

THIS IS ONEIDA WHAT THE BARKLEY MOORE FATHER'S DAY OFFERING DOES

Each June, Kentucky Baptist Convention churches have the opportunity to collect the Barkley Moore Father's Day Offering for OBI. What are the results of those offerings and the prayers that accompany them? Listen to two voices from the Class of 2013 and I think you'll see.

Morgan: "I will never forget Oneida, the place, the people, and - most importantly - the obstacles I had to overcome. At first I was reluctant as to coming, but as time went by, it baffled me how there were such wonderful people who care and would do whatever it takes to help us grow spiritually, mentally, or physically. I must admit it wasn't easy; however, I couldn't have done it without the help of my Savior who guides me and protects me everywhere I go, or without my mother.

"Coming from New York City to Oneida was out of the norm; now I was in the middle of nowhere with farms, mountains, and having everything so far away. This place is just what I needed; it helped me go from a world full of skepticism to a firm belief; also, I was able to involve myself in various activities and excel in school. I was very fond of sports and enjoyed them here, and I was able to learn responsibility by having the opportunities to work in field placement or every day after school.

"I was able to learn how to carry myself as a young lady because of the discipline provided. This school has prepared me for the real world, and it has built me up so that I can handle most things that come my way. My goals now have been to attend a university and study there to become an anesthesiologist, and with the help of the Lord and my support system, I will accomplish those goals. Thank you, Oneida, for having such a positive impact on my life every step of the way."

Aris: "I am from Ethiopia. The reason I came to Oneida is because my sister graduated from here about four or five years ago, and my parents thought it would be a good experience for me and also a better education. The reason I wanted to graduate from Oneida is because it is truly unique and the most special place I have ever been to, and I also believe I have done a lot of growing in the two years I have been here - all the more reason to graduate from Oneida.

"Honestly, I wasn't looking for anything when I enrolled; my parents thought it would be good for me, so I came, but the one and most important thing Oneida offered me that I didn't even know I needed or the thing I thought I already had but didn't, is the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Don't get me wrong: I knew a lot of things about Jesus before I came here, but Oneida helped me to see the main point, and because of that, I can say I know Christ personally, a thing I wouldn't have been able to say two years ago."



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