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Tennis and track/field both send Oneida athletes to state

In May the OBI boys' tennis team and four members of our girls' tennis team competed in the KHSAA state tournament.

The boys advanced to state as a team after placing first in the Fourteenth Region. Choopat "Kaikai" Suvimolstean won first-place in singles at regionals, while Barnabas Kim and Isaac Waslewski were regional firsts in doubles. Our regional semi-finalists on the boys' team were Luke White in singles and Simon Robinson and Paul Shin (pictured at right) in doubles.

Mianna Baker and Maria Stamatis of our girls' team were regional runners-up in doubles. Taylor Cochran and Nirina Walters qualified for state as regional doubles semi-finalists.

Luke, Isaac, Nirina and Mianna all went to the state competition in OBI tennis last year as well, and this was Barnabas' third year to compete at the state level for Oneida.

The tennis team was coached by Mike and Cindy Waslewski, who stated, "We are very proud of our players and their accomplishments over the season. When players stick with our program for several years and graduate with success in tennis, like Barnabas and many others in the past, we thank God for the joy He gives us in coaching tennis." They added, "We are thankful to OBI that Mianna and Maria have the opportunity to go to tennis camp this summer."



Also in May, Essence Wilson (pictured left) and Noble Zika represented OBI at the state track/field meet. Essence earned first-place wins at the regional level in the 100, 200 and 400-meter dashes. Noble won a place at state by coming in second in the high jump at regionals.

This was Essence's second year to run at the state level. Last year she came in first at regionals in the same three races and advanced to state.

Megan and Joey Jaspersen were the track/field coaches. Joey said, "We were pleased with so many of our athletes who strove hard throughout the season to improve in their events. It's always rewarding to see the expression on a student's face when they know they have improved from one competition to the next. We saw that expression countless times this season due to the hard work our athletes invested. OBI track and field has a bright future ahead with an experienced group of students expected to return next season." □



Students who qualify for reduced tuition participated in the summer work program. There were plenty of jobs to fill their days!

The news in pictures

(Left) Our choir sang at the state Women's Missionary Union convention April 5.

(Right) Going over the parts of the cow one more time before the yearly FFA / 4-H livestock show.



(Left) The Talent Show was a chance to spotlight many students' abilities.

(Right) 89% of our 54 graduates in 2014 earned advanced diplomas, and for the first time the event was on Livestream.com



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Meet some of our Most Outstanding and Most Studious students

At the start of the third quarter each year, our faculty, administration, and dormitory house-parents meet together to discuss and select the recipients of some of our most important annual student awards.

We would like to introduce you to three of our 2013-14 award winners.



Kurtis Lawson (left) was named both Most Outstanding and Most Studious. He is a junior, and his parents, Eric and Dawn Lawson, are both members of the OBI faculty.

"I wasn't expecting to get any awards," Kurtis confided. His grades are A average, and Kurtis said, "I think my grades are better here than they would be at another school. The overall environment helps, plus the teachers really care." Kurtis said, "I don't struggle a lot academically, but I do work hard and study a lot." He especially enjoys history and science. Kurtis joined our new Academic Team last year, and hopes to play golf in the fall.

Todd Parkhouse was one of Kurtis' teachers. He remarked, "Kurtis is a kind young man with consideration and concern for others. He is extremely respectful and, though quiet, has great insight when asked to answer a question in class."



"Most Outstanding" is defined as, "the most outstanding in character, attitude, academics and conduct."

"Most Studious" students are those who "have worked the hardest to achieve academic excellence."



Autumn Dunzweiler (far left) was our Most Outstanding and Most Studious sophomore girl. She became a day student at OBI two years ago. She said one of the things she appreciated most about Oneida was "overall what staff provide for the students." Autumn stated that she typically makes all A's, but she does have to work hard to get the grades.

One of Autumn's teachers was Mike Waslewski, who stated, "Autumn is a picture-perfect student who gives 100 percent 100 percent of the time.

She is always prepared, doesn't complain, has a good nature, is respectful to all, and is respected by all." Kirbee Parkhouse agreed: "She is a model student diligent about her work, wanting to do it right. It's been a joy to have her in class."

