

THIS IS ONEIDA POSTER TESTIMONIES

The Class of 2013 – 46 individuals born in nine American political regions (the District of Columbia, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, and Virginia) and nine foreign nations (China, Ethiopia, Germany, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Korea, Nigeria, Senegal, and Thailand) – bore succinct testimony to the impact of their OBI experience in a recent chapel service. Each had a poster; on one side of the poster was a self-description of the student’s life before coming to OBI, while on the other side was a description of himself/herself now. Here’s a sampling of their testimonies.

- I was selfish; now I put my friends before me.
- I was lost; now I’m found.
- I was a complainer; now I’m content.
- I didn’t know where I was going; now I’m trusting God to lead the way.
- I was complacent; now I’m determined.
- I had a lot of regrets; now I’ve learned from my mistakes.
- I was lost; now I’ve found myself and I’m proud of who I am.
- I didn’t believe in myself; now I see my full potential.
- I was uncaring; now I’m motivated.
- I had one friend; now I have many friends and memories not to be forgotten.
- I was failing in everything; now I’m passing in all.
- I had so much anger; now I’ve found peace with God.
- I was defiant, conforming, self-centered, alone, no relationship with parents, godless; now I’m blessed by God, thankful for family, for companions, and for being saved by grace.
- I didn’t appreciate my family; now my family is the most important thing in my life.
- I was drug-addicted; now I’m sober.
- I was trapped, insecure, and lonely; now I’m free, happy, and loved!
- I was on the road to a GED; now I’m on the road to ECU.
- I was scared of the future; now I’m knowing what I want.
- I had no future; now I’m going to college.
- I didn’t want to go to school; now my only wish is to go to college.
- I didn’t want to go to school; now I don’t want to leave school.
- School was just a building; now school is a family.

Does God use OBI to make a difference in teenagers’ lives? According to them, the answer is “Yes!” Please pray for them as they leave us and go forward with the adventure of life. Thanks.



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