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Oscoda Area Schools Class of 2017



Savanna Renea Johnson
Valedictorian



Hunter Martin Gayeski
Salutatorian



Megan Taylor McCracken
Salutatorian



Belle Lynn Yell
Salutatorian



Congratulations to all our Graduates!

Top Students – Class of 2017



Commencement exercises for the Class of 2017 will be held in the Oscoda High School Gymnasium on Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Congratulations to all of our graduates, and best wishes for a bright and successful future!

Summa cum laude (4.0-3.75 GPA)

Savanna Renea Johnson – daughter of Connie and Jeffrey Johnson. Savanna has a 4.0 GPA and is the class valedictorian. She plans to study communications and writing at the University of Michigan.

Hunter Martin Gayeski – son of Darlene and Martin Gayeski II. Hunter has a 3.99 GPA and is one of the class salutatorians. He plans to study accounting at Saginaw Valley State University.

Megan Taylor McCracken – daughter of Tina Heisner. Megan has a 3.99 GPA and is one of the class salutatorians. She plans to pursue a career in business at Kirtland Community College.

Belle Lynn Yell – daughter of Janet and Adam Yell. Belle has a 3.99 GPA and is one of the class salutatorians. She plans to study interior design at Kirtland Community College.

Jessica Nicole Ridgway – daughter of Amy and Ryan Ridgway. Jessica plans to major in physics at Albion College.

Samantha Jean Rush – daughter of Tammy and Jeff Rush. Samantha plans to attend the University of Michigan.

Nicole Grace Fox – daughter of Tina Fox. Nicole plans to attend the University of Michigan.

Rachel Quinn Koski – daughter of Tammy Koski and Bob Koski. Rachel plans to study biology at Eastern Michigan University.



Juan Martin Compian, Jr. – son of Carol Compian. Juan's plans for the future are uncertain.

Lindsey Marie Grant – daughter of Michelle and Robert Grant. Lindsey plans to pursue a career as a dental hygienist at Ferris State University.

Gabrielle Elise Harger – daughter of Michelle and Brian Harger. Gabrielle plans to study economics and pursue a career in law at Michigan State University.

Sophia Rosemarie Sheppard – daughter of Annamay Fulco and Kenneth Napier. Sophia plans to attend Kirtland Community College where she will pursue a career in physical therapy.

Kaitlyn Marie Cox – daughter of Mark Cox. Kaitlyn plans to study accounting at Kirtland Community College and then at Northwood University.

Taylor Jade Host – daughter of Jennifer Rowden. Taylor plans to pursue a career in elementary education at Central Michigan University.

Skylar Jean Barnes – daughter of Jamie Barnes and Toni Engle and Ken Robbins. Skylar plans to attend Michigan State University where she will pursue a career in pediatrics.

Samantha Annmarie Miller – daughter of Lillian and Phillip Miller. Samantha plans to study animal science at Lansing Community College and Michigan State University.



Magna cum laude (3.74 to 3.5 GPA)

Jessica Lynn Mioduch – daughter of Cheri and Dan Mioduch. Jessica plans to pursue a career in radiology at Alpena Community College.

Albert Henry Post IV – son of Cecelia and Henry Post II. Albert enlisted in the Marine Reserve and will attend Western Michigan University where he will study aviation science.

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Magna cum laude (Continued)

Dean Albert Zahm – son of Julie Zahm. Dean plans to attend the Career Exploration Program at Ferris State University.



High Honors (3.49 to 3.0 GPA)

Quentin John Thomas Venney – son of Tom Venney. Quentin plans to study pre-med psychiatry at Wayne State University.

Courtney Renee Uller – daughter of Tammy and Ken Uller. Courtney plans to attend Alpena Community College and Saginaw Valley State University where she will study psychology.

Hollie Robin Fort – daughter of Carla and Russ Campbell and Guy and Jo Fort. Hollie plans to study psychology and business.

Aryanna Nicole Ealy – daughter of Katrina and Daniel Althouse. Aryanna plans to pursue a career in elementary education at Western Michigan University.

Nicholas Chase VonZynda – son of Lori and Dan VonZynda. Nicholas plans to attend Alpena Community College.

Justyce Raevynn Orso – daughter of Anton Orso and Aimee Orso. Justyce has enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Alec Brandon Poland – son of Mary Kay Gwizdala and Burt Poland. Alec plans to study security information systems at Ferris State University.

