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## Track and tennis both go to state competition



The efforts of both our track and tennis teams were rewarded with opportunities to compete at the state level in May.

Two boys from the track team qualified for state. **Isador Yesuf** ran the 3200-meter race, and **Erik Chesley** ran the 1600-meter race. The girls' 4 x 100 relay team also made it to state competition -- **Oluchi Nwangwu**, **Kyra Smith** (pictured at left), **Emilie Field**, and **Katy Schroeder**. All advanced to state after finishing first at regionals.

This was the sixth year in a row for OBI to be represented at the state level in track. It was senior Isador Yesuf's fourth time running at the state contest. He qualified for state twice for cross country and twice for track.

Coach **Cassie Bird** said, "We had a great season, in spite of all the rain we had. Everyone tried to always run their best."

Six Oneida students played their way to the state tournament in tennis -- **Andrew Lee**, **Seth Shockley** (pictured, next column) **Mianna Baker**, **Aubrey Baker**, **Erica Metzger**, and **Leighann Truesdale**.

Mianna and Aubrey were the girls' doubles regional champs for the second year in a row. The girls' team placed second in the region, and the boys finished in third place. Andrew and Seth played singles, while Erica and Leighann played doubles. This was the twelfth year in a row for OBI tennis to advance to

state.

Coach **Tim Cochran** related, "We had a good year led by a strong core of experienced players. Our five seniors had a combined 20 years of OBI tennis experience. There is also a promising set of talented young players coming up behind our departing seniors. The future of OBI tennis looks bright." □



## Chores galore!



May and June found our summer work program students doing regular chores plus spring cleaning. The work program lasted for five weeks in two sessions.

Check out the Oneida Baptist Media Lab on Facebook!

## The news in pictures

**Clockwise:** On May 4, students who had earned letter jackets received them in chapel. Our Spring Fling was April 20, and one fun activity was tie-dye. The Lower School celebrated Derby Day with hats and a tea party. Our eighth-graders went to the state Capitol on May 2. □



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On May 19, 56 students gave us a total of 3,996 graduates in our school's history. President **Larry A. Gritton, Jr.** stated, "I am proud of this group. Many of them have overcome much to make it to this day."





## “Doing what God called us to do”



Two staff students, **Aubrey and Mianna Baker**, went on a mission trip to Jacmel, Haiti for a week at the end

of March. They joined a team from their grandparents' church in Florida, Christ Church of Vero Beach.

The girls helped with all sorts of projects, including making a new cement sidewalk outside a school building, painting the school's exterior, making a library for the school, and painting picnic tables.

Mianna said the team gave Bibles to teachers at the school so each student could have one. She noted, “It was really cool to know the students would have Bibles they could read.” Aubrey told about a shoe drive Christ Church sponsored, allowing them to take 230 pairs of shoes to Haiti.

This was Mianna's second trip to Haiti with Christ Church, and this year she encouraged Aubrey to go, too. “I enjoyed every second,” Aubrey remembered. “It gave me a new perspective.” Mianna explained that these two mission trips have helped her make decisions about her future, stating, “The first trip clarified my decision to go to the mission field, and the second trip clarified my decision to work with orphans.”

When the girls shared in chapel, they mentioned the fact that people interested in mission work often ask, “Is it safe?” “We didn't have an ounce of fear,” Mianna said, “because we knew we were doing what God called us to do.” □

## Will we see YOU at our 2018 Homecoming?

The fifth annual OBI and Friends Golf Tournament will be Friday, October 19. Register as a foursome, or come solo and join a team. There will be prizes, fellowship, and fun.

Homecoming day will be Saturday, October 20. We will have the traditional Hymn Sing at Oneida Baptist Church, inductions into the Athletic Hall of Fame, recognition of anniversary classes, a special welcome to the 50th anniversary class of 1968, a barbecue lunch, a Fall Festival for the kids, and plenty of time to visit with friends.



