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Cross country sends two to state



Mianna (center, top row) poses with teammates. Eric in action (at right).



The Oneida Mountaineers had a successful cross country season this year, concluding by sending two team members to state competition. Junior **Eric Grant** placed seventh at the regional meet and went on to finish in the top 100 runners at state. **Mianna Baker**, a freshman, came in eighth at regionals and also made the top 100 runners in the state meet on November 8.

Coach **Jeff Kelsey** described the team as “very young, but good.” Mianna’s teammates included sophomore **Megan Stiles** and two eighth-graders -- **Sara Posey** and **Elaine Clemons**. Megan missed going to state by just two places. “Sara showed a lot of improvement,” Kelsey stated. “She went from being the last-place OBI runner at the beginning of the year to placing third constantly.”

Kelsey continued, “The boys’ team had a great year.” With six runners, they could compete as a team. Eric’s fastest time was 17:12 at Lee County. **Kevin Foijce**, an eighth-grader, and junior **Everett Kirkman** “battled back and forth for second-place runner on the team all year,”

Kelsey recalled. “Kevin showed a big improvement throughout the year,” he said. “During the Pulaski County Invitational, he placed right behind Eric and allowed the team to finish fourth

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New Honor Societies

We began this school year with two new organizations -- National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society. A total of 28 students were inducted into the two groups last March.

A five-member faculty council selected society members based on achievements in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. National Honor Society (NHS) and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) recognize students’ accomplishments as well as encouraging them to be involved in school activities and community service.

The groups meet at least once per quarter to remind everyone of NHS/NJHS expectations and to plan service activities. Each organization does one large-group activity a year, but students do other projects individually throughout the year.

In October, NHS sponsored a community movie night for staff kids and local children. In November, they promoted a “Campaign for Men’s Health.” They encouraged the men and boys on campus to grow out their moustaches. At the end of the month, people voted for the best moustache by donating their spare change. NHS then gave the funds to the “Movember Campaign for Men’s Health.”



NHS members lit candles during their induction ceremony in chapel.

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out of seven teams." **Samuel Kelsey**, a junior, also made notable improvement. He began the year running the 3.1-mile race at over 40 minutes. By the latter part of the season, he had shaved over 8:30 off his time, finishing with a personal record of 32:14. Eighth-graders **Jon Gregory** and **Jack Ryan** were the boys' team's fourth and fifth-place runners.

Kelsey is now planning for the future. "I am looking forward to next year with two young teams," he said, "and I hope to build up our cross country program to be able to send both teams to state in the next few years." □

(National Honor Society, continued)

NJHS filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for Christmas. They are now looking into volunteering with a local ministry. Advisor **Noel Cordle** explained, "My NJHS officers feel strongly that they want to find a project which will take them off campus, so we're looking for a unique opportunity to meet this criteria." Cordle said that community projects can tie in with some of the administration's goals for Oneida; "OBI is really making a push to be part of the Clay County community. I hope that NHS/NJHS can play a role in that and in changing the local attitude toward our school."

Senior **Veronica Nwahiri** is happy to be a part of National Honor Society. "Just getting in was an accomplishment," she said. "NHS teaches you to be a leader and to exhibit leadership qualities." Veronica is working to apply for a NHS college scholarship. The scholarship is based on evidence of leadership, involvement in co-curriculars and other activities, and service hours.

Cordle hopes that NHS and NJHS continue to grow. She said, "I hope they become groups of interest and influence on our campus. I'd like to truly cultivate a heart for service within our members so that they are overflowing with ideas and are excited about the ways in which they can serve their student body and the greater community." □



NHS members setting up for their community movie night service project

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*.

OBI continues these programs:

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Send us the entire "Labels for Education"™ labels of Campbell's foods and others, like Vlasic®, Franco-American®, Prego®, Swanson®, Pace® & Pepperidge Farm®. Points earn free educational equipment and other items.

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Save the date!

