

## **THIS IS ONEIDA PRESIDENT FOR A DAY**

Our National Junior Honor Society recently did a fundraiser for the Heart & Soul Life Center in Manchester. Students were given the opportunity to become school administrators for a day. The young man who earned the “President For a Day” title is a faculty student who has been at Oneida for his entire life. For one of his duties, I had him write an column for me. The following is his article:

*When I was first asked by the president of the school, Mr. Gritton, to write a Western Recorder article for him I was shocked. I thought, I can't possibly write a Western Recorder article. What in the world can I write about?*

*Then I asked a few questions of Mr. Gritton, and he told me I could write about my story here at OBI. So what follows ought to be a neat summary of all the seventeen years of my life here at OBI.*

*My parents came to work here at OBI in the summer of 1995. My dad was newly hired on as the band director, and my mom first worked in the tutoring lab. My older sister was born that December, and then one and a half years later, I was born.*

*My dad was asked to be choir director during those first couple of years, and my mom moved over to the print shop and later also became the drama director.*

*In 2003, I moved into the elementary school. Six years later, I moved to the middle school. From 1998 to 2009, I moved along through preschool and into middle school's first year with my four closest friends. Their parents served and worked at the school as teachers and staff members alongside mine.*

*I made good grades from the beginning of school all the way to about the fourth or fifth grade, when I had a little trouble with spelling. Beyond that, I have always maintained an above average GPA. In the fall of 2012, I entered high school; and in the past three years, I have improved a lot in my physical, mental, social, and spiritual life.*

*Moving forward, I hope to go to the Governor's Scholars Program this upcoming summer of 2015; and if I make it, I hope to gain a scholarship to go to Eastern Kentucky University.*

*In writing this article, I look back on what and who I've been and realize that I still have plenty of room for improvement in my life before I leave OBI after next year. Oneida Baptist Institute is an incredibly unique place to grow, learn, and find out that there is one and only one God that loves you and never will forsake you.*



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