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Florida FFA Area III State Vice Presidential Candidate
Umatilla FFA Chapter

"Paint your Potential"

Dear Area III Members and Advisors,

It is with great pride that I introduce myself as a Florida FFA Area III State Officer Candidate. My name is Drew Parkinson, and I am honored to represent Umatilla FFA as our chapter's first-ever State Officer candidate.

Every individual holds a blank canvas, and the people we surround ourselves with help shape what it becomes. When I first found FFA, I didn't fully see what my canvas could look like. But through this organization, I was surrounded by individuals who added color, depth, and purpose to my life; mentors who believed in me, teammates who challenged me, and leaders who showed me what it meant to serve something greater than myself, because of them, my mindset shifted. I began to understand that potential is not something you wait to discover, it is something you choose to create.

My journey has been shaped by challenges that tested that mindset. In moments of doubt and adversity, I had to decide whether I would leave my canvas unfinished or continue painting through uncertainty. Those experiences taught me resilience, strengthened my perspective, and reminded me that growth often comes from the most difficult seasons. I learned that our circumstances do not define our potential, our response does.

I am committed to fostering a culture where people feel valued, where connections are genuine, and where every member is inspired to "Paint Their Potential." At its core, FFA is not just about personal success; it is about the impact we make on others and the lives we help shape along the way.

I would truly value the opportunity to connect with you through chapter visits, banquets, or Zoom calls. Building relationships and learning from your experiences is something I am genuinely passionate about. Thank you for your time and consideration. It would be an honor to serve Area III and contribute to the continued legacy of the Florida FFA Association.

With love,

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PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVE

After serving Florida FFA, it is my intent to attend Santa Fe College and then transfer to the University of Florida. I plan to pursue a double major in Animal Science and Agricultural Communications, with the goal of becoming a livestock nutritionist upon graduation.

EDUCATION

Umatilla High School

Cambridge AICE Diploma with Merit

Cambridge Scholar Award

GPA: 5.2

Lake-Sumter State College

GPA: 3.7

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Lake County 4-H Backwoods 4-H Club 2018-2026

Florida Junior Swine Circuit 2020-2026

American Quarter Horse Association 2021-2025

American Ranch Horse Association 2021-2025

Junior American Boer Goat Association 2023-2026

Lake County 4-H Ambassadors 2023-2025

Student Government Association 2023-2026

- President

Key Club 2023-2026

- Treasurer

Believing in U Student Ambassador 2023-2026

Students Working Against Tobacco 2023-2026

You're Not Alone 2023-2026

National Honor Society 2024-2026

Central Florida Fair Junior Livestock Board 2024-2026

Superintendent Student Advisory Committee 2025-2026

CERTIFICATIONS

Agriculture Associates

AgriTechnology Specialist

FNGLA Certification

FFA EXPERIENCES

Leadership Roles

State Leadership Summit 2026

FFA Day at the Capitol 2026

High School Leadership Conference 2025

Chapter Presidents Conference 2025

Umatilla FFA Chapter President 2025-2026

FFA in the USA Reporter 2025-2026

District V Sub-District III Chair 2025

Umatilla FFA Chapter Vice President 2024-2025

Florida FFA State Convention Delegate 2023-2025

COLT Conference 2022-2026

Umatilla FFA Chapter Secretary 2023-2024

Umatilla FFA Chapter Parliamentarian 2022-2023

SAE Involvement

Florida FFA Star Farmer Finalist 2025

Equine Science 2021-2026

Swine Production 2022-2026

Feeder Swine 2021-2026

Goat Production 2023-2026

Career Development Events

Citrus 2024, 2025

Environmental Science & Natural Resources 2025

Floriculture 2025

- 5th State Overall Team

Horse Evaluation 2022-2025

- 2025 State High Individual
- 2026 5th State Overall Team

Livestock Evaluation 2022-2026

Ornamental Horticulture Demonstrations 2024-2026

Prepared Public Speaking 2023-2026

- State Finalist 2025, 2026

Veterinary Science 2025-2026

Citrus Mutual Speech Contest 2024-2025

Farm Bureau Youth Speech Contest 2023-2025

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