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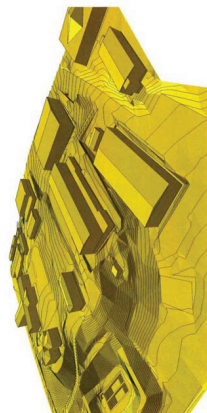
Education for Time and Eternity

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## What's been happening?

### Dormitories and drones



Using drone technology, Walker Company and Thoroughbred Engineering have completed a topographic survey of the campus, and a 3D digital terrain model to assist in the design of the next phases. They will update the model when construction is complete. They also made an aerial video for YouTube.

To see the video:  
<http://www.thoroughbred.consulting/?p=1720>  
**Thoroughbred Engineering:** <http://www.thoroughbred.consulting/>  
**Walker Company:** [www.thewalkercompany.com](http://www.thewalkercompany.com)

The new boys' dorm, Carnahan-Daugherty Hall, will be dedicated on July 20. We are planning the new Huang Hall girls' dormitory. A donor will match contributions up to two million dollars. You may give online: <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org>

Be sure to name Huang Hall as the "special purpose" for your gift. □

(Right) Here are just a few of our lovely young ladies who attended the annual Junior - Senior Banquet in May.



(Below) The ice cream tent was a popular place at the Spring Fling.



(Above) The summer school science class did an egg drop experiment to study gravitational pull in a fun way. Here -- a parachute egg!



## OBI athletes compete at state level in tennis and track



**14th Regional Tennis Champions**—Front: Andrew Lee, Choopat Suvimolstean, Priya Sukkanha, Misha Natyshak. Back: Alvin Gibson, Seth Shockley, Aubrey Baker, Mianna Baker

On May 7, the OBI boys' and girls' tennis teams each placed first in the 14th region tennis tournament. The team scores included first-place wins by **Choopat Suvimolstean** (OBI '17) in boys' singles, **Priya Sukkanha** in girls' singles, **Andrew Lee** and **Misha Natyshak** in boys' doubles and **Mianna Baker** and **Aubrey Baker** in girls' doubles. Doubles team **Alvin Gibson** and **Seth Shockley** finished in the region semi-finals. All eight players advanced to the state tournament, the fourth time for Choopat and Mianna and the second for Misha.

OBI tennis coach **Tim Cochran** said, "This was an outstanding year for both the boys' and girls' teams. The boys won their fourth regional championship in five years and the girls were region champions for the first time since 2009." Choopat, Priya, Mianna, and Aubrey each advanced undefeated through the regular season and regional tournament. At the state meet, Choopat advanced to the quarter-finals, where he lost to the eventual state champion. Priya advanced to semi-finals. Both Choopat and Priya were named to the All State Team.

Choopat, who was at the state tournament on graduation day, received a tennis scholarship from Asbury College.

At OBI, he became a four-time 14th region singles champion and advanced farther in the state tournament than any player in 14th region history. A three-time All State Team member, he did not lose a regular season tennis match in his four years at Oneida. □

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Our spring play was *Romeo and Juliet's Unofficial, Unnecessary Sequel*, by **Edward J. Thomas**. The hard-working cast and crew did three performances for students, staff, and guests, plus a matinee for local elementary school children. A mixture of comedy and surprise kept the audiences chuckling.

Oneida was represented at the state track meet this spring for the fifth year in a row. Junior **Isador Yesuf** competed in the 3200-meter race. He advanced to state after winning this event at the regional level.



Most of the team were seniors. Since the state meet was held on the same day as our graduation, the others chose not to compete at regionals, since they could not advance to state.

Coach **Steve Grant** said, "It was a good year with many good results. Many of the athletes placed well in their events and some tried new events." He spoke of their positive attitudes, adding, "Everyone on the team worked well and supported each other. They were cooperative and a pleasure to work with." □





