

# Top of their class in 2017

## Obion County Central High School



**Kinlee Ferguson**  
Valedictorian

**Kinlee Ann Ferguson** of Hornbeak, daughter of Jamie and Shanna Ferguson, earned the distinction of being named valedictorian at Obion County Central High School for the Class of 2017.

While at OCCHS, she was a member of Pep Club, Beta Club, ACT 30+ Club and soccer team. She was also a member of Obion County Youth Leadership and Obion County Junior Livestock Association. She served as National Honor Society vice president, HOSA senior representative and Obion County Interact president. She is a member of Troy United Methodist Church Pastor Parish Council.

She was a Volunteer Girls State delegate and is a Tennessee honors, Tennessee distinction, Tennessee scholar and Challenge graduate. She plans to attend Arkansas State University to study biological sciences with a focus on preprofessional medicine. She has been offered TVA Dependent, Tennessee Rural Partnership, Union City Rotary Club, National Wild Turkey Federation and State Excellence scholarships.

**Jenna Smith** of Union City, daughter of Joe and Charlotte Smith, was named salutatorian.

She was a member of the softball team, Beta Club, Rebels Against Destructive Decisions, Pep Club and ACT 30+ Club.

She is a Tennessee Scholar, Challenge graduate and Tennessee Honors and Tennessee Distinction student. She attended the Governor's School of Computational Physics.

She plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin and study electrical engineering. She has been offered Union City Rotary Club, Gooch Academic Award, Chancellor's and Hope scholarships.



**Jenna Smith**  
Salutatorian

## South Fulton High School



**Arianna Kinney**  
Valedictorian

**Arianna Kinney** and **Ariabella Kinney** of South Fulton, twin daughters of Candi Kinney, earned the distinction of being named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of South Fulton High School for the Class of 2017.

Arianna Kinney served as Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) president, Beta Club secretary and Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) public relations director.

She plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin to study nursing.

She has been offered the Harold Conner and UTM Dean's scholarships.

Ariabella Kinney served as Beta Club president, FBLA vice president and FCCLA public relations director.

She also plans to attend UTM to study nursing.

She has been offered the UTM Dean and Harold Conner scholarships.



**Ariabella Kinney**  
Salutatorian

## Union City High School



**Sarah Schlager**  
Valedictorian

**Sarah Elizabeth Schlager**, daughter of Dave and Leigh Schlager, earned the distinction of being named valedictorian at Union City High School.

She was a member of concert band, jazz band, Magnet School, Beta Club, choir, Future Business Leaders of America, Crown Club, tennis team, Obion County Youth Leadership and Rotary Youth Leadership. She served as a drum major for the marching band, class officer and Key Club president and was a delegate to Girls State and Student Congress on Policies in Education. She was named a Kiwanis Student of the Month and a West Star Rising Star. An AP Scholar, she had received numerous academic awards.

She was a Masquerade Theatre participant and is a member of First United Methodist Church Choir.

She plans to attend University of Alabama to study engineering and mathematics.

She has been offered Hope, General Assembly Merit, University of Alabama Presidential, Engineering Leadership, University of Tennessee Volunteer and Auburn Academic Heritage scholarships.

**Matthew Thomas Atwill**, son of Craig and Christy Atwill, was named salutatorian.

He was a member of marching band, symphonic band, honor band, Beta Club, Science Club, Magnet School, soccer team and Key Club. He was an All West band participant and served as a class and Student Government Association officer. He was a Tennessee Scholar, AP Scholar, Presidential Scholars Tennessee representative and National Merit Commended Student. He received numerous academic awards.

He attends Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

He plans to attend the University of Memphis to study biomedical engineering.

He has been offered Hope, General Assembly Merit, TSAC Ned McWherter Scholars Program, Wilford Gray Memorial, Kiwanis Club Student of the Year, U of M Presidential, Herff Engineering, University of Tennessee Volunteer, UT Martin Chancellor, Middle Tennessee State University Chancellor and St. Louis University V.P. scholarships.



**Matthew Atwill**  
Salutatorian