Looking Ahead to the Future

Most of us have bucket lists. Items on those lists include everything from seemingly-impossible dreams to future plans that have assurance of happening. Accomplishing these goals often becomes the forefront of our thoughts and purpose behind the actions we take. When a goal is achieved, we are so happy and ecstatic about that finished dream. I am the same. My bucket list has a variety of items that I hope to achieve someday. One of the mostS

dile items on my bucket list is to travel the world with an emphasis in visiting European countries. This is a dream that seems more impossible than possible, a formidable beast that cannot be defeated. However, part of this monstrous goal was cut away this summer when I went to the Czech Republic on a mission trip. I was blessed to experience a completely different culture, meet amazing new people and see a multitude of places. I was overjoyed by the experience, and it was not just from marking a checkmark on my bucket list. Simply being a part of the trip was life-changing and I realized that I did not need cross off an item on a to-do list to appreciate that amazing experience.

Throughout my life, I have had many opportunities to experience life. The National FFA Association has developed me into a confident leader who is ready for her future. FFA has grown my skills at public speaking, studying, interpersonal relations, and organization. I am who I am today because of FFA. My church youth group has made my belief in God stronger and has opened my eyes to the world. 4-H pushed my young-self to participate more, to be outgoing and to appreciate the people who have impacted your life. These and so many other organizations have shaped and molded me to help me accomplish all of the items on my bucket list.

Now, as I look at the dreams I have for my future, I am excited for what they will become. One of the most important items on my bucket list is to become a veterinarian. I plan on majoring in animal science, and potentially minoring in business and Spanish over the next four years. I hope to work at a vet clinic during school, and earn a spot in Oregon State University’s School of Veterinary Medicine. I know my plans could change, but even with this possibility I am eager for what my future will hold. In the next ten years, I could be working in a vet clinic as a surgeon, running FFA members around as an agricultural teacher, or even traveling the world as a missionary. The future is said to be a blank page and I am excited to write my story on it.