

Mountain Guide Certification

MGS 10 - LOOKING PROFESSIONAL

INTRODUCTION: As leaders of your FFA chapter, it is not only important to live professionalism, it is important to look the part as well. You may come into contact with FFA members who don't like to wear official dress for one reason or another. Perhaps they just don't like dressing up or maybe non-FFA members have made derogatory comments about the FFA jacket. As an officer, it is important for you to remember that official dress and the FFA jacket is the most recognizable symbol of FFA and are respected throughout our country. So the next time someone grumbles about the jacket, or makes a comment about blue corduroy, share this with them.

If This Jacket Could Talk by Randy Vlasin

I know that to you, I may seem a bit old. I was officially adopted in 1933, which to many is ancient history. I hear the groans from some when advisors say "Everyone is to be in official dress." Perhaps that's because they really don't understand me. I am more than just a mass of blue corduroy and gold emblems. Before you put me on, I would like you to consider what you're really wearing:

1. You're wearing a living legacy that started with 33 young people in 1928 and has grown to nearly half a million students across this nation.
2. You're wearing an emblem of an industry that is number one in the world - American Agriculture.
3. You're wearing a uniform that is a recognized by business people who operate our farms, main street businesses and Fortune 500 companies, as a symbol of excellence and leadership that is second to none.
4. You're wearing opportunity to create success through one of the most diverse and dynamic programs ever offered to young people.
5. You're wearing an advertisement of yourself, your school, community, state and country.
6. Most of all, you're wearing a symbol of everything that is good and decent about this great land we call America.

So when you put me on, either you wear me with pride and strive to represent all that I stand for, or don't wear me at all.

Here's wishing you a life filled with premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

Your FFA Jacket