



On Campus

A quarterly newsletter for parents & guardians of OBI students

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May 2025

Congratulations Class of 2025



The Class of 2025 graduation ceremony was held on May 16, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Melvin Davidson chapel. The class included 11 local day students and 14 dormitory residents from California, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Taiwan, Thailand, South Korea and Cambodia.



From the School Counselor . . .

Returning Students for 2025-26

Re-enrollment is due by May 31st. Students were sent home with a re-enrollment packet. If you did not receive the packet, contact OBI Admissions at 606-847-4111 ext. 233.

Upcoming Grades 6-12

Get your KHSAA sports physicals this summer! Forms available on the school website.

K-8 Summer Suggestions

- Read and go outside every day!
- Follow the OBI Facebook group for announcements about summer sports opportunities!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ORDER THE 2024-2025 OBI YEARBOOK!

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The 2024-2025 Oneidian Yearbook Awards



The 2024-25 Yearbook Staff (L-R):

Junior **Olivia Adams** ~ Senior Editor **Layla Sims**
Junior **Hallie Scott** (front center)
Sophomore **Tina Cox** (back center)
Junior **Paige Stratton** ~ Junior **Pietro Lee**

"Yearbook Awards" for grades 6-12 are selected by a committee of faculty and administrators and are included in the OBI yearbook. The yearbook staff revealed the cover theme and design and presented the awards on May 5th.

Another Oneida yearbook tradition is to dedicate the yearbook to a staff member or couple. This year, the yearbook staff honored **David and Pam Price**. Dr. Price is our Campus Minister, and Mrs. Price teaches the 2nd grade.

Most Outstanding

Juniors

Eden Conder & Amadeus Martin

Sophomores

**Jackaylah Lewis &
Tommie Butler**

Freshmen

Yuna Seo & Mason Lockhart

8th Grade

Sophia Silva & Ryan Noble

7th Grade

**Catherine Madden &
Kingsley Edwards**

6th Grade

Madison Sumrell & Jay O'Neal

Mountaineer Award

Senior: Jason Fan

Juniors: **Olivia Adams, Hallie Scott & Dennis Esemuede**

Sophomores: **Payton Hargis, Bailey Bristow & Ryan Dodge**

Freshmen: **Janna Lagos & Skyler Roberts**

8th Grade: **Emma Ohe & Kenton Swafford**

7th Grade: **Ashlyn Shipman & Landon Sturgill**

6th Grade: **Mackenzie Sumrell & Payton Wells**



David and Pam Price with their daughter and family.

Most Studious

Senior: **Nathanael Dourng**

Juniors: **Elena Djibalene, Andre Collett, Amin Ma & Debao Yang**

Sophomores: **Whitney Barger & Cedar Tive**

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Most Studious

Freshmen: **Kimberley**

Shepherd & Jacob Rogers

8th Grade: **Gracie Salmons**

7th Grade: **Breslyn Dodge,**

Trey Weidemann

6th Grade: **Ricky Deaton**

Most Likely To Succeed

The Senior who is most likely to find success in life through a personal commitment to Christ.

Rachel Monday

Mr. & Miss Oneida

Seniors who have attended OBI for two years and are outstanding in character, academics, citizenship.

Mr. Oneida: Ester Sugplang

Miss Oneida: Akawaq Bekele

Highest GPA Awards

These and other academic awards were presented in chapel on May 5th.

6th Grade

Madison Sumrell

7th Grade

Alec Sawyers

8th Grade

Sophia Silva

9th Grade

Skyler Roberts, Ryder Salmons

10th Grade

Jackaylah Lewis

11th Grade

Eden Conder



Valedictorian **Rachel Monday**
Salutatorian **Ester Sugplang**



SENIOR WALK 2025 — The rain held off long enough for us to enjoy this special tradition on our last day of school!



Above two photos: Middle and High School Yearbook Award recipients in chapel on May 5th.



Congratulations to OBI junior **Amadeus Martin**, winner of the 2024-25 Brad Dorough Friendship Award. Each year, students in grades 6-12 are instructed to vote for a person who has been sensitive and understanding of the needs of other students, a person who made them feel welcome at OBI. Amadeus is pictured above with his friend, senior **Jason Fan** (left in photo).



NHS/NJHS — Congratulations to OBI's newest members of the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society. The induction ceremony was held on May 2, 2025.

