

My State Officer Reflection

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- * Time flies faster than a G9.
- * You only get 24 hours in a day, don't try to fit in more than what is possible
- * In a year you can grow so much, without ever changing who you are.
- * It's not a big deal anymore to have to drive hours on end without a bathroom break to make it on time.
- * Trees do exist!!!!!!!
- * There are places where you can be stuck in traffic for multiple hours.
- * You can't believe that the rest of the state is like the Panhandle in that there are all small towns because that's when you find yourself stuck in traffic for more than an hour
- * Everyone claims that they have the best Mexican food, chicken fried steaks, or BBQ.
- * People gets shocked when you tell them you live over 60 miles away from a Wal-Mart (civilization)
- * Each area, district, and chapter is unique and does amazing things.
- * In the FFA you will meet people from Ag teachers and students, to Corporate heads of Exxon-Mobile, Texas Cattle Feeders, McCoy's, La Quinta, to people who just recognized the FFA Jacket.

There are main things I have taken away from this experience

- 1) No matter what, the greatest strength of team is trust. There has been nine friends who I could count on for any situation. Even if we disagreed, in the end you realize that you are all going through the same things and are going to have to lean on one another.
- 2) There is always someone out there that needs you, even if it is just a polite conversation.
- 3) Sometimes you need to have a plan and execute it perfectly. Other times you have to jump into the pick-up and start driving. Find your path as you travel along the road. You are going to be tested in your beliefs. You can't plan for things because you don't ever know what it going to come up. Always remember that things happen for a reason.

Giving back to an organization that has given so much to you is rewarding, but giving back to the people who have helped and supported you is far greater.