



## Union City High School Class of 2018

Seniors at Union City High School graduated Sunday evening.

Prior to their last days of class, The Messenger asked the students to share what they will always remember about high school, what advice they have for incoming freshmen or where they will imagine themselves in 10 years from now. These are their answers:

**Channing Anderson of Union City**

Parents: Renee Anderson and Michael Anderson

Question: Where do you imagine yourself 10 years from now? I can see myself behind a desk making six figures.

**Kennedy Arnold of Union City**

Parents: Jacquelyn Fife and Samuel Arnold

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? Don't overwork yourself and remember to enjoy high school.

**Gray Thomas Batey of Rives**

Parents: James and Tracey Batey

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? My advice for incoming freshmen is to take the ACT as many times as possible. A lot of financial aid is based upon your ACT score, so do whatever you can to improve your score.

**Benjamin Harris Beard of Union City**

Parents: Celene and Bentley Beard of Union City

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? One of the purposes of high school is to prepare students for the responsibilities of college and adult life; therefore, the entrance into secondary education is accompanied by increased freedom and responsibilities. I advise incoming freshmen to remain diligent throughout their high school career. Embrace the mindset that the assignments you complete in high school are steps toward a successful future rather than tasks you are forced to complete.

**MollyBeth Sinclair Blackwell of Union City**

Parents: Andy Blackwell and Melissa Scates

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? When you are in high school, you keep hoping to get out. You dread each day, but let me tell you, it goes by fast. My main piece of advice would be to not wish your high school away. This is cliché, but true. Soak in every school event you go to and get active in school activities. You only get to go to high school once, so make the most of every day.

**Krystal Blankenship of Union City**

Parents: Jami Virden of Union City and Mark Blankenship of South Fulton

Question: What will you always remember about high school? I will always remember the fun things that happened at Union City High School and all of the amazing new friends I've had over the past four years.

**Jasmine Monique Bledsoe of Union City**

Parents: Carice Bledsoe of Hickman, Ky., and Lamarsh Bledsoe of Union City.

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? Do your

best. Make all your grades important because all your grades count.

**Braylee Boucher of Union City**

Parents: Brad and Tracy Boucher of Union City

Question: What will you always remember about high school? The greatest memory I will hold on to after high school is marching band, specifically color guard. Being able to bring home many championship trophies and medals is one thing I will always cherish. The late night practices and many laps around the band field always paid off. My guard instructor, Laney Rogers, showed me, as well as everyone else, what it is like to have a family away from home. Band is what gave my high school years the most joy.

**Taylor Bowling of Union City**

Parents: Darren and Dawn Bowling of Union City

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? I would advise upcoming freshmen to always stay confident because y'all will be the youngest in the school. High school may be a little stressful at first, however, high school is full of excitement and new adventures, so just keep pushing through freshman year. Always stay confident and never stray away from your true self.

**Tyler Bowling of Union City**

Parents: Darren and Dawn Bowling of Union City

Question: What will you always remember about high school? One thing that I will always remember about high school is winning state in football my senior year. All of the hard work we did for four years finally paid off in the end. A moment like that could never be forgotten.

**Ja Morguou Brooks of Union City**

Parent: Ladonna Brooks

Question: What will you always remember about high school? One thing that I'll always remember is basketball my freshman year going to state.

**Jonathan Cain of Union City**

Parents: Thea Bond and John Cain

Question: What will you always remember about high school? One thing I will always remember about high school is the friends I've made and the stories

we have made together.

**Martin Calderon of Union City**

Parents: Cristina and Martin Calderon

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? I would advise incoming freshmen not to procrastinate.

**Elizabeth Calfee of Union City**

Parents: Michael and Janet Calfee of Union City

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? I advise incoming freshmen to become involved in extracurricular activities. Becoming involved in clubs and other organizations allows you to meet people who have similar interests as you. Make high school a memorable time; before long, it will be over.

**Kaylee Caudill of Union City**

Parents: Scott Caudill and Amy Caudill of Union City

Question: What will you always remember about high school? After leaving high school, I will always remember the memories made with my friends while in classes, at band competitions and at dances.

**Ala'Sonna Adajea Randede Cobb of Union City**

Parent: Kenya Perkins

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? Never apologize for being yourself. In high school there will be people who will try to discourage you, but always focus on your goal; remind yourself daily of the person you are and the change you want to see in the world. Learn to gain self-love, self-acceptance and most of all, self-control. A good reputation is easy to get, but easier to be taken away.

**Britney Contreras of Union City**

Parents: Gerardo Contreras and Martha Leal of Union City

Question: What will you always remember about high school? I will always remember all the trips I went on with friends and the Union City High School Marching Band. The memories I made will last a lifetime.

**Taylor McKenzie Crittendon of Union City**

Parents: Terry and Carrie Crittendon

Question: What will you always remember about high school? I will never forget being a part of the first softball team in UCHS's history to make

an appearance in the state tournament.

**LaNyah Cross of Union City**

Parents: Larry and Taquitta Cross of Union

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