



Many Voices Working for the Community

Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board

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Advisory Board/DOE Honor Outgoing Student Representatives

The Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB) and the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Oak Ridge Office recognized outgoing student representatives Brianna Goodlin and Josh Monroe at the April board meeting.

ORSSAB is a federally chartered citizens' panel that provides recommendations to the DOE Oak Ridge Environmental Management Program, which is responsible for the cleanup of the Oak Ridge Reservation. Each year it provides seats for two non-voting student representatives from area high schools. In addition to participating at board meetings, students can be members of the board's working committees.



Oak Ridge High School senior Josh Monroe (left) and Hardin Valley Academy senior Brianna Goodlin were recognized for their service on the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board at the April meeting. John Eschenberg, Assistant Manager for Environmental Management for the DOE Oak Ridge Office, presented plaques to them for their one-year term on the board.

"I thank both of them for serving on the board," said John Eschenberg, DOE Oak Ridge Assistant Manager for Environmental Management. "They have brought a youthful energy to the board. I hope it's been a good experience for them."

"The students serve with us voluntarily for a year, and they have been excellent additions to the board," said board chair Ron Murphree. "We always try to get the best and the brightest to work with us. Brianna and Josh are good examples of that effort."

Brianna is graduating from Hardin Valley Academy where she is the valedictorian for 2011. She has been accepted to all of the Ivy League schools as well as Duke and Stanford, but she has not yet made a decision about which one to attend. "I really value my time that I spent on the board," she said, "and I know that the knowledge and skills I have learned are going to benefit me for years to come, especially

as I go to work and become even more aware of how I impact the environment. I also value the insight on how the government partners with citizens to gain different perspectives and work on finding solutions to our problems that everyone can be happy with."

Josh is graduating from Oak Ridge High School. He plans to attend the University of Georgia and study marine biology. "The things I learned while serving the board will no doubt help me in the future and I thank everyone for that," he said. "Though I didn't always understand the science

or the politics behind everything that went on, it felt good knowing that I was getting exposed to this critical piece of the process early rather than farther down the road.”

The board will seat two new students from Oak Ridge and Hardin Valley at its May meeting.

The ORSSAB meets at the DOE Information Center, 475 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN, at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings are open to the public and an open comment period is provided. For additional information, visit www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab or call the support office at 865-241-4583 or 241-4584.

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