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 - Fill out the form and someone will contact you.
- International students:
 - On the home page of the OBI website, find "Request Information" under "International."
 - Fill out the form and someone will contact you.



Ruth is from Haiti and attended OBI in grades 6-12. She was excited to try sports for the first time. "OBI did not have try-outs, so I was able to try and excel at new things. OBI gave me that opportunity," she said.

Ruth concluded, "OBI is a place of opportunities. I believe that God really blessed me for allowing me to come to OBI."



From Tennessee, Isaiah was living with his aunt when he began having problems at school. "I was getting in trouble ... not doing my work, not listening," he said. After enrolling in the 7th grade at OBI, Isaiah noted, "The teachers here were a lot nicer." Smaller classes helped him to focus.

Sports impacted his grades and his behavior. "I wanted to play basketball, and if I was getting in trouble or didn't keep my grades up, I wouldn't be able to do that," he said. Isaiah graduated from OBI in 2022.



From central Kentucky, Michael attended in grades 6-12. He said, "I needed to learn responsibility."

With the help of caring staff, Michael developed a better attitude and work ethic. "I started seeing things differently. I realized I could probably get somewhere [in life] by working. I stopped getting really mad with people so easily," he said. After graduating in 2021, Michael joined the Army. "OBI taught me how to be myself and to become more of a leader. ... I had people here who cared about me. It was like my second home," he said.



A freshman day student, Jerrod came to OBI for the academic benefits and the chance to play basketball. He became a varsity starter and made the

49th District All Tournament Team. He also made the academic honor roll. "Smaller classes are great; you learn a lot more!"



Keyona enrolled at OBI as a sophomore day student to make up missing credits after being online-only at public school in 2020-21. Her

grades are back up to A's and B's, and Keyona noted, "The smaller classes definitely help, because the teacher has more time to talk to you individually." Daily chapel "gives students a time to regroup and learn about Jesus."



Dillon lives about a half hour from campus and rides an OBI bus to school. Dillon found his niche in the OBI farm program—the middle school agriculture class and the FFA.

Dillon transferred to OBI in the 8th grade because, "I was failing a couple of classes. My mom and dad said it was best if

I came down here and tried it. I'm passing every class now. The teachers help you, and they're really nice about it. ... The people down here are always nice, helpful and kind."



Savannah (photo: back row, middle) struggled with online school during the pandemic. OBI was open for local students to attend in-person, so she enrolled as an 8th grader. She noted, "I had friends from the first day, because students came right up to me and started talking!" As a freshman, she made more friends on the volleyball team.

Savannah learns about God's word in chapel. She said, "I think it's really good especially for local kids. Personally, I don't really sit down and read the Bible because I don't get it. In chapel, I can listen to whatever the preacher has to say about it."



Tracy is a sixth grader from Oneida whose parents are OBI alumni. The top three

things she likes about OBI are student diversity, smaller classes, and "that it's close to my home." In chapel this year she learned "... that God is love."





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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."

High achiever found success



Aliceson enrolled at OBI as a day student in the seventh grade. She chose OBI because, "I really wanted a Christian foundation before I went off to college and the work force."

School was challenging for Aliceson who was born with a rare genetic disease that affects her vision. She described her OBI teachers as "nice, supportive and accommodating."

She earned straight A's while taking honors, advanced placement and dual credit courses in high school. Her school work required extra time and special tools to help her read. Aliceson was the OBI Academic Team Captain for three years, participated in the FFA and worked as a farm assistant in the Career Placement program.

Graduating as the Class of 2022 salutatorian, Aliceson was awarded the highest scholarship honor at Asbury University, the John Wesley Hughes Scholarship. Aliceson stated, "I want to give God all the credit for this accomplishment. ... I plan to major in Equine Studies and English with the goal of attending law school to become an equine attorney. OBI has helped me tremendously to get to where I am now, and I will continue to rely on the academic and spiritual knowledge that I have gained during my time at Oneida as I begin a new chapter in my life."

OBI offered better environment



David came to OBI as a senior in 2020 from New York City. He heard about the opportunities at Oneida from his uncle who attended in 2015. He said, "I thank God that He gave me the chance to finish school in a better environment."

There are a lot of people who ... can't really get out of the Bronx. I'm lucky and blessed to attend OBI."

David enjoyed getting to know students from around the world. "I got to learn a lot from what other students told me about their journey. We realized we had a lot in common," he said.

At home, basketball became a way for David to avoid many of the distractions of the big city. "There are people who are into gangs. I knew I was not built for that and that God had a better plan for me," he said. He had played on community teams, but he was excited to play on a school basketball team his senior year.

David values his Christian faith and testified, "Who I am now is because of God. ... My whole life, He has taken care of me." Chapel services at OBI provided a daily reminder of God. "It's important, and it strengthened my relationship with God. The little things matter," he said.



Katie's career goal confirmed

The 2021-22 school year was Katie's first year at OBI. At age nine, she and her three younger siblings were adopted. "We had been in the 'system' for like two years," she said. Her mother wanted her to attend OBI to gain independence before college. Katie had worked as a camp staffer for the last three summers for "Sunshine Camp," a ministry of the Youth Haven Bible Camp. She was surprised to discover that she knew four OBI teachers plus a friend from Youth Haven summer camp.

In OBI's Career Placement program, Katie worked as a special education assistant to Hayley, the adult autistic child of OBI staff. Hayley is also a Sunshine Camper. Katie said, "I was pretty excited, because I liked being around Hayley at camp." This experience solidified her choice to major in occupational therapy in college. "Being around Hayley every day made me know that's the career I wanted to do forever," she said.

Paul found caring friends



From South Korea, ChangHyeok (third from left) came to OBI as a freshman for a better quality education than his last school in the Philippines.

ChangHyeok overcame homesickness his first year by making friends and joining sports. His sophomore year, he recalled, "I told my parents I wanted to stay here all of high school. I liked the people here. I felt like they cared for me," he said.

About daily chapel services, ChangHyeok said, "Going to church was always a part of my life. When there were times that I was barely praying or communicating with God, chapel helped me."