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## We are grateful for our wonderful volunteers!

Every year, hundreds of volunteers donate countless hours to our ministry. Many are from Kentucky, but they often come from other states as well. Some have been helping for years; others are on our campus for the first time. They may come with a group, with a spouse, with friends, or solo. Whether they do construction, cleaning, painting, crafts, sorting clothes, stuffing envelopes or something else, each one is most appreciated!



## 4th in the nation in FFA



Oneida student **Grace Sink** won fourth place in the Creed Speaking Contest at the 88th National FFA Convention in Louisville in October.

Victories at the Kentucky River Region and the Kentucky State Creed competitions earned Grace a spot in the national contest.

The FFA Creed Speaking Contest is a Career Development Event for FFA members in the ninth grade. The student must present the FFA Creed from memory and answer questions about its meaning and purpose.

Grace was honored to meet other FFA members from all over the U.S. She said, "The entire experience was the chance of a lifetime. Competing in the Creed contest from the chapter level all the way to the national stage taught me confidence and perseverance. The Creed is about...hope for tomorrow as we continue to work to accomplish our task. I believe in what the Creed stands for because I had to live by the Creed's standards to accomplish this honorable task at the 88th National Convention last week."

Grace is the first Kentucky FFA member to place in the semi-finals and finals in the National Creed Competition. □

## Dual credit class offered on campus

For the first time, OBI is offering a dual credit class to Oneida seniors on our campus. OBI English teacher **Ryan Cordle** became qualified with the University of Pikeville to teach Composition 101 and 102. Nine OBI seniors enrolled in the class and will receive three credits with the University of Pikeville upon completion.

Oneida's top students continue to have advanced placement courses, including AP government, AP U.S. history, AP biology and AP calculus, available to them beginning as early as their sophomore year. The dual credit English class replaced our AP English IV class, and Cordle explained the benefit to students: "Perhaps the biggest advantage for replacing AP with dual credit is that it offers the most inclusive opportunity for our students to earn immediate college credit," he stated. "Although AP classes are great, and very rigorous, students only receive college credit if they score high enough on the end-of-the-year exam, which is extremely difficult. With a dual credit course, students receive credit for passing the course, just as they would if they took the course on a university campus...The credits our students earn will transfer to virtually every college they are applying to."

**Alex Assa** and **Daniel Fonseca** both like the college-prep aspect of the dual credit class. "I think the dual credit program is helping me with understanding and reaching the caliber of college work," Alex said. "We have had to write longer essays than ever, in which procrastinating will surely give you a bad grade. It also has helped me with looking more in-depth at things through the discussion topics we engage in." Daniel added, "Dual credit is helping me get used to a college workload and giving me an idea of how teachers grade essays and what they expect from me, as well as giving me

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The dual credit senior English class attended the 10th annual Bert T. Combs Symposium on September 4, held at the Eastern Kentucky University Manchester campus. The class presented a debate at the symposium.

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college credits.”

Cordle has also enjoyed the syllabus and class content. He said, “The fun thing about teaching the course so far has been that the syllabus is centered around major and controversial questions, so there has been plenty of time devoted to discussion and debate. I also enjoy helping students improve their writing, so this composition class has been rewarding.”

OBI has been offering dual credit through Eastern Kentucky University since the 2014-2015 school year, but not on campus. One student, the son of OBI faculty members, completed English 101 and English 102 by commuting to the ECU Manchester branch. He became somewhat of a test case for our guidance office to interface with the college and incorporate the credits earned to the student’s high school transcript. This year, two seniors are taking dual credit classes with ECU.

**Angie Gritton**, (OBI '91) Oneida's assistant to the president, was instrumental in implementing dual credit at OBI. Before her family's move from Florida to Oneida three years ago, Gritton was a guidance counselor for 10 years at a private school which had a well-established dual credit program with several Florida colleges. She noted, “We didn't know how it would work at Oneida. Our student last year did so well, we thought it would be great to offer it to all of our students, but with the traveling, it would only benefit our day students. Our goal was to have the dual credit classes on campus.” Gritton plans to work with other OBI teachers to get them certified with the University of Pikeville in order to offer more dual credit classes, like algebra, philosophy or history. “The benefit to the students is to give them a head start to see what college is like. Plus, the credit counts double-duty as a high school class and as college credit,” Gritton added.

Another benefit to dual credit is that it can save our students and their families money as they head into college. With the University of Pikeville, the cost for each student in the dual credit English class was just \$19. As we add more dual credit classes in the future, a student could conceivably graduate from OBI with 12-16 earned college credits, the equivalent of a semester's worth of full-time study. □

The faculty, staff and students of  
Oneida Baptist Institute  
wish you and yours a very



**Merry Christmas**

and a blessed new year.  
Thank you for your love, your support,  
and your prayers for our ministry.



## Bits and tidbits

### Our mission statement

The mission of Oneida Baptist Institute is to provide a Christian living, learning and working environment in which each of its students, Christian or non-Christian, is diligently challenged to grow mentally, physically, socially and spiritually in order to acquire an *Education for Time and Eternity*.

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## Ground-breaking for new dormitory



On a rainy September 29th, OBI administrators, board of trustees and other distinguished guests held a symbolic ground-breaking ceremony for the new Carnahan-Daugherty dormitory on the covered porch of Dervis and Juanita Rush Hall.

OBI president, **Mr. Larry A. Gritton, Jr.** (OBI '93) opened the ground-breaking ceremony with introductions of guests and remarks about the new 200-bed Carnahan-Daugherty dormitory. The last time a new dormitory was built on the campus was in 1982 with the construction of Preston and Ruby Baker Hall.

**Rev. Ken Bolin**, pastor of Manchester Baptist Church and OBI trustee, led the opening prayer for the dedication of Carnahan-Daugherty Hall. Mr. Gritton introduced **Arthur Walker III**, owner of The Walker Company, in charge of construction for the new dormitory.

Distinguished guests included architect **Todd Ott** with CMW, members of the Walker Company, **Donna McClure** from Senator **Mitch McConnell's** office, OBI new construction coordinator **Paul Filiatreau**, and OBI freshman **Orloff Phillips** representing the boys' dormitory. □

### Furnish a room!

After completion, Carnahan-Daugherty Hall will need to be furnished. We invite you, your Sunday school class, church or other group to be a part of this project. Donors giving \$2,500, the cost of completely furnishing one dormitory room, will be recognized with a plaque on the wall outside one of the rooms.

### Take the 360 challenge!

We are asking alumni and friends to support OBI for the next year for \$30 a month -- for a total of \$360. If 360 new givers take the challenge, they will raise a total of \$129,600 in a year! Individual donations provide about 60% of our funding. An increase of donors will strengthen our “financial backbone.”

2 new ways to give!

## Homecoming 2015

Our annual Homecoming was in the fall. Festivities began October 22 with opening night of the fall play. October 23 brought our second Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament. The big celebration was October 24, and included a Fall Festival for students and guests.

