

OLIVER FLANAGAN

Take Flight!

Dear Florida FFA Members and Advisors,

I am honored to introduce myself as your Area II State Vice Presidential Candidate! My name is Oliver Flanagan, and I am a proud member of the Santa Fe FFA Chapter. Over the past four years in the blue jacket, I have had the incredible opportunity to advocate for the agricultural industry, foster a passion for agriculture and land conservation, and exemplify leadership within my community.

Growing up in Alachua County, I took every opportunity to explore our local ecosystems. Whether I was in a wet-and-dry savannah, a pine flatwood, or a cypress swamp, I would hike along winding trails and boardwalks with a pair of binoculars around my neck, searching for the next bird species to add to my life list. At the end of each season, I would watch fledgling birds sit at the edge of the nest, preparing to take flight!

Florida FFA prepares over 65,000 members across the state to take flight in their own journeys, by providing a space for students to grow and excel in leadership, service, and agricultural knowledge. It is through this space that students are given a spot to take off from, with the opportunities provided by this organization serving as the wind beneath their wings. In this next year, I aim to further Florida FFA's outstanding tradition of student development, so that each and every member has the opportunity to take flight in their journey in the blue jacket.

I am so excited to learn the ways that FFA has allowed you to take flight within your journey! If elected, I hope to strengthen the opportunities that Florida FFA provides, and continue to uplift members across the state. I cannot wait to meet you all at the 98th Florida FFA State Convention and Expo!

Sincerely,

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CAREER OBJECTIVE

I have been accepted to the University of Florida, where I intend to pursue a double major in Environmental Management in Agriculture & Natural Resources and Wildlife Ecology and Conservation. From there, I plan to earn my PhD in Agricultural Ecology and work to develop sustainable, affordable agriculture systems in collaboration with small farms.

SAE/WORK EXPERIENCE

Alachua County' Climate Advisory Committee ('25-26)

Advising the Joint Water & Climate Policy Board on the Climate Action Plan, creating communication materials and hosting county-wide climate events for education and facilitation of climate discussion.

Alachua Conservation Trust & Keep Alachua Beautiful ('23-'26)

Leading city-wide cleanups, conducting litter surveys, organizing cleanups of vulnerable environmental areas, and conducting invasive plant removal from multiple ACT-owned parks and preserves.

University of Florida Bird Observatory ('25-'26)

Working under a United States Geological Survey permit to extract, handle, and take critical data of a variety of bird species, and scribing collected data of bird species for multiple banders at once.

Equine Science: Haile Equestrian LLC ('18-'26)

English-style riding student and volunteer providing mentorship to younger students in equine husbandry and care.

AWARDS

- Florida Civics and Debate State Semifinalist ('26)
- UF CALS Freshman Scholar ('26)
- NSDA: Top 10 in Nation - Extemp. Debate
- Florida State Fair Sunshine Scholar ('26)
- LYFEHOUSE Community Impact Award Finalist ('25)
- AEST Agritechnology Specialist ('25)
- AEST Animal Science Specialist ('25)
- College Board: AP Scholar ('25)
- College Board: National Recognition ('24-'25)
- Alachua Rotary Youth Speak - Finalist ('23)
- National Civics and Debate Champion ('22)

FFA AWARDS & ACTIVITIES

- National FFA Scholarship Recipient
- Poultry Evaluation CDE - Reserve Champion Team ('24-'26)
- Parliamentary Procedure LDE ('24-'26)
- FSF - Rabbit Herdsman Award ('26)
- FSF - Reserve Champion Rabbit Showman ('26)
- FSF - Reserve Rabbit All-Around Champion ('26)
- ACYFLS: All Around Award ('25)
- ACYFLS: Skillathon Champion (x7 - '25-'26)
- ACYFLS: Youth Ambassador ('26)
- ACYFLS: Public Speaking Champion ('26)
- Agricultural Education CDE - State Champion ('25)
- Livestock Evaluation CDE ('24-'26)
- Environmental Science Proficiency Finalist ('25-'26)
- Equine Science Placement Proficiency Finalist ('25)
- Environmental Science CDE - State Qualifier ('24-'25)
- Florida FFA State Degree ('25)
- Arizona Nationals Horse Skillathon Champion ('25)
- Arizona Nationals Livestock Skillathon Finalist ('25)
- OH Demos : Landscaping CDE - State Finalist ('25)
- Agricultural Communications CDE - State Finalist ('24)
- Aquaculture CDE - State Qualifier ('24)
- Nursery Landscape CDE - State Qualifier ('23)

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Santa Fe High School | 4.3 Weighted GPA

- Speech and Debate | NSDA Distinction ('22-'26)
- Speech and Debate | Club Vice President
- Santa Fe Environmental Club - President ('22-'26)
- Alachua Audubon Society ('23-'26)
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission ('25-'26)
- Stephen C. O'Connell Center Staff ('24-'26)
- HOSA - Veterinary Science ('25-'26)
- University of Florida Guest Lecturer ('23-'25)