Austin Blaine Poland – son of Mary Kay Gwizdala and Burt Poland. Austin plans to study security information systems at Ferris State University.

Jasmine Rose Thomas – daughter of Wendy and Dwane Thomas. Jasmine plans to attend Ferris State University where she will study criminal justice.

Dennis James Fay – son of Christine and Bradley Fay. Dennis plans to pursue a career in criminal justice at Ferris State University.

Dakota Rose Nance – daughter of Jennifer Misiano. Dakota plans to pursue a career as an Asian studies translator at Wayne State University.

Important Dates for Graduates

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| May 26-28 | Senior Trip to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee |
| June 7 | Last Day for Seniors |
| June 7 | Awards Ceremony, 7 p.m., OHS Gym |
| June 8 | Graduation Parade at RES, 1:45 p.m. |
| June 8 | Mandatory practice for all seniors, 5:30 p.m. |
| June 8 | Baccalaureate, 7 p.m. (optional) sponsored by the Pastoral Association |
| June 9 | Breakfast of Champions, 11:30 a.m. (for those earning varsity letters), sponsored by Oscoda Athletic Boosters |
| June 9 | All-Night Party, 10 p.m. OHS Commons (ends at 5:00 a.m.) |
| June 11 | Graduation, OHS Gym, 2 p.m. (seniors should arrive at 1:00 p.m. in proper attire) |



Community Education Notes

Colts Football and Cheer – registration will be held in the OHS commons on Saturday, June 3, 2017 10-11 a.m. Registration fee is \$35. Colts Football and Cheer is open to all students entering grades 3-6 this coming fall.

Open Swim – will be held in the OHS Pool on Sundays 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. through June 30, 2017. \$3 per person.

Lap Swim – will be held in the OHS Pool on Mondays and Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 p.m., Thursdays 10-11 am, through June 30, 2017. \$4 per person.

Water Exercise – Mondays 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. through June 30, 2017. \$4 per person



Congratulations Class of 2017



David Scott Alexander
 Diamond Paige Alt
 Brandon Edward Anaya
 Sommer Rose Ayers
 Skylar Jean Barnes
 Nichole Gabrielle Beam
 Emily Rose Beckius
 Alyssa Nicole Binkowski
 Jason Charles Bridgman
 Michael Jakob Carafelly
 Trevor Joseph Carnevale
 Nicholas James Cochell
 Juan Martin Compian, Jr.
 Day Lee Ann Cordell
 Kaitlyn Marie Cox
 Austen James Curtis
 Christopher John Dixon
 Aryanna Nicole Ealy
 Dennis James Fay
 Hollie Robin Fort
 Nicole Grace Fox
 Thomas Warren Frazier
 Hunter Martin Gayeski
 Lindsey Marie Grant
 Gabrielle Elise Harger
 Samantha Grace Hart
 Erica Nicole Heier

Taylor Jade Host
 Drew Dillon Isaac
 Anthony Scott Johnson, Jr.
 Savanna Renea Johnson
 Breanna Antoinette Kalinowski
 Mathew Lee Kelley
 Rachel Quinn Koski
 Alyson Eileen LaFreniere
 Cameron David Lee
 Wyatt Lee Livvix
 Julianna Marie Martin
 Shane Walter Massicotte
 Megan Taylor McCracken
 Kyle Dylan McGinnes
 Adam Matthew McNeill
 Christian Taylor Michaud
 Samantha Annmarie Miller
 Jessica Lynn Mioduch
 Autumn Renee Moore
 Dakota Rose Nance
 Justyce Raevynn Orso
 John Philip Ouillette
 Grant Dean Palmer
 Nathan Joseph Pintar
 Alec Brandon Poland
 Austin Blaine Poland
 Albert Henry Post IV

Antonio Biagio Raona
 Gabriel Lewis Rayes
 Megan Rae Reinhard
 Jessica Nicole Ridgway
 Scott Timothy Rudolph
 Samantha Jean Rush
 Harry Christopher Samotis
 Reese Michael Shastal
 Sophia Rosemarie Sheppard
 Michael Keith Stadler
 William Loyal Stanley
 Jayden Hunter Steeves
 Khristian Michael Suszek
 Benjamin Alexander Thacker
 Jasmine Rose Thomas
 Emery Scott Tulgetske
 Courtney Renee Uller
 Lorgia Johana Uriarte
 Quentin John Thomas Venney
 Nicholas Chase VonZynda
 Richard Joseph Walls
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