Homecoming 2015

will be

October 24



Watch for Athletic Hall of Fame criteria & nomination form in the January/February *Oneida Mountaineer*.



Pathways to the future Changes to OBI academic program



The 2014-15 school year has ushered in many changes to the OBI academic program.

The school day has expanded by 10 minutes on each end, and we now offer seven periods a day instead of six. High school principal, **David Robinson** (OBI '82) said that the reason for this was two-fold. "First, the state of Kentucky increased its graduation requirements, which left very little room for electives courses. This frees students up to be able to take more electives and not just the core content. Second, I wanted to expand our program to include new classes for our Career Pathways."

Career Pathways are brand new tracks of study in various fields of interest. Currently the pathways we offer are:

- Agriscience
- Business
- Communications/Media/Fine Arts
- Family and Consumer Science
- Health/Fitness
- Progressive Studies
- Technology Career

A student selects a pathway as a freshman and then takes particular courses related to that pathway each year, in addition to core content and general electives. For instance, someone in the Agriscience pathway will take Culture/Career Studies as a freshman, Leadership and Communication his/her sophomore year, and then two years of Agriculture and Human Management.

Each career pathway also concludes with one or more periods of Career Placement the student's

senior year. In Career Placement, students gain hands-on work experience, and earn a certificate of experience that can assist them in securing a job after graduation.

Kathryn Jaspersen, guidance counselor, said, "Career Pathways encourages students to think about their focus of study for the future and begin to study toward that area. They can enter college or the work force with background in that area already."

The third major change to our academic program is the restructuring of curriculum to create three different diplomas. All will include Career Pathways and all meet state and accreditation requirements, but each will have a different focus.

The Moriah Diploma requires 25 credits and includes a college preparatory curriculum, Career Pathway, and Career Placement. The graduate earning a Moriah Diploma will gain certification for 360 hours in his/her Career Pathway field.

The James Anderson Burns Diploma also requires 25 credits. "It's basically our standard diploma," Robinson explained.

Our highest diploma will be the Barkley Moore Diploma. To receive this diploma, a student must complete 28 credits that include two honors classes, four advanced placement courses, 40 service hours, and a senior project.

Robinson also shared that a goal for the future is being able to offer some dual credit classes. "We're talking to some colleges about offering courses that would allow a student to earn high school and college credit for an OBI class," he said.

"It's exciting!" Robinson asserted. "We can probably have one of the most comprehensive Pathways programs in this country. We want our students to learn a good work ethic and to get the training to be marketable when they graduate. We can really do that here, and we're off to a good start." □

Thank you, volunteers!



Every year we are blessed with volunteers who do a host of tasks we would not be able to accomplish otherwise, and this year was no exception. Most are church or associational groups, but families, couples and singles come, too.

This year volunteers did some remodeling in the Gift Shop, as well as making lots of craft items to sell. They constructed and installed counters in the boys' dorm lobby and home economics room. They renovated several faculty/staff homes, and installed cabinets, shelving and electrical outlets in our library. Renovation also took place in Preston and Ruby Baker Hall to create space for several offices. Friendship House volunteers sorted and organized the stock in our used clothing ministry. Print shop helpers (above) stuffed and sealed our holiday letters. Farm volunteers painted a tractor, planted and combined the corn crop, converted a barn to a horse barn, and began converting a garbage truck to a flatbed truck for hauling grain....

...And these are only a few highlights of their labors. Thank you, volunteers. We couldn't do it without you! □



from our administration,
faculty/staff and students.

Please pray for us as we begin a new year of ministering to young people in Jesus' name.

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Fall photos -- See what we've been doing



Clockwise from L: Pumpkin painting was one of many features at our Fall Festival. Baptist Campus Ministry sponsored a Parents' Night Out; little kids and big kids all had fun. International students cooked dishes from their cultures for all to sample at the International Bazaar. FFA sponsored a solve-the-riddle corn maze. Five senior girls participated in our annual Oneidian Yearbook Queen pageant. □



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