

SUMMER 2025



# OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER

*Coaching Students In Need to Achieve & Succeed!*

"The life plan I built wasn't just theory—it gave me a real map forward." Jesus Mendoza



## TEAM ORANGE — GROWING BY LEAPS & BOUNDS!

**120** high school and college students with homelessness or foster care experience graduated ODBI programs the *first half* of 2025 —the greatest number ever served by Team Orange in a six-month period!

Coaching amazing students from ...



Since, 2010, The Orange Duffel Bag Initiative (ODBI), a 501(c)(3), has provided certified coaching, curricula, and ongoing advocacy to support 2100+ students in need on their life journey to success!

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## OTHER ODBI FIRSTS!

"With ODBI coaching, my foster teen became a driver and not a passenger in life." Katie Ditchen, Foster Parent



**MO School District ODBI Certified Coaches graduate students from ODBI's first out-of-state program!** Students (pictured above with coaches and ODBI President Michael Daly) completed the 12-session program by gaining points for attendance, classwork, participation, SMART goal achievement, and creation of their education and life plans. Each student, now a lifetime member of Team Orange, earned a certificate of completion, an orange duffel bag, and a brand-new laptop.

**GA Dept. of Juvenile Justice ODBI Coaches deliver for the first time ever the ODBI Coaching Program to nominated high school students!** Students earned their certificate, orange duffel bag, and laptop, and attended the GA Preparatory Commencement proudly wearing **ODBI orange cords**.



**Shanautica Harvey (pictured left with Coach Luis Castro) is the first ODBI Program Graduate to become an ODBI Certified Coach!**

Shanautica, ODBI Class 20 grad in 2015, and her journey are inspirational. "I've witnessed firsthand how young people benefit from this program, and I want to help as many as I can."



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## GRADUATIONS GALORE!

ODBI orange cords awarded Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) high school graduates! Students (pictured above) who completed the ODBI program as seniors were celebrated at a CCPS event.

Shalisa Williams, ODBI Grad Class 1, graduates college! Shalisa (pictured proudly with her daughters) is a testament to always staying true to your goals to achieve your dreams.



In an ongoing partnership with The Place & Forsyth Co. Schools, HS students graduate ODBI!

To learn more about ODBI programs:

After School Coaching Programs  
<https://theodbi.org/programs/after-school-program>

Coaching for College Completion  
<https://theodbi.org/programs/odbi-ccc-program>

Coaching Certification  
<https://theodbi.org/coaching-certification-program>



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JE Dunn's 15th Annual Hammerdown Road Race
OCTOBER 11, 2025
https://hammerdownrace.com
ODBI is a proud recipient of this Peachtree Rd Race Qualifier!



Join us for a fun and competitive golf event to raise funds to help students in need succeed!
MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026
Indian Hills Country Club, Marietta GA

Thank you to our Past Sponsors and Coach Bill Curry!



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