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Five students participate in All-Festival Chorus



Five Oneida choir/ensemble students sang in the annual Southeastern Kentucky Music Association All-Festival Chorus in November. This event pulls together the best high school vocalists from our region, giving them the chance to sing college-level music under the leadership of a noted guest conductor. The Festival included three days of intensive rehearsals culminating in a concert.

All five OBI participants sang in the SATB choir (soprano, alto, tenor, bass), which had almost 150 singers. **Jordan Cochran**, a sophomore, sang bass. Junior **Gabriella Tsappi** joined seniors **Taylor Cochran** and **Savannah Fallis** in the alto section.

Jason Biyo, a junior, earned a spot with the tenors. He also auditioned for a solo and was selected for the honor. (See photo at right) This is Jason's second year in the OBI music program, and he is a member of our vocal ensemble. It was not, however, his first time singing in an honors choir; he sang in an honors group in middle school. Jason said he

wanted to audition for the special part because, "I've never gotten a solo before, so I thought I'd try it. I even prayed to God that I would get it." He described the overall All-Festival experience as "really fun," adding, "When the solo came up, I was nervous at first. But when I started singing, something just took over."

The SATB choir sang under the direction of **John Stegner** (pictured, top row). Stegner is a retired music educator with over 40 years of experience. He currently teaches at the University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, and at Bluegrass Community and Technical College.

All-Festival Chorus members were chosen by audition and were required to learn the music before the participants came together. Our students prepared with extra rehearsals led by OBI choral/band director, **Tim Cochran**. "All-Festival is a special opportunity for our best singers to perform in a large choir of very talented musicians and sing a variety of challenging repertoire," Cochran said. "It is one of the highlights of the year for those who participate, and often provides a morale boost for the whole OBI choral program. □



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Baptist Campus Ministry Learning how to live God's word



"We want to see kids grow in the Lord and fall in love with Jesus." Such is one of the goals of OBI's Baptist Campus Ministry.

Oneida Baptist Institute has always been a Christian school that gladly accepts non-Christian students. Our

teens hear the gospel in Sunday worship, Bible classes, and daily chapel. Yet Oneida is a place of discipleship as well as evangelism, and Baptist Campus Ministry is one of the opportunities we offer young believers who want to grow.

BCM is a long-standing ministry at OBI. Staff members **Charles** and **Kathy Roughton** are in their second year as BCM sponsors. Mrs. Roughton stated, "We love ministering to a core group, because that way we can be more effective in their lives."

The Roughtons' primary emphasis is that "Christianity is not a religion, but a relationship," according to Mrs. Roughton. "To build a relationship with someone, you have to spend time with that person." They teach students to spend time with God by having a daily "quiet time" of prayer and Bible reading. Each student is given daily devotion sheets and a binder. The Roughtons offer incentives for those who do their devotions all seven days each week.

A typical weekly BCM meeting begins with an "ice-breaker" game or other activity, followed by worship songs and a prayer time. Then one of the Roughtons shares a Bible-based lesson. "We really try to relate scripture to situations the students deal with in the dorms," Mrs. Roughton explained. "It's easy to have head knowledge. But I tell the kids to 'put feet on it!' God's word is not just rules, but a guide for everyday life. We want them to learn how to live God's word." Though BCM participants are usually Christians, the Roughtons never know when an unbeliever might attend, so they make sure to talk about the basics of salvation at each meeting. Once a month, the group has an extended meeting with snacks and a time of fellowship.

BCM also does service projects, such as a "Parents' Night Out" for faculty/staff families and a silent auction for a charitable organization. Some students take on leadership roles; the members elect three officers each year -- President, Secretary, and Minister of Music.

A scriptural theme that has emerged this year is the quality of personal integrity, which Mrs. Roughton defines as, "doing the right thing because it's the right thing." She has seen their teaching bear fruit. One of her favorite examples was observing a BCM member befriending a peer who was being made fun of "just a week after we'd talked about that very thing."

Mrs. Roughton shared, "If I can say one thing to the people who read this article, it's please, please pray for these kids." □

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*.

Got a new device for Christmas?

If Santa brought you a new iPod, iPad, or iPhone, consider donating your used one to OBI. Teachers can use them in the classroom when away from the computer.



