



## Obion County Central High School Class of 2018

Seniors at Obion County Central High School graduated Friday 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:

**Ashleigh Alford of Hornbeak**

Parents: Roger and Angie Alford of Hornbeak and Sheila Alford of Troy

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? Just because everyone else is doing it, doesn't mean that you have to do it, too. Have fun and enjoy these four years, in the blink of an eye, it'll all be over.

**Heather Baggett of Obion**

Parents: Sharon Baggett and Donnie Baggett

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? I advise the incoming freshmen to take their time and use it wisely. Time flies, so make it worth it.

**Brienne Denise Baggett of Troy**

Parents: Brad Baggett and Mashelle Chambers of Troy

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? For incoming freshmen, I advise that they study hard and never give up. Have the time of your life because it will be over before you know it.

**Jade Beasley of Union City**

Parents: Gina Beasley and Jared Beasley of Union City

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? Make the most of high school, enjoy every moment. Even if it doesn't seem important then, I promise you'll miss it.

**Alexia Barnett of Obion**

Parents: Hope Williams of Obion and Matt Barnett of Woodland Mills

Question: What will you always remember about high school? High school gave me some of the best memories that I will cherish forever. Friday nights with the football boys is something I will never forget. Getting to cheer them on through every win and every loss was the best. For as long as I live, I will never forget the amazing times cheering under those Friday night lights.

**Hunter Bennett of Union City**

Parents: Mechelle and Joe Love and Jacob Bennett of Union City

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? For the incoming freshmen, always listen to your teachers, work hard and don't miss a lot of school because it's hard to make things up!

**Emily Bolton of Troy**

Aunt: Maurdie Moore

Question: Where do you imagine yourself 10 years from now? In 10 years from now, hopefully, I will be serving in the Army.

**Nicholas Bonskowski of Union City**

Parents: Bonnie Bonskowski and Thomas Bonskowski

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? Don't wait until the last minute. Get it done as soon as possible.

**Madison Brady of Troy**

Parents: Brandy Choate and Chuck Brady, both of Troy

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? During the next four years of your life, you will go through heartbreaks, broken friendships

and lots of stress ... But you will learn that stressing over the little things are not worth it. Be happy. Have fun. Don't get into trouble. Make friends. Most importantly, be kind to everyone.

**Carly Bramlett of Union City**

Parents: Steve Bramlett and Tracy Burress, both of Union City

Question: What will you always remember about high school? I will always remember the memories I've made with my lifelong friends. It is important to keep your grades up, but memories that you make in high school will be with you for the rest of your life.

**Anna Bright of Troy**

Parents: Amy Bright and John Bright, both of Troy

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? Always smile at others when you're in the hallway; it may sound like trivial advice, but countless bad days have been made better when I pass by someone in the hallway that meets my glance with a smile rather than indifference.

**Taylor Burress of Union City**

Parents: Dwayne Burress and Jennifer Cash

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? Don't wish your life away. These really are the best years of your life. Work hard, but have fun. Be involved! Join clubs, play sports, have school spirit! Stay away from drama and negativity.

**Kayla Bryant of Union City**

Grandmother: Judith Estlow

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? Dear Freshmen, This will be the fastest four years of your life. You will make so many memories, so soak up every minute of high school! The key to a great four years is balance. Make enough time for everything. Make time for God, make time for study, make time for family and make time for friends! Don't spend every night at home studying, go to that football game — that's where the memories are made!

**Heath Cary of Rives**

Parents: Robbi and Joe Cary

Question: What will you always remember about high school? I will always remember all of the friends I made and the accomplishments I achieved. I will always remember all of the teachers and people who helped me become who I am today.

**Paul Cobb Jr. of Union City**

Parents: Paul Cobb Sr. and Denise Cobb

Question: What will you always remember about high school? The one thing I will always remember about high school is the fear I had when I was called or brought to the office. On the way to the office, I would try to figure out what it was I had done. In reality, I am a good student, so I often went to the office to fix a problem, get a blood donation form or make sure my classes are fitting. Be good!

