth boarded the minibus and headed to the 86th Annual Oregon FFA State Convention at Mountain View High School in Bend. The members attended the first session on Friday night, where they had their first taste of FFA’s endless energy. At the first session, members also heard from the keynote speaker, a retired Army Ranger who spoke at convention 20 years ago.

While at convention, members served on proficiency judging committees, where they listened to, and judged, an SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience). Alyssa Smith and Kaila Trout also earned their State FFA Degrees which is

the highest degree an FFA member can receive in the state of Oregon. Alyssa Smith also competed in Advanced Public Speaking, where she earned second place in the state with her speech on salvage logging. Alyssa also competed in Job Interview where she made it into the second round, finishing in the top six.

The members enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the Mongolian Grill and multiple trips to the local frozen yogurt establishment. Freshmen were exposed to the many opportunities in FFA, and older members continued to develop their leadership skills. Members of all ages mingled with 1,500 FFA

members from across Oregon. Overall, the experience was remarkable, and all in attendance improved their leadership skills.

Alyssa Smith, President



Alyssa Smith is congratulated by John Fine of the Oregon State Grange (sponsor of the Advanced Public Speaking CDE) for finishing second.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

State Nursery CDE

April 25th, Dayton High School

State Floriculture CDE

April 26th, McMinnville High School

Plant & Metal Art Sale

May 2nd & 3rd, 9AM-4PM, EHS Greenhouse

District Forestry CDE

May 8th, Tiller Ranger Station

State Forestry CDE

May 19th, Tiller Ranger Station

Chapter Banquet

May 22nd, 6:30PM, EHS Gym

Chapter Member of the Month



Dariyan Woodard

Grade: 9th

Favorite Class: Agriculture

FFA Activities: Leadership
Camp, Rituals, State
Convention, Tractor Driving,
Parliamentary Procedure,
Floriculture, Greenhand
Secretary

School Activities: Basketball,
FBLA, Youth Group

All of our
newsletters
can now be
found on our
website!

*Learning To Do,
Doing To Learn,
Earning To Live,
Living To Serve.*

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BLOOMING BLUE BANNERS

Flowers are growing, the plant sale is approaching (May 2nd and 3rd!), and Elkton FFA is learning about floriculture. Students have been studying plant identification, pests, tools, and diseases to prepare for competition. This year's rotational practicum area was making boutonnieres and plant pinching. The District Floriculture Career Development Event took place April 4th in



Floriculture team members (L to R): Cyrus, Emery, BreAnna, Nick, Christen, Dariyan, Kaila and Sierra.

Elkton, and was a blooming success. The Elkton advanced team, consisting of Kathryn Nash, Ira Nash, Kaila Trout, Sierra Harrell, Briana Wuegler, and Nicholas Aviani won the blue banner. Kathryn Nash was the first place individual. The beginning team, consisting of Cyrus Holcomb, Dariyan Woodard, BreAnna McKamey, Christen Burback, and Emery Beattie also took first place. Cyrus was the high individual for Elkton and in the beginning competition. The advanced team continues to study with State Floriculture at McMinnville on April 26th. Last year the advanced team earned fourth place at the state competition which was a huge accomplishment! The team has high hopes this year with all team members returning to the competition. Accompanying them to state is the State Nursery team consisting of Nicholas Aviani, Deserae Maxwell, Alyssa Smith, and Tyler Sky and will compete April 25th. Good luck!

Kathryn Nash, Reporter

Hanging Baskets
\$15



Four Inch Bedding
Plants
\$2

**Elkton FFA
Plant & Metal
Art Sale**

May 2nd & 3rd

9am - 4pm

EHS Greenhouse

Veggie Starts
\$2



Six Packs
\$3