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My name is Kya Vines and I am preparing to student teach at Meridian High School during the 2013 spring semester.

I grew up in Mountain Home, Idaho raising swine, riding horses, playing soccer and building my own leatherwork business. For ten years I was involved in 4-H and a group called Optimist Agriculture. My high school did not have an agriculture program but I was able to gain leadership and knowledge from my participation in the other youth agriculture groups. The Optimist Agriculture program functions just like 4-H, members can start livestock projects at age 8 and until a senior in high school. Optimist Ag needed help from older members to run meetings and teach younger members about their projects. I jumped at the opportunity to help the club, creating short lesson plans for meetings and making up games to practice what I would teach. I looked forward to every time I could teach at a meeting. Stepping in as an educator for the group is where I found my desire to be a teacher and my love for agriculture that thrives in me today.

I enjoy making learning fun and interesting for students by facilitating new educational activities, games and presentations. I easily connect with high school students and understand what can make learning interesting and exciting for them.

During the past four years at the University of Idaho I have been very involved in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences as an Agriculture Students Affairs Council Secretary, Student Idaho Cattle Association Secretary and Collegiate FFA member. I also am a teaching assistant for the animal science department and have had practice lecturing to a class of over one hundred students.

This spring I will be fulfilling one of my goals by graduating from the University of Idaho with a Bachelors in Agricultural Education. I am excited to see what the future holds after graduation. My next goal is to be teaching to high school students about agriculture.