**Jayden Campbell of Troy**

Parents: Sara Sims and the late Shane Campbell

Question: Where do you imagine yourself 10 years from now? Ten years from now, I hope to have my master's in secondary education. I want to have a double major in English and Spanish. Hopefully, I will have had a steady job; however, I wish to resign and move to a foreign

country and become a missionary. More than likely, I will have my own family and be raising my children to follow God.

**Jaaz Comstock of Hornbeak**

Parents: Mike and Amy Comstock of Hornbeak

Question: Where do you imagine yourself 10 years from now? In 10 years, I imagine myself successful and married. I will be a multimillionaire and very happy. My mind will be full of great memories from high school.

**Mason Cook of Obion**

Parents: Patricia Hartley of Obion and Randy Cook of Dyersburg

Question: Where do you imagine yourself 10 years from now? Ten years from now, I envision myself having a degree in nursing, owning a house and starting a family.

**Tyler Copeland of Hornbeak**

Parents: Stephanie and Tony Copeland of Hornbeak

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? To the incoming freshmen, high school is not a bad as you think. You meet new people and make new friends. You will get picked on, but during your senior year, you will never forget it.

**Gracie Cox of Troy**

Parents: Jarred and Shannon Fowlkes of Troy and Shayne Cox of Union City

Question: What will you always remember about high school? I will always remember the good times I had with the friends I had before high school and the new friends I made during high school.

**Kathryn Grace Crockett of Rives**

Parents: Jamie and Kelly Crockett of Rives

Question: What will you always remember about high school? One thing I will always remember about high school is all of the genuine friendships I've made and the life-long memories that came with them.

**Bethany Couldstone of Troy**

Parents: Leian Wallace of Troy and Billy Wallace of Union City

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? Don't be scared to ask for help. Kids shoving you in lockers does not exist. Kids are willing to help you.

**Sam Crawford of Union City**

Parents: Richard Crawford and Amy Crawford

Question: What will you always remember about high school? I'll always remember the friends I've made over the years.

**Olivia Cunningham of Troy**

Parents: Jamie Cunningham and Ben Cunningham of Troy

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? Enjoy the time you have in high school and do not sweat the small things. You are all important.

**Jonathan Davis of Hornbeak**

Parents: Joi and Jon Davis of Hornbeak

Question: What will you always remember about high school? I will always remember the close friends and teachers I've come to know.

**Jeffery Donnell of Union City**

Grandmother: Robin Donnell of Union City

Question: Where do you imagine yourself 10 years from now? I imagine myself at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville on

my track of becoming a vet. I'll already have my first nine years under my belt. I will still have four years left of grad school to get my 12 years total of schooling. It's a long road, but one that's worth it and will definitely pay off.

**Richard Dugger of Troy**

Parents: Carol Kennedy and Ricky Dugger, both of Troy

Question: What will you always remember about high school? All the good times that were made with buddies. I now realize that these are the best years of your life and they are now coming to an end.

**Kennedy Eason of Rives**

Parents: Christina Eason and Chad Eason of Rives

Question: Where do you imagine yourself 10 years from now? In 10 years, I imagine myself married to the love of my life. I also imagine being a great psychologist and having a nice house. I'm going to continue to work hard for what I want in my future.

**Kalie Eaves of Union City**

Parents: Mark and Susan Eaves

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? Don't stress out over everything. You may forget an assignment, do poorly on a test, fall down the stairs or answer a question in class with a stupid answer, but in the grand scheme of things, none of that will matter. The grades will work themselves out, other people will do embarrassing things and when you're older with a family of our own, no one will remember anything from high school. Just do your best, work hard and don't forget to take time to play and enjoy yourself every once in a while.

**Chris Floyd of Tiptonville**

Parents: William and Marie Lynn Floyd and the late Laura Floyd

Question: Where do you imagine yourself 10 years from now? I see myself being a recruit for the Tennessee National Guard helping teenagers make one giant step in life by signing the line to serve their country.

**James Porter Fowler of Union City**

Parents: Amber Fowler and Brandon Fowler

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? Enjoy every bit of your high school career. Time will fly by and you will be gone. Follow the rules and stay in school. Bad decisions will always reflect bad on you. Make smart choices and enjoy every bit of your time.

