

Throughout my life, I have lived and worked on our family farm; with farming being at my fingertips, I fell in love with it. I imagined myself operating a sustainable 1,500 acre row crop farm and raising a family on our farm just like I was brought up. Before I reached high school I thought I had it all planned out. My freshman year of high school I was enrolled in Agriculture science technology for my first period class. Growing up in our small tight knit agriculture town, seeing the blue jacket was ordinary. I knew I liked the FFA, but after my freshman year I had no idea the love that would grow inside of me for the FFA. When released from my first period class on my first day I was walking to my second period class and I knew that one day I wanted to be an agriculture educator. From that day on I have tried to be as involved in the FFA as I could. I was signing up for CDEs, leadership conferences, camps, and much more. Over the next couple years my love for Agriculture and FFA grew larger and larger. After graduation I intend to go to Piedmont Technical College and get my associates degree and then transfer to Clemson University to earn my bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education. To begin my teaching career, I would like to come back home to Wagener-Salley High School and teach. While I am teaching I want to own and operate a small row crop farm and a broiler operation. After I retire from teaching I would like to run for South Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture and be an advocate for agriculture and speak for our South Carolina Farmers. When it is all said and done I would like to be known as a man who is: honest, a leader, and a family man within my community and within South Carolina as a whole. I would like to impact thousands of lives and embed a love for agriculture that I discovered within myself when I started high school.