Spring Sports

We had a great season with lots of student involvement and the addition of two new activities—Middle School Soccer and Volleyball. Spring sports athletes were honored in chapel on May 12th and received participation or varsity letters plus these top awards from their coaches:

Tennis

Girls' MVP: **Grace Sugplang & Jackaylah Lewis**

Most Improved: **Payton Hargis**

Best Newcomer: **Ruby Svay**

Boys' MVP: **Sam Cho**

Best Newcomer: **Joshua Cho**

Most Improved: **Mo Olayinka**

Coach's Award: **Jason Fan**

MS Soccer

MVP: **Estrella Perez**

Most Goals: **Aden Gregory**

Most Saves: **Carson Hoskins**

Most Improved: **Gideon Muchiri**

MS Volleyball

MVP: **Sophia Silva**

Most Improved: **Elaina Skidmore**

Most Consistent Hitter:

Ashlyn Shipman

Best Passer: **Maddie Sumrell**

Track & Field

MVP: **Bailey Bristow, Dennis Esemuede**

Best Attitude: **Kiera Amerman, Stephen Ritterholz**

Most Improved: **Jackaylah Lewis, Mason Lockhart**

3rd Scorer: **Eden Conder, Tommy Branstutter**

2nd Scorer: **Mimi Oláyinká, Jason Erhunmwunse**

Baseball

Coachs' Award: **Ryan Dodge**

MVP: **Sam Cho**

Silver Slugger: **Jonathan Fan**

Golden Glove: **Noah Jeon**

Top Newcomer: **Jason Fan**

Senior Award: **Matthew Woods**

Most Improved: **Calem Piar**

Most Improved: **Debao Yang**



Track & Field after a successful day at the Coal Miners Invitational in Harlan County. The boys' team placed second overall and the girls' team placed 4th overall.



State Bound! L-R—Our girls' 4x200 meter relay team, 8th graders **Mimi Olayinka, Estrella Perez, Sophia Silva and Zuzu Olayinka**, qualified to compete at the state middle school track meet. Heading to state in tennis are brothers **Joshua Cho**, a seventh grader, and senior **Sam Cho** who each qualified as a 13th Region Tennis Single' Semi Finalists.



Above—**Tennis Senior Recognition**
Left—Senior **Grace Sugplang** and sophomore **Jackaylah Lewis** won the first round doubles' match of

the 13th Region Tournament in a third set tie breaker! Grace also received the OBI Athletic Director's "Barnabas" Award for outstanding sportsmanship.

Above—Middle School Volleyball Team
Below—Middle School Soccer Team

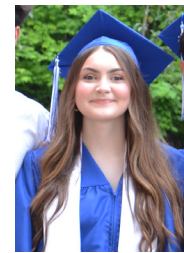


Congrats to **Jason Fan** who signed to play soccer for the University of Campbellsville at Harrodsburg next fall.



After several years' hiatus, we were excited to once again offer baseball in our spring sports line up!

Ready to Serve



OBI senior **Sam Malone** (above) signed his contract with the U.S. Marines on campus with his recruiter. He will ship out in June. Sam has

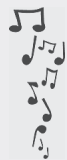
attended OBI since the 5th grade and said, “I’ve always wanted to be the one to protect and to serve.”

Charity Carpenter, a senior who has attended OBI since 2021, is in the process of enlisting in the U.S. Army. She has been working toward this goal for about two years and is looking forward to the college and career opportunities it will offer.



Student accompanist **Sunhwi Jeon**, a sophomore from South Korea, shared his time and talent with the choir this year!

For their semester final, the OBI Choir sang the program of songs that they have been performing in Kentucky Baptist churches throughout this school year. It was a great way to conclude our Senior Walk and final chapel service together.



Choir Fun Facts!

Miles traveled 2,643

Churches visited 25

Longest Trip: Beaver Dam Baptist Church

Favorite Lunch: Fried Chicken



Congratulations to our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes!



President Gritton had a special visit this spring from the second grade class!



*The Lower School Choir accompanied by 4th grader **Jeremiah Williams** on guitar sang for the Lower School Awards Day.*



Lower School had fun in the sun on May 2nd thanks to Backyard Ministries from Harrodsburg, Ky. who brought inflatables and food!

Culture Fair 2025

Students, staff and guests sampled a wide variety of foods from around the world at OBI's annual Culture Fair on March 29, 2025.

Over 30 students participated in preparing cuisine from a dozen different countries and cultures including: Jamaica, Philippines, South Korea, Thailand, Cambodia, Brazil, China, India, Ethiopia, Cameroon, Nigeria, Kenya, USA/Appalachia.

The young chefs partnered with staff sponsors and spent Friday evening and most of Saturday cooking in home kitchens. The students enjoyed sharing—and we enjoyed sampling—some of their favorite flavors from home!



Jr./Sr. Prom 2025 — The annual Junior-Senior Prom and Banquet was held May 4th in Underwood Hall. The Class of 2025 is pictured.

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