**Miranda Franklin of Obion**

Parents: Heather Franklin and Miles Franklin

Question: Where do you imagine yourself 10 years from now? In 10 years, I imagine myself living in either Atlanta or Los Angeles working as a big-time animator who is about to release the next best animated movie.

**Kaede Freeman of Union City**

Parents: Travis Freeman of Union City and LeeAnn Miller of Dresden

Question: What will you always remember about high school? I will always remember my teachers. Most of the teachers I had were life-changing. They made a big impact on my life. I will also remember the formal dances that I have attended. High school is something you only get to experience once. Everyone remembers it for the rest of their lives.

**Hannah Fulbright of Union City**

Parents: James Fulbright of Troy and Lori Fulbright of Union City

Question: What will you always remember about high school? The building doesn't make the high school, the people do, and that's why I'm always going to remember the irreplaceable friends, teachers and coaches of Obion Central. The memories made in these four, short years have shaped me and inspired me in so many ways and they will stay with me forever.

**Kaci Dee Jeannette Garner of Union City**

Parents: Kelli Rogers and Floyd Rogers of Union City

Question: Where do you imagine yourself 10 years from now? I imagine myself traveling to different places around the world. I imagine myself teaching children the English language, as well as learning new languages and learning about different cultural beliefs.

**Griffin Gibson of Union City**

Parents: Paula Slaughter and James Gibson

Question: Where do you imagine yourself 10 years from now? In 10 years, I imagine myself in a big city. I imagine living in a mansion with multiple nice cars. I might have children by that point.

**Joshua Gomez of Union City**

Parent: Berlinda Gomez

Question: What will you always remember about high school? One thing I remember from school would have to be my first and last past football season here at Obion County.

**Cody Gregory of Troy**

Parents: Teddy and Clara Gregory

Question: Where do you imagine yourself 10 years from now? I can imagine myself working for some outdoor business while having a family and supporting them.

**Emma Gurien of Troy**

Parents: James and Jolinda Gurien of Troy

Question: What will you always remember about high school? I will always remember going to UCA Cheerleading Nationals and winning the title of the best junior varsity co-ed team in the nation for my school and team.

**Jamar Huff of Union City**

Parents: Dallas Williams of Union City and Shannon Huff of Woodland Mills

Question: What will you always remember about high school? I will always remember certain things about high school I learned fake friends from real friends, I gained a lot of knowledge! I learned how to speak on certain things and I learned when and when not to speak. To

sum it all up, I'll always remember that I learned a lot of life lessons.

**Devin Hogg of Samburg**

Parents: Shonda Long and Michael Long of Samburg

Question: What will you always remember about high school? I will always remember when we, the football team, pulled off the unthinkable and beat the ninth-ranked team in the state. We came back from a two touchdown deficit. We were down 20-6, but we came back and beat them 35-26. What a great and glorious memory it was. We beat Dyersburg.

**Drew Holland of Obion**

Parent: Kari Holland of Obion

Question: Where do you imagine yourself 10 years from now? I imagine myself working in law enforcement.

**Daphne Renee Hollowell of Tiptonville**

Parents: Tom and Christine Hollowell

Question: Where do you imagine yourself 10 years from now? I imagine myself having my own salon and family in 10 years.

**Arianna Hill of Union City**

Parents: Melanie Hill and Brandon Cole of Union City

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? High school can be intimidating. However, that feeling goes away once you start classes. All the freshmen in the hallway on the first day are feeling the same fear that you are. High school is what you want it to be. If you want to join a club, join that club. Maybe you want to try a new sport, do it! All you can do is try and the time you spend putting yourself out there will be time well spent. High school flies by, so spend the little time you have doing what you love.

**Leann Hopper of Troy**

Parents: Billy and Suzanne Hopper of Troy

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? One piece of advice I have for incoming freshmen is don't wish the time away. Before you know it, you'll be trying on your cap and gown.

**Julia Huang of Union City**

Parents: Rachel Lin and Sam Huang of Union City

Question: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen? Dear incoming freshmen, I know this might be too early to realize, but as a senior in high school, I came to realize that in high school, it is very important to cherish your time, your friends, your teachers, etc., because time will pass by so fast that you probably won't see them ever after graduation. It is okay to make mistakes, but do learn (See Page 8, Col. 1)

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