Mardorie Flahn (above, right) earned the title of Most Outstanding freshman girl. Last year was her first school year at OBI. Mardorie said she likes the other students here, and all the activities. She played soccer and basketball, and was on the track/field team. "I wouldn't have done these things at home," she confessed. "I would have been lazy."

Jennifer Fanin, Dean of Girls, described Mardorie as "a good influence on other students as they pick up her steady, calm demeanor, great attitude and hard-working practices." Fanin noted all of Mardorie's areas of involvement, saying, "She seems to have found a wonderful balance of school, sports and social life. One of the things I admire most about her is how she puts her full effort into whatever she is doing." Ryan Cordle, teacher and girls' basketball coach, echoed Fanin: "Mardorie takes the tasks set before her, whether it's in English class or in basketball, very seriously. Mardorie is a hard worker and will grow to be a great leader on our campus." □

Our alumni had two special invitations to visit the campus recently -- the annual "Alumni and Friends of OBI Dinner" and spring play (left) and our yearly Oneida Homecoming. (right).



Two honored for 25 years of service



Every spring, we devote a chapel program to honoring members of our faculty, administration, and support staff who have ministered at OBI for five, ten, etc. years. This year our longest-serving staff members were Debbie Smith and Jerry Pierce. Each has

been a part of the Oneida family for 25 years.

Mrs. Smith started out working in our tutoring lab. She then served in the library, and now monitors the Alternative Learning Center (ALC). Pierce has ministered as our business office manager the entire 25 years. We appreciate these dedicated servants! □

Anderson Hall re-opened



Anderson Hall, OBI's oldest building, was re-opened with the fanfare of a ribbon-cutting ceremony at our annual Homecoming celebration June 28. The historic guest house had been closed since remodeling began in September 2007.

Anderson Hall was constructed in 1911 and named after Elizabeth Milbank Anderson, who donated \$5,300 in 1909. She had heard then-president James Anderson Burns speak in New York. When she learned that Burns wanted a farm for the school, she sent him a check for \$5,300 the very next day with a note saying, "Here is your farm." Several years later, Mrs. Anderson gave \$11,000 for a building to house single women teachers and a domestic science classroom. Several school presidents have lived and died in Anderson Hall, including founder James Anderson Burns and Dr. Barkley Moore. (OBI '58)

President Larry A. Gritton, Jr. (OBI '93) addressed the Homecoming crowd from the porch of Anderson Hall. Pat Hignite, (OBI '56) former Anderson Hall hostess, cut the bright blue ribbon.

The structure now contains seven bedrooms with a total of 19 beds, a private bathroom off of each bedroom, a living room, a kitchen, an upstairs kitchenette, and a spacious linen closet. Gritton stated that the cost of labor by OBI construction staff -- Dan Nichols (OBI '94) and Paul Filiatreau -- was worth \$75,093. Donated volunteer labor hours were valued at \$43,832. Materials and outside labor cost \$287,691, making the total cost of the remodeling just over \$400,000.

Oneida trustees Jeanie Haley and Barbara Rogers were on hand for the ceremony, after putting in many hours cleaning and decorating Anderson Hall prior to the re-opening. □

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*.

OBI continues these programs:

Campbell's "Labels for Education"™
Send us the entire "Labels for Education"™ labels of Campbell's foods and others, like Vlastic®, Franco-American®, Prego®, Swanson®, Pace® & Pepperidge Farm®. Points earn free educational equipment and other items.

Tyson's "Project A+"™
Send entire labels from specially marked Tyson chicken products. They are worth 24 cents each, and return to us as cash.

General Mills "Box Tops for Education"™
Send specially marked box tops, each worth 10 cents with points-to-cash.

A new way to support OBI!

Want an easy way to give? Go to our web site and click the "Give/Volunteer" tab, then the "Donate now" button to give via credit card, debit card or PayPal:
<http://www.oneidaschool.org/support.shtml>

Another way to help -- Target "Take Charge of Education"®

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Check out Facebook to see pictures of our recent Homecoming 2014.

OBI is an institution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

