

**THIS IS ONEIDA**  
**2014 GRADUATES TELL THEIR ONEIDA EXPERIENCES (part 2)**

*The following article contains Oneida experiences as told by some of our 2014 graduates. This week's article features a young lady from Harrodsburg, Kentucky and another young lady from Nigeria.*

**Student 1** - I came to O.B.I. in January of my sophomore year. Coming to O.B.I., I can say that I have found my true self. I struggled with anger and hurt over the stuff that I had experienced before O.B.I. and I have eventually overcome it. O.B.I. has given me a chance to improve myself as well as improve my grades. I never thought I would be able to say I'm going to graduate high school until I came here, and now I can say I am. Staying here at O.B.I. has opened my eyes to make me realize I have an opportunity to pursue my dreams of being a nurse.

I have improved so much while I've been here. Back home it was the "cool" thing to get bad grades, but here everyone strives to get the best grades they can. Living in the dorms gives students an opportunity to interact with others from all around the world. The small amount of students in each classroom lets us be able to be taught by the teacher one on one if needed.

The most important lesson I have learned from my O.B.I. experience is I can do/be anything that I set my mind to. Coming to O.B.I., I have personally gained love for myself as well as love for others.

My plans after graduation are to go to college at Murray State University to become a successful nurse. I do feel I am ready for my future role in society because I have gained maturity and take responsibility for the things that need to be done.

**Student 2** - I woke up every morning to my dad singing, which meant it was time to pray. I woke up to morning devotions and slept with night devotions. I came to O.B.I. as a Christian, which allowed me to count everything as a blessing. I came to O.B.I. just for education like a regular kid, but God had something else for me. I stayed until my senior year because God made it possible. Oneida offered me more opportunities to voice the gifts God has given me.

While at O.B.I., I participated in sports and in various things around the school. Joining Student Council allowed me to become aware of and appreciate school policies. Living with girls in a dorm was not significant since I had always been in a boarding school. I came to Oneida and I just wanted to be friendly.

Oneida's chapel did not always excite me, but when God wanted you to hear something it was there; you heard it. Of all my years at O.B.I. my decision to be friendly got me a reward. I received the Brad Dorrough Friendship Scholarship. It taught me to understand that every little work done will be rewarded some way, sometime and somehow. I feel fortified and well built, so when I graduate I am sure of myself and I trust God with my life in the real world.



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