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Student Testimonials



Eden

Eden enrolled at OBI in the fifth grade after her family moved to Oneida, Kentucky from Colorado. She noticed, "The students and teachers here were very open and outgoing."

Eden participated in volleyball, basketball and track and field. She said, "Everyone can join sports at OBI because there are no cuts. I like how coaches are patient and take their time when you are new to something."

The Class of 2026 valedictorian, Eden benefited from Advanced Placement and dual credit classes.



Amadeus

Amadeus came to OBI as a sophomore from Thailand. "I wanted to come here to improve my English and to focus on my future," he said.

Playing soccer was also a priority for Amadeus. "Soccer pushed me to work harder, stay disciplined and build strong connections with my teammates," he said.

A Class of 2026 alum, he reflected, "At OBI, I found a community that accepted me and gave me a chance to grow. To me, OBI isn't just a school, it's a family."



Wyatt

Wyatt's parents wanted him to attend OBI because it was a Christian school. A local student, he transferred to OBI as a 3rd grader.

As he got older, he appreciated the smaller classes and help from his teachers. "OBI is a good school with a lot of good teachers. If you pay attention in class, it's easy to get good grades. I've had a lot of support, especially in math. The way my teacher explained stuff made it easy to remember," he said.

Wyatt graduated in 2026 and said it was the people at OBI that kept him coming back year after year. "Everyone is nice," he said.



Hallie

Hallie is a local student from Manchester, Kentucky who enrolled as a sophomore along with her brother, a 7th grader. "I came and toured the school with my brother and really liked it," she said.

A Christian since age 13, Hallie said, "Chapel was a great opportunity to reset my mind and my attitude for the day. I really enjoyed it."

The salutatorian for the Class of 2026, Hallie liked that she could grow her leadership skills in various electives like yearbook and working as a teacher's aid and bus monitor. She said, "My biggest regret about OBI is not coming sooner."



Michael

Michael came from The Bahamas in 2024 to finish high school and have the chance to play basketball. He appreciated how the OBI houseparents made him feel welcome. "They were like my second parents. I could go to them when I needed to talk, and they always gave good advice," he said.

At OBI, Michael enjoyed cross country, basketball and track and field. He said, "I had fun, and I learned a lot of new skills. The coaching staff was great. They challenged me to push myself and be a leader."



Taegan

From Lexington, Kentucky, Taegan attended OBI as a dorm student her last two years of high school. She had been having problems in public school and found OBI while searching for private schools. She stated, "I thought it could be a new start at life."

Taegan benefited from the independence and structure of dorm life. "It gives you a really good balance of learning how to do life with responsibility," she said. What she liked best about OBI was a safe school environment. She said, "There are no drugs, no fights and no gangs."



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Abram

Abram enrolled at OBI as a sophomore dorm student in August, 2025. Because of his dad's job, he had lived in about a dozen different places inside and outside of the U.S. In his last move to Mexico, there was not a good school nearby, so they looked into boarding schools in the U.S..

Abram stated, "Dorm life is good. You can be your own person. There are boundaries, but they're not overbearing." He added that his international friends are a positive influence on him in the area of academics.



Jasey

Jasey is a local student who wanted a change from public school starting her freshman year. When she arrived on campus, she recalled, "This place was way bigger than I thought it would be. I thought there would be one school building, but there are several."

She enjoys sharing classes with international students and added, "You get to meet people from all over the world. You can learn a lot from them. There's a lot of diversity at this school, and that's awesome."



Ryan

After he completed the sixth grade in 2023 at the local public school, Ryan's parents gave him the choice to continue in public school or to try OBI. "I picked here," he said.

He liked that OBI was close to home but added, "I wanted to go to a Christian school. I really didn't know who God was before I got here, and I probably had been to church once or twice." For Ryan, the OBI chapel represents "a space where people can learn more about God."

Ryan accepted Christ at the end of the seventh grade, and his family now attends a local church together.



Julia

Originally from Brazil, Julia lived in Senegal where her parents served as missionaries alongside another couple whose two sons graduated from OBI several years ago. Julia's parents wanted her to attend an English speaking school that would prepare her for college. Julia knew a friend from school in Senegal who enrolled at OBI a year ahead of her.

When she first arrived to OBI in 2025, she said, "I thought it was really nice. I liked the trees and scenery. The dorm is nice and homey, and the people were kind and welcoming." Julia's new friends recruited her to sing with them in the OBI Choir.



Jordan

Jordan and his two younger siblings have attended OBI since 2024. Jordan was in the 8th grade at the time. They live in a neighboring county and attend OBI as day students. "Our mom kept hearing about OBI and said it would probably be good for us. I didn't want to leave my friends, but once I came here I liked it. Everybody seems to really care about one another here," Jordan said.

Jordan believes he has improved as a student at OBI. "The work seems easier, because the teachers help you more and explain it better," he noted.



Yuna

Yuna is from South Korea but grew up in Thailand where her parents are missionaries. Her school only went to the 8th grade, so her family had to consider other options. "We prayed a lot," she said. They met a couple who had sent both of their children to OBI.

When she arrived at OBI in 2024 as a sophomore, she made a friend right away—Anna, who is from Thailand but whose parents are missionaries in South Korea. "We have many things in common. I was thankful that God sent her to me," Yuna smiled.