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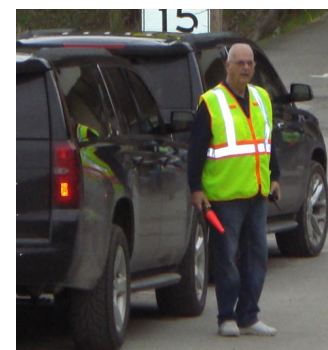
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District tournament comes to campus



In February, OBI hosted the 49th District Basketball Tournament for both girls and boys. Five schools participated in the six-night tournament -- Oneida, Clay County High School, Jackson County High School, North Laurel High School, and Red Bird Christian School.

The event required much planning by OBI Athletic Director, **Todd Parkhouse**. He asked for staff volunteers to serve by helping with parking, selling tickets, security, selling concessions, keeping rest rooms and locker rooms tidy, being hostess in the hospitality room, and more.



President **Larry A. Gritton** ('93) said it was worth all the effort. "We constantly work to bring folks to our campus to see the Lord's work here. Hosting this tournament brings tons of guests to Oneida," he explained.

One tournament highlight was the combined pep bands of OBI and Red Bird (bottom left) in a spirit of camaraderie. □



Auction raises \$555



In January, Baptist Campus Ministry sponsored a silent auction. Proceeds went to an organization that ministers to people living in a dump in Honduras (below). BCM sponsors are **Charles** and **Kathy Roughton**. □

To learn more about this ministry: <http://sonrisemissionhotelroatan.com/>



Oneida Baptist Institute Athletic Hall of Fame 2018 nomination form

Deadline for nomination is June 1, 2018

Name of nominee _____

Decade of participation: 1930's 1940's 1950's 1960's 1970's 1980's 1990's 2000's 2010's

Sport(s) nominee participated in or coached _____

Your name _____

Your complete address _____

Your phone number _____

Why you are nominating this person (awards, records set, etc.) _____

See criteria on page 3. Fill out the above form, clip and mail to OBI, Attn: Athletic Director.

Mark your calendar!

Second annual
**OBI Pastors' Retreat
and Conference**
July 23-25, 2018

Tell ministers you know!



It's FREE!

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Plan ahead!

Homecoming 2018 October 20th



Golf tournament October 19!
Fall drama production!
Alumni & Friends Dinner!

Plan now; don't miss the fun!

Ministering in Cayey



Three OBI staffers and two students took a week of their Christmas break to take part in an international missions trip.

Jorge and **Allie Valdeperas** (left) and **Amy King** were joined by students **Jamison Grant** and **Isabella Valdeperas** (right) on a ministry expedition to Cayey, Puerto Rico. They went with Group Missions Inter-

national and joined a larger team, making a total of some 30 people.

"Our family wanted to go on a mission trip," Mrs. Valdeperas explained. "After being full-time missionaries overseas, we missed it. So we looked for trips we could do with hopes of taking others with us."

Their objective was hurricane cleanup. They tore out sheet rock and flooring, hauled away trash, bleached wood and walls to kill mold, removed trees and rocks from houses, and put tarps on roofs.

Jamison described the adventure as "really fun," adding, "It opened my eyes a lot to what's going on down there."

Mrs. Valdeperas recalled, "The people were so amazing. They lost so much and still gave so much back to us and to others around them." □

"Come to the Table"

Through stories, we are celebrating our Oneida community as we anticipate breaking ground on the W. F. "Bud" and Kay Underwood Dining Hall. Here is a memory from **Claude Crider** (OBI '90).

It was the late 80's and the school had received a large donation of old army barracks bed frames. Mr. Underwood had come up with a plan to make dining room tables out of those frames in an effort to replace the worn out tables that were being used. I was working in the yard crew shop and built most of those tables, each one having to be assembled, stained, and polyurethaned. They looked nice...

One night during study hall, Mr. Underwood heard a loud noise, only to look over and see a boy picking himself up off the floor. Mr. Underwood asked what happened, and I explained to Mr. Underwood that the kid was writing on the new table that I had put so much work into making nice. To this day I don't recall the boy's name, but I do recall Mr. Underwood's teaching us to take pride in what we accomplished, and I guess that's what I did!

God bless you, Mr. and Mrs. Underwood! □

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

Schedule for summer 2018

Summer school and summer work program will both be May 21 - June 22.



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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Does your church have a web site?

If so, ask them to link to OBI:

Web: www.oneidaschool.org

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/OBI.KY>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/Oneida_Baptist

Connect with Mr. Gritton:

<https://twitter.com/lgritton>

Want an easy way to give?

Go to our web site and click the "Give/Volunteer" tab, then the "Donate now" button to give via credit card, debit card or PayPal: <http://www.oneidaschool.org/support.shtml>

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Let her know if you'd like the e-Mountaineer or e-Alumni News or both. **IMPORTANT:** Be sure to add mountaineer@oneidaschool.org to your contact list in your e-mail program, or it may reject our publications as spam.

OBI continues these programs:

Tyson's "Project A+"™

Send entire labels from specially marked Tyson chicken products. They are worth 24 cents each, and return to us as cash.

<http://projectaplus.tyson.com/>

General Mills "Box Tops for Education"™

Send specially marked box tops, each worth 10 cents with points-to-cash.

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

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



Flooding, fair, and more



(Above) February brought snow, rain, and flooding to our area. (Below left) Every student got some kind of valentine on Valentine's Day. (Below right) Also on Valentine's Day, our lower school students participated in a spelling bee.



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(Left) Our annual Culture Fair in March was hosted by Student Ambassadors. Students who wanted to cook were assigned to staff hosts, who opened their homes and their kitchens.

(Below) Construction continues on Huang Hall, our new girls' dormitory.



Athletic Hall of Fame nomination criteria

The purpose of the OBI Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor our outstanding coaches and athletes. The Hall of Fame Committee consists of the President, Principal(s), Athletic Director and coaches who have coached a state-recognized sport for five years or more at OBI and are still employed by our school. Nominations may be made by any person. The inductees will be chosen by the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee.

Requirements for eligibility for nomination of an athlete:

1. The nominee must have been outstanding in one or more sports while a student at OBI.
2. The nominee must have left OBI in good standing.
3. A nominee must have graduated from high school--not necessarily from OBI--at least five years before he/she is inducted into the Hall of Fame. Only his/her OBI achievements will be considered.

Requirements for eligibility for nomination of coaches:

1. Any coach whose team wins a KHSAA-sanctioned state championship is automatically considered for induction.
2. Any other coach to be considered must have been a varsity head coach at OBI for at least three years.

Additional requirements for eligibility for nomination:

1. Nominee must be present at the induction ceremony. If unable to attend due to illness, the nominee may be represented by a family member.
2. The nominee may be someone already deceased. In this event, he/she will be represented by a family member at the induction ceremony. Persons interested in nominating a former OBI athlete or coach should send information such as newspaper clippings, statistics, a picture of the nominee (preferably a photo made at or around the time the person was at OBI), and/or other items of documentation that make the nominee worthy of consideration.

Enclose information with the nomination form on page 4.