# OBI student qualifies for both Governor's School for the Arts and state FFA Convention



**Stephen King** had a busy, honors-filled summer. The senior began by participating in the state FFA Convention in June in Lexington. He competed in extemporaneous speaking, after coming in first in this category

at the regional level. In extemporaneous speaking, Stephen had to make an impromptu speech about one of 14 possible topics. He said he enjoyed the challenge; "You have to be fast on your feet and shoot from the hip." Stephen has been in FFA for four years, and was president last year. Stephen's second adventure was Governor's School for the Arts at Center College June 18-July 8. He was one of over 200 high school students who received three weeks of college-level training in disciplines such as creative writing, film and photography, architecture and design, musical theatre, visual arts (both drawing/painting and sculpture/ceramics), instrumental music, and vocal music. One of 36 students in the visual arts category, Stephen took part in studio time as well as attending lectures, presentations, ballet and theatre productions. He went with the group to Louisville to tour the Kentucky Center for the Arts and the Speed Art Museum. Spending that much time with other like-minded and similarly talented teens was "very refreshing," Stephen said. "Everyone had the same passion," he explained. "We all want to give back to the world and inspire hope. Everyone there was an inspiration to me." In addition to being motivational, GSA was also educational. "I learned some new painting techniques," Stephen stated. "It was my first time to work with clay. And I learned how to do print making." Stephen has loved art since the third grade. He hopes to do art professionally. "I know now that I can be an artist and survive," he said. □

## A glimpse at graduation 2017

"Alex" Chavarria posed with her grandparents, former OBI staffers **Joe and Elizabeth Buckner**. Alex was the sixth Buckner grandchild to attend Oneida and the first to stay and graduate. "We've finally got an Oneida graduate!" Mrs. Buckner exclaimed.



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

**Twitter:** [https://twitter.com/Oneida\\_Baptist](https://twitter.com/Oneida_Baptist)

**Connect with Mr. Gritton:**

<https://twitter.com/lgritton>

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#### 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.



# Oneida ONE member attends summit in D.C.



In February, Oneida's ONE chapter sent a student to the ONE Power Summit in Washington, D.C. ONE is "a campaigning and advocacy organization of nearly eight million people...taking action to end extreme poverty and preventable disease, particularly in Africa." ~ <https://www.one.org/us/>

**Aisha Biyo** became involved in ONE as a freshman. and attended "Action 2015," which involved numerous advocacy organizations, including ONE.

According to ONE's Facebook page, at the Power Summit "more than 200 ONE members representing all 50 states gathered for issue briefings [and] advocacy training..." Participants went to Capitol Hill and met with 212 members of Congress and their staffs "to ask them to protect life-saving programs in this year's international affairs budget." ~ <https://www.facebook.com/ONE/>

Kentucky participants met with Fifth District U.S. Congressman **Hal Rogers**. "He knows Oneida, and he's been here before," Aisha stated. A real highlight for her was meeting Florida Senator **Marco Rubio**.

Aisha is drawn to ONE partly because of their emphasis on Africa. Her family is originally from Congo, and lived in Tanzania for five years. "In Tanzania, I saw extreme poverty," she explained. Yet Aisha cares about poverty at home as well. "I want to advocate for rural Kentucky, too," she stated. □

## Plan now to attend Homecoming 2017

Our 2017 Homecoming will be Saturday, October 21. The fun begins two days earlier with opening night of our fall play on Thursday, October 19. *Moriah Morning* is a full-length drama about the early life of OBI founder, **James Anderson Burns**, and the origin of Oneida Baptist Institute. Shows will be October 19 and 20 at 7:00 p.m., and also on Homecoming Day.

The fourth annual OBI and Friends Golf Tournament will be Friday, October 20. Register as a foursome, or come solo and be placed on a team. There will be prizes, fellowship, and fun.

Our Homecoming celebration will include a hymn sing at Oneida Baptist Church, inductions into the Athletic Hall of Fame, recognition of anniversary classes, a barbecue lunch, a silent auction, and plenty of time to visit with friends. We hope to see YOU! □

### The following classes will have Homecoming reunions in 2017:

Class of 1947.....	70 years
Class of 1952.....	65 years
Class of 1957.....	60 years
Class of 1962.....	55 years
<b>Class of 1967.....</b>	<b>50 years</b>
Class of 1972.....	45 years
Class of 1977.....	40 years
Class of 1982.....	35 years
Class of 1987.....	30 years
Class of 1992.....	25 years
Class of 1997.....	20 years
Class of 2002.....	15 years
Class of 2007.....	10 years
Class of 2012.....	5 years

## Two honored for 25 years of service



Each spring, we honor faculty and staff who have served at Oneida for five, ten (etc.) years. **Denise Spencer**, Publications Director (left) and **Connie Belcher**, Assistant Principal (right) were both recognized for 25 years at OBI.

Mrs. Spencer stated, "I'm happy to serve here, because I love my job and I truly believe in this ministry." Mrs. Belcher said, "The thing I like best about Oneida is the people. Because God first loved me, I can love them." □

