

# JONATHAN C. STEPHENS

WINDERMERE FFA

AREA IV VICE-  
PRESIDENTIAL  
CANDIDATE

## SOCIAL MEDIA



### CAREER OBJECTIVE

Committed to attending the University of Florida in order to pursue a dual-major degree program in Food Science and Agricultural Education & Communications, with plans to give back to agricultural education as a FFA educator and conduct research programs on bio-security, food gene-editing advancements, and/or nutrient deficiency solutions at UF.

### EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Windermere High School  
Unweighted GPA: 3.625  
Weighted GPA: 4.786  
SAT Score: 1360

### COMPETITIVE EVENTS (CDE/LDE)

- **Agricultural Education CDE** (4 yrs., State Champion 2019)
- **Agricultural Sales CDE** (1 yr., 1st Runner Up Individual + Team 2020)
- **Aquaculture CDE** (4 yrs., High Individual, State Champion Team 2020)
- **Farm and Agribusiness Management CDE** (1 yr. 5th Place Individual 2020)
- **Forestry CDE** (4 yrs., High District Individual 2019)
- **Land Evaluation CDE** (3 yrs..)
- **Meats Evaluation CDE** (3 yrs., Top 10 Individual + Team 2019)
- **Nursery and Landscape CDE** (1 yr.)
- **Prepared Public Speaking LDE** (2 yrs., Top 4 State Finalist 2020)

### ACCOLADES/HONORS

- AP Scholar with Distinction (2019)
- A.E.S.T. CERTIFICATIONS:
  - Agritechnology Specialist (2017)
  - Agriculture Associate Certification (2018)
  - Agriculture Systems Certification (2019)
- Certificate of Training/Top 10 Camper - Florida FFA Forestry Camp (2018)
- Stars over Orange County Federation FFA Senior Class Finalist (2020)
- Windermere High Outstanding Senior - Agricultural Sciences (2020)
- Dean Foods FFA Scholarship

### SAE PROGRAM BACKGROUND

#### HUMBL (LLC.) EMPLOYMENT

- Paid Placement - Food Products and Processing Systems (2019 - Present)
- Educated on food safety protocols, standard operating procedures, etc.
- Tests/produces new products to match quality/flavor profiles to local area preferences.

#### "THE FOOD FOR THOUGHT INITIATIVE"

- Exploratory - Food Products and Processing Systems (2019-2020)
- Interviewed food industry reps. from distribution, retail, manufacturing, etc.
- Created an educational program for middle school ag. programs across Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) to bring awareness to the food industry's impact.

#### "THE MODERN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION MANDATE"

- Exploratory - Cluster Skills LifeKnowledge (2017-2019)
- Looked into ways I can improve agricultural education programs for the future, from CDE resource guidelines/structures & participation improvements
- Worked as assistant educator with local middle school FFA chapters on improving Forestry and Aquaculture industry knowledge and CDE performance.

#### UCF MANGROVE RESTORATION PROJECT

- Unpaid Placement - Environmental Service Systems (2018-2020)
- Monitored/Managed UCF-provided mangrove saplings through utilizing various scientific vectors (Salinity, pH, nutrient levels, etc.)
- Educated school organizations (i.e. Science National Honors Society) on the importance of mangroves in Floridian ecosystems/enviromental sustainability.

### FFA EXPERIENCES/LEADERSHIP ROLES

- FLORIDA FFA CAPITOL DAY (AG ON THE HILL) (2019, 2020)
- FLORIDA FFA STATE CONVENTION COURTESY CORPS (2019)
- UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION INSTITUTE (2017- PRES.)
- FLORIDA FFA CHAPTER PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE (2019)
- 212° + 360° FFA EXPERIENCE (2020)
- FLORIDA FFA FORESTRY CAMP (2018)
- NATIONAL FFA BAND EXPERIENCE (2019)
- CHAPTER OFFICER LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE (2017, 2018, 2019)
- FLORIDA FFA DISTRICT VII SECRETARY (2018-2020)
- WINDERMERE FFA VICE-PRESIDENT (2018-2020)
- WINDERMERE FFA SENTINEL (2017-2018)

### SCHOOL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- WINDERMERE HIGH MARCHING/CONCERT BANDS (2017-2020)
  - FRONT ENSEMBLE MARCHING BAND SECTION LEADER: (2018, 2019)
- WINDERMERE HIGH WINTERGUARD (2018, 2019)
- SCIENCE NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY (2019-2020)
- NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONORS SOCIETY (2019-2020)
- TRI-M (MUSIC HONORS SOCIETY) (2019-2020)
- "ADAM PUTNAM FOR GOVERNOR" CAMPAIGN TEAM - ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL INTERNSHIP (2018)
- WINDERMERE HIGH SCHOOL "EURYDICE" THEATRE PRODUCTION (2020)
- FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES MATTER (F.A.R.M.) VOLUNTEER EVENT PROGRAM (2018, 2020)