OBI continues these programs:

Campbell's "Labels for Education"™

Send us the entire label. Look for "Labels for Education"™ not only on Campbell's foods, but also on their other products, such as Viasic®, Franco-American®, Prego®, Swanson®, Pace® and Pepperidge Farm®. These labels earn points that we can redeem to get free educational equipment and other items.

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.

General Mills "Box Tops for Education"™

Send specially marked box tops. Each is worth 10 cents, and this program also turns points into cash.

Does your church have a web site?

If so, ask them to link to OBI:

Web: www.oneidaschool.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OBI.KY?ref=ts&fref=ts>

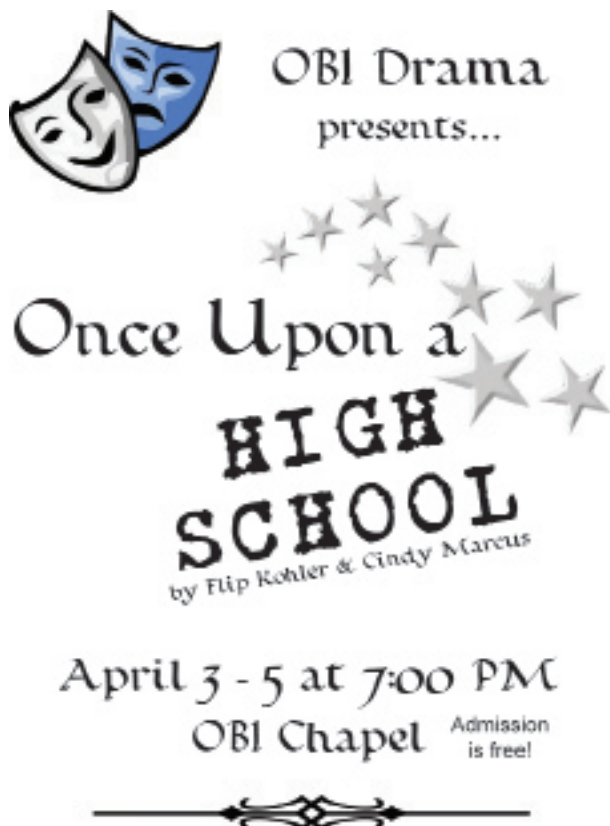
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OBI Drama
presents...

Once Upon a
**HIGH
SCHOOL**
by Flip Kohler & Cindy Marcus

April 3 - 5 at 7:00 PM
OBI Chapel Admission is free!

Saturday April 5th is "Alumni & Friends Night." Join us for dinner in the dining hall at 5:30 and stay for the show at 7:00. Please RSVP to Alumni Director Amanda Roberts at: 606-847-4111 ext. 268 or email: amanda.roberts@oneidaschool.org. Hope to see you there!

2013-14 Oneidian Yearbook Queen

In November, **Jessie Nyarko** was crowned as our Yearbook Queen. Jessie is from Ghana, and has attended OBI for two years. She has been involved in Baptist Campus Ministry, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Council, dorm devotions, drama, Academic Team, soccer, and swimming. When asked to describe herself in one word, Jessie chose "passionate" because, "When I'm doing something I love to do, I give everything I have and do it to the best of my ability. I'm also passionate about my belief in Jesus, which will make me do things that the world thinks are absolutely insane."



Essence Wilson (left) was First Runner-up and won the talent competition. She sang "I'm Ready For Love," by India Arie. From North Carolina, Essence has been at Oneida for two years. When asked what activity has made the greatest impact on her life, Essence answered, "Track and field. Last year was my first year running track, and that is when I discovered that I had a passion for running. I discovered a talent I never knew I had."

Mana Tanajantaporn was Second Runner-up and Miss Congeniality. She has been at OBI for three years, and is from Thailand.

Contestants were judged on individual resumes, interviews with the judges, social interaction, talent, appropriateness of evening gown, and a final question. □

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.

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Happy holidays at Oneida



(clockwise from left) Our music students decorated the chapel for the season. The FFA and floriculture class sold Christmas trees, home-made wreaths, and centerpieces. Our food service staff cooked 18 20-pound turkeys for a delicious Thanksgiving meal. The fine arts department sponsored a Christmas concert, including songs from our faculty/staff children.



Oneida Baptist Institute Athletic Hall of Fame 2014 nomination form

Deadline for nomination is April 1, 2014

Name of nominee _____

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