

# Benjamin T. Oakley

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Agricultural Education student with a strong history of involvement in various aspects of the agricultural industry. Strong written and verbal communication skills and a successful history in leadership roles.

## EDUCATION

- Charleston High School, Charleston Illinois, May 2013
  - Graduated with honors
- Lake Land College, Mattoon Illinois, Associates in Science, May 2016
  - 3.185 GPA
- University of Illinois, College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences, currently enrolled in Agricultural Science Education program, Anticipated Graduation May 2018

## YOUTH ORGANIZATION INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

- High School FFA – 4 years
  - *Chapter Offices* - Chapter Beef Jerky Cooperative Chairman, Treasurer, Vice President, President
  - *Section 20 Officer* - Sentinel
  - *Awards* - Greenhand FFA Degree recipient, Chapter FFA Degree recipient, State FFA Degree recipient, Perfect Meeting Attendance Award, Most Active Member Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> Most Active Member Award, Chapter Proficiency Award, Section Proficiency Award
  - *Conferences and Conventions* - National FFA Convention, State FFA Convention, Farm Bureau Youth Conference, Made for Excellence Conference, Star Conference, Chapter Banquet Organizer, Section Banquet
  - *Competitions* - Section Parliamentary Procedure, District Parliamentary Procedure, Section Livestock Judging, Section Meat Judging, Section Ag Mechanics, Forestry, Agronomy, Horse Judging
- High School Soccer
  - 2 Year Varsity letter winner
  - Junior Varsity Most Valuable Player Award
- 4-H
  - 4-H Federation member
  - Club Officer - Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, President
  - "I Dare You" Award recipient for community involvement
  - Show Cattle - Junior Showmanship Champion and Senior Showmanship Reserve Champion, 3 Time Herdsman Award winner, Several Champion and Reserve Champion Awards
  - Junior Fair Board member
- College Organizations and Activities
  - *Lake Land College PAS* – State 3<sup>rd</sup> place sheep specialist team, National 1<sup>st</sup> place sheep specialist team
  - *University of Illinois* – Agriculture Education Club, Collegiate Farm Bureau, Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, Greenhand Conference group leader

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Catholic Charities volunteer- receiving and sorting donations
- Toys for Tot Drive
- Adopt-A-Corner- street corner beautification project
- Volunteer at local nursing home
- Habitat for Humanity Volunteer
- Farm Bureau Meet and Greet
- Pheasants Forever Banquet volunteer
- Farm Credit Community Improvement Grant
  - Wrote and obtained a grant through Farm Credit to replace gates at the Beef Barn of local fairgrounds
  - Organized a team of volunteers (FFA members) to paint and install the gates
- Putting up flags for designated holidays for local VFW

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

- Shrader Family Farm, Westfield Illinois
  - Cattle herd manager
  - Ownership of 50% of herd
  - General farm hand
  - Custom hay baling
- Pagliai's Pizza, Charleston Illinois
  - Pizza maker