Our fall play will run the evenings of October 18 and 19 at 7:00 P.M. and October 20 at 5:30 P.M. So arrive early or stay after the big day to enjoy the show. Questions? E-mail Amanda Roberts -- [amanda.roberts@oneidaschool.org](mailto:amanda.roberts@oneidaschool.org) □



### The following classes will have Homecoming reunions in 2018:

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Class of 1948.....        | 70 years        |
| Class of 1953.....        | 65 years        |
| Class of 1958.....        | 60 years        |
| Class of 1963.....        | 55 years        |
| <b>Class of 1968.....</b> | <b>50 years</b> |
| Class of 1973.....        | 45 years        |
| Class of 1978.....        | 40 years        |
| Class of 1983.....        | 35 years        |
| Class of 1988.....        | 30 years        |
| Class of 1993.....        | 25 years        |
| Class of 1998.....        | 20 years        |
| Class of 2003.....        | 15 years        |
| Class of 2008.....        | 10 years        |
| Class of 2013.....        | 5 years         |

## “Come to the Table”

Through stories, we are celebrating our OBI community as we look forward to the W. F. “Bud” and Kay Underwood Dining Hall. Here is a memory from **Philip Burns Harrison** -- “My 96th Birthday Surprise.”

*My mother was one of 13 children. She was raised six miles from the Oneida school in Clay County. She went to the Oneida school and graduated in 1915. My daddy graduated from Berea College in 1915 with a degree in agriculture. His first job was as the Farm Manager at Oneida school, and that's where he fell in love with my mother. After about six months, he got a job with the University of Kentucky and moved to Stanton. My mother remained at Oneida, working in the dining room and kitchen. At that time, a postage stamp was two cents. I have all the letters my mother wrote to my daddy, about 75 of them. My dad used the L&N about once a month on the weekend to go visit his girlfriend. That went on for about six months. They would have eaten many meals together in the dining hall. On June 18, 1918, they got married at the Oneida school.*

*My youngest daughter, Ronda, took me, my wife, Fanny, my oldest daughter, Brenda, and Ronda's boyfriend, Randy to Oneida Baptist Institute for my 96th birthday. It was one of the best birthdays I ever had...We were greeted by our host, Bonnie Kelley. Students were gathering for chapel, so we joined them...Bonnie had planned a surprise birthday lunch in the cafeteria...When we finished eating, the kitchen crew came out singing and clapping their hands. That's when they brought out a beautiful strawberry cake. Then they took us on a tour of Anderson Hall, where my mother served as dorm mother.*

*After exploring the campus, they took us to the farm to see the hydroponic greenhouse where plants are fed with liquid nutrients added to water...They had a whole bunch of goats, cattle, hogs, and little pigs. Ronda went crazy over the baby pigs. In addition to the livestock, they raised a corn crop...I didn't cry that day, but I could have. □*

For more information about the new facility and the Underwoods' Oneida ministry, and to read submitted stories, visit: <http://www.oneidaschool.org/the-bridge.shtml>

Feel free to share your story about fellowship in the OBI dining hall via e-mail: [tamara.cochran@oneidaschool.org](mailto:tamara.cochran@oneidaschool.org)



## Honored for serving

Each spring, we recognize faculty/staff who have served at OBI for five, ten, etc. years. This year our longest-serving ministry team member was **Hazel Bowling** (pictured), awarded for 35 years at Oneida. Ms. Bowling served early in her OBI career in the Tutoring Lab, the student bank, and the Gift Shop. In more recent years, she has been our Student Health Care Coordinator. Ms. Bowling retired at the end of this school year.

The recipient of the 30-year award was **B.J. White** (OBI '82). He began as a tutor, and has served most of his time as a houseparent. In a written reflection, White said, “God sent me to OBI to minister to students as others ministered to me when I was a student here...It's like God has sent me on a great missionary trip around the world, but the students are here.” Congratulations, award winners! □

## 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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**Oneida Baptist Institute** is proud to be an institution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.



The ground-breaking ceremony for Jen-Hsun Huang Hall, a new girls' dormitory and classroom building, was held on July 20, 2017, the same day as the ribbon cutting and dedication of Carnahan-Daugherty Hall, which houses the new boys' dormitory and the A.B. & Irene Colvin Learning Center for middle school classrooms.

Like Carnahan-Daugherty, the girls' dorm project began with a generous benefactor -- **Mr. Jen-Hsun Huang**. At age nine in the mid-1970's, Huang and his brother were allowed to live at OBI, though Oneida then was only a high school. The boys attended classes at Oneida Elementary School.

Huang Hall will take continued support from friends and partners of Oneida to finish the work. For more information, email: [claudia.kelsey@oneidaschool.org](mailto:claudia.kelsey@oneidaschool.org) □

