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Passion, purpose, and a little bit of caffeine. These are three things that continuously drive me. From an early age, I discovered that agriculture, leadership, and service weren't just things I enjoyed—they were things I couldn't imagine my life without. As a dedicated FFA member, I've spent years developing my leadership skills, advocating for agriculture, and embracing every chaotic, sleep-deprived, but completely worthwhile experience along the way.

FFA has been my home away from home. Over the past four years, I've done everything from public speaking competitions to leading my chapter as the Vice President, all while mastering the fine art of running on little sleep and way too much Chick-fil-A. Through these experiences, I've learned that leadership isn't about fancy titles; it's about inspiring and empowering others. That belief drives me to push forward, always seeking ways to improve myself and those around me.

Beyond leadership, my passion for agriculture keeps life interesting. My Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) involves breeding, raising, and selling livestock guardian dogs. If you've never tried to wrangle a group of fluffy, mischievous puppies at feeding time, let me tell you—it's basically an extreme sport. This project has taught me responsibility, business management, and that no matter how cute they are, puppies are professional escape artists. I've seen firsthand how agriculture impacts our world, and I'm committed to being a voice for it (preferably not covered in dog hair, but I make no promises).

My faith also plays a central role in what drives me. As someone actively involved in my church, I find strength in knowing that my purpose is greater than myself. Whether leading Sunday school

lessons, preparing sermons, or simply offering a listening ear, I strive to be a light in my community. I know that my actions—big or small—can influence others, and that motivates me to live with integrity, compassion, and hopefully, fewer moments of tripping over my own feet in front of a crowd.

Another driving force in my life is my ambition to pursue a future in agricultural education. I plan to attend Oklahoma State University, majoring in Agricultural Education with the goal of earning a master's degree in educational leadership. My dream is to become an FFA advisor and, eventually, a school administrator. I want to give back to the organization that has given me so much, inspiring the next generation of agricultural leaders.

In everything I do, I am fueled by a relentless desire to grow, serve, and lead. Challenges don't deter me; they push me to work harder. Whether in FFA, my faith, or my personal goals, I am determined to leave a positive and lasting impact. What drives me now is the same thing that will drive me in the future—my passion for leadership, my commitment to agriculture, and my dedication to making a difference. And maybe, just maybe, a steady supply of coffee and good country music along the way.