

THIS IS ONEIDA THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT ONEIDA

A few years ago as my wife and I were trying to explain to my father what Facebook was, he gave a quick but mostly accurate description of what he believed Facebook to be. As we realized my father wasn't grasping the concept of Facebook from our verbal description, we sat him down in front of a computer and let him see for himself. His response was, "Looks like just a bunch of bragging to me." Recent studies have shown that Facebook can have a depressing effect on those who use it. After reading about and seeing pictures about how everyone else's life is so wonderful, a person might feel depressed about his or her own life. None of us typically post the bad things in our lives on Facebook or any other social networking site.

I can't say that I really fit into this social networking world that we now live in, but I'd like to borrow a trend I have recently seen on Facebook. People are given a number by a friend and then that person has to list that many things about themselves that others may not know. I have assigned myself the number 20, so without sounding overly braggish or depressing, please allow me to share some things with you that you might not know about Oneida Baptist Institute.

- OBI was founded in 1899 in an attempt to educate the children of the mountains so they would stop feuding and killing one another.
- OBI has students from over 20 different nations.
- OBI has students from 25 different states.
- About 1/3 of OBI's students are from Kentucky.
- OBI has 130 full time faculty and staff.
- OBI receives and houses nearly 1,000 volunteers per year.
- OBI has a working farm and was the first private school in Kentucky to have an FFA chapter.
- Two-thirds of OBI's funding comes through giving.
- OBI doesn't turn students away if they cannot pay tuition.
- OBI doesn't turn students away if they don't know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.
- OBI does not have a janitorial staff. Our students clean our buildings and maintain our grounds.
- OBI does not "cut" athletes from athletic teams. If students work hard and do what the coach asks, they can be on the team no matter what their skill level or ability.
- OBI has multiple state championships in the sport of fencing.
- 3,718 students have graduated from OBI.
- OBI's choir travels around 7,000 miles annually and is available to sing in your home church.
- OBI is accredited by the National Non-Public School Commission (NNP-SC), the Kentucky Non-Public School Commission (KyNPSC), and the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE).
- OBI hosts dozens of groups every year for chapel, a free lunch, and a tour.
- OBI accepts nearly any kind of donation you can think of.
- OBI has an indoor swimming pool.
- OBI is the most unique school in all of the world.



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