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Lady Mountaineers compete in state “A” tournament for the first time



For the first time in Oneida history, the Lady Mountaineers volleyball team played in the Class A state tournament hosted at Eastern Kentucky University in September. They played four games over two days with many OBI fans in attendance. Coach **Allie Valdeperas** noted, “The girls worked hard and had some great blocks, hits and digs!”

The ladies earned this opportunity after winning the title of champions in the All “A” 13th Region tournament. “I was amazed at my girls!” Mrs. Valdeperas said. “We take every game ‘one at a time.’ With every win we praise the Lord, with every loss give Him the glory. Some of our wins, I remember standing on the sideline thinking, ‘We are actually going to win this!’”

It was a season of accomplishments for both individuals and the team. Mrs. Valdeperas recalled, “**Ally Pfeiffer** put her best out there; she worked hard and really improved her game. **Abi Mboya** really increased her confidence with hitting. **Tiffany Barger** still makes me smile with her determination to do her best and not quit. She was a joy to the whole team. All of my starters had improvements and worked really hard to overcome personal challenges so they could do their best for the team. For the first time in my coaching career here at OBI, I saw some of

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Homecoming highlights



The Fall Festival (left) included painting “jumbo pumpkins.” OBI senior **Tyler Miller** (right) played in our golf tournament. **Will Bowling** (OBI '01) judged the livestock show (far right). President **Larry A. Gritton, Jr.** (OBI '93) awarded our latest Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, **Bruce Williams** (below left)



Can you share a memory?



We are collecting stories about **Dr. Barkley Moore**, Class of 1958 and OBI president from 1972 - 1994. Do you have a memory to share? It might be a funny story about something you saw him do or heard him say. It could be something inspirational that he said in a message or to you personally. Share how he impacted your life with his love for God and for Oneida. Please e-mail memories to denise.spencer@oneidaschool.org or mail them to Denise Spencer, Oneida Baptist Institute, P.O. Box 67, Oneida, Ky. 40972. Thank you!

“My Little Shadow”

This fall we renewed a program in our lower school. Some of our at-risk K-5 children have been matched with high school students in a mentoring program called “My Little Shadow.”

Faculty member **Angie Case** is our program coordinator. Miss Case started the program after becoming acquainted with Big Brothers / Big Sisters of America. “I saw a need among our students,” she explained. “Sometimes the children’s parents can’t or don’t attend their activities.” The older students will go to their “shadow’s” sports events and performances. They also eat breakfast with the children each school day.

It began with a meet-and-greet session in October. The big kids got to meet

“their” younger kids. They shared information about themselves, including likes and dislikes. They even invented a secret handshake.

The high school participants had to apply for these positions. Each child will follow his/her mentor until the older student graduates.

“The kids fall in love with the children,” Miss Case said. “I’m excited to see the bond develop between them.” She hopes it will help the youngsters develop character and learn how to treat other people. “These children need someone to love them,” she stated. “I want them to learn about unconditional love, to teach them Jesus loves them.” ☐



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Government classes conduct election simulation



Christian Dunn, one of four Justice Party candidates, delivers a speech before the primary election. Videos of the candidates' speeches were recorded and shown to the other classes.

The government classes participated in an election simulation which began the week before Election Day. Instructor **Taylor Cochran** (OBI '14) explained, "When it came to teaching the Presidential election process to future voters, I wanted them to not just understand the process but to experience it." They studied each step of a candidate's journey—from nominations to electoral college.

After throwing their hats in the ring, nine candidates from three class periods of government selected campaign managers to assist them with advertising. The first step was to appeal to donors, randomly assigned students who could back the candidate of their choice. Donor "currency" could be exchanged for advertisement op-

portunities like wall space in the classroom, a video shown to all classes or a hand-out (i.e. a flyer or treat).

Liberty Party winner **Ruth Puributr** said, "I chose to run because I wanted to try something new and have fun with my classmates! I learned a lot ... and it helped me to understand more about the process."

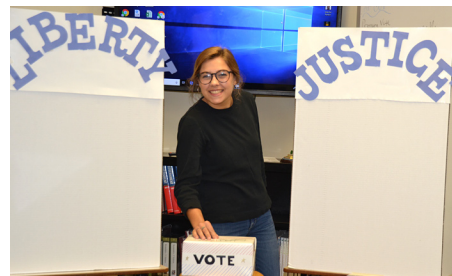
Voters were assigned to either the Liberty or Justice party and voted in their party's primary and the general election. The Advanced Placement Government students conducted a voter survey and compiled and ana-

lyzed the data. They assisted in setting up voting booths and writing debate questions.

Newly elected government class president **Seth Smith** stated, "The election was surprisingly realistic. The electoral college protected it from being a popularity contest, and the level of respect I have for the system has increased."

Even with a variety of incentives to keep everyone engaged, Miss Cochran reflected, "I couldn't be prouder of the hard work all the students and candidates put in and how involved the students were in the simulation overall. I think they learned a lot and had a lot of fun, too!" □

Justice Party candidate Seth Smith answered questions at the debate ahead of the general election.



AP Government voter **Sierra Dunzweiler** cast the first vote in the primary election.



BCM sponsored a weekend retreat for girls in October.

The theme was "Stand Firm -- Be Brave." Shelly Jarl was the guest speaker, and joined us from New Hampshire. Topics included identity in Christ, self-esteem, and using your unique gifts for the Lord.



Thank you for all of your support this year. We wish you a joyous holiday season and a blessed 2019.

OBI begins recycling program



We are in the process of implementing a campus recycling program with London Regional Recycling, who wrote a grant for the funding. 32-gallon cans have been placed in each

school building. When one is full, it is taken to the compactor. LRR hauls the full compactor away and brings a replacement. Any money made over the cost of hauling it comes back to the school.

Faculty/staff take their own recycling to the trash compound and put it into one of several designated "curbies." We can recycle clean cardboard, #1 and #2 plastics, tin cans, all kinds of paper--shredded, newsprint, junk mail, and magazines --aluminum cans, even small appliances. "The goal is to cut way down on what goes to the landfill," explained **Susette Clark**, Student Coordinator. "I've pushed for this for a long time." □

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my girls put aside their own desires to be a blessing to another team member. Every time this happened, it brought tears to my eyes."

Mrs. Valldeperas told a story of how one of her coaching principles impacted a player. "At the beginning of the season, I told my girls that as a team we would be like a family. We would have great days and not so great days. Families sometimes fight, but we...never stop trying. About halfway through the season after practice one day, one of my girls said, 'Hey Coach, I just want you to know that I didn't buy into what you said about this team being like a family, but now I do.' Praise the Lord! Being a coach is a blessing from God!" □



Our fall play was Crenshaw Family Reunion, by Marc Holland and Michael Davis. We had four performances during Homecoming week. **The Oneidian Yearbook Queen Pageant** was November 10. Our 2018-19 Yearbook Queen is **Makyla Barger**, from Oneida. Her escort was **Teegan Parkhouse**, also of Oneida. This is Makyla's fourth year at OBI. She has been involved in National Honor Society, Student Ambassadors, Campus Activities Board, yearbook, cheerleading, track/field, softball, soccer, and basketball. Congratulations, Makyla!



Bits and tidbits

Our mission statement

The mission of Oneida Baptist Institute is to provide a Christian living, learning and working environment in which each of its students, Christian or non-Christian, is diligently challenged to grow mentally, physically, socially and spiritually in order to acquire an *Education for Time and Eternity*.

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