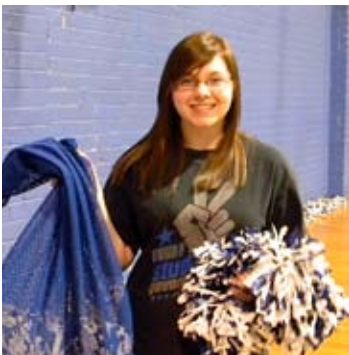


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## 2011 OBI graduates share their Oneida experience



### Terra improved attitude, grades

Referred to OBI by her pastor at home in eastern Kentucky, Terra enrolled as a sophomore. She explained, "I was having some disciplinary and grade problems...I couldn't stand doing anything anybody told me to do."

Terra followed the rules at OBI even though she struggled with a bad attitude. "I knew if I didn't do what I was supposed to do, I would just cause myself more trouble," she said.

After school, Terra worked on the farm, in the kitchen/dining hall and on the dormitory trash crew. This year, she was a manager for the cheerleading squad. Her Outstanding Worker awards at the end of each school year reflected her improving attitude and work ethic. Terra plans to begin a nursing program next fall.

Required nightly study hall for those not on the academic honor roll motivated Terra to improve her grades. She made the honor roll with her first quarter grade report. "I was failing every subject [at home]. Here, I made A's and B's. I've learned not to procrastinate so much; to stay focused," she said.

Terra noted, "I chose to come back this year...This was a good place for me. I learned to cooperate with others and how to be a good sport about things." □



### Damion found a good opportunity

Damion is the second oldest of three brothers from a single-parent home in eastern Kentucky. "Originally, only my brother was supposed to come, but [OBI] looked a lot better than my school back home so I decided to come here too," he said.

His younger brother had been told about OBI by a teacher. Damion was a sophomore and his brother a freshman when they enrolled at Oneida, about an hour's drive away from home.

Living in the dormitory was difficult at first for Damion. He said, "I kept to myself the first couple weeks. Then somebody sat down right in front of me and talked to me...After that, I made friends." Joining sports also helped him make friends, plus he earned athletic letters in soccer, basketball and baseball.

He liked daily chapel services and said, "I got a lot out of it. I learned something every day." Damion maintained an A average and was voted the Most Improved junior boy by the OBI faculty. He also earned the Cleanest Room award in the dormitory. Damion plans to major in criminal justice in college next year. □

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