

CLASS NOTES



Douglas Hudson '47 of Niles, Ohio donated a needlepoint piece made for him by his daughter, Cindy Bagocius, who delivered it to the college in September. The name on the station reads Defiance. Doug graduated from DC after returning from the Navy following World War II.

Ruth (Knoop) Heins '50 celebrated her 90th birthday in November with an open house at the Amos Center, Sidney, Ohio. Ruth taught in Piqua City Schools at Spring Street Elementary, Sidney City Schools at Whittier Elementary and retired from Hardin-Houston Local Schools.



Mike Steirer '62 and his wife, Jan, celebrated 50 years of marriage on Dec. 23, 2017 with their four daughters and their families. Mike is a retired educator who served as teacher, coach, principal and professor in the Cleveland area. Mike and Jan, also an elementary school teacher retired from Cleveland Schools, live in Medina, Ohio.

Willard Peters Jr. '67 of Edgerton, Ohio is the regional coordinator for the harness racing programs at 12 fairs in Ohio. He also serves as the race clerk for eight fairs in Ohio and as the track announcer for harness races at fairs in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

Stuart Douglas '69 says at 74, he still plays a good game of tennis several times a week, thanks to playing on the DC tennis team for two years, and his golf game isn't bad either. Stuart is heading to the beautiful island of Malta for a month-long visit with his girlfriend, and hopes to return to DC for his 50th Class reunion.

Rik '72 and Liz '71 Jimison are both retired in North Port, Fla. and are enjoying gardening, archaeological society and wildlife conservation, along with traveling, visiting family, Rik's poetry and Liz's photography. They plan to visit Hawaii this year. They'd love to hear from DC classmates: npjim@msn.com.

Max McGrew '73 reports that after 43 years of traveling for a living, he retired March 2017. After adjusting to retirement, he may pursue a part-time job "to stay motivated and keep the travel budget fluid." He resides in Greenfield, Ind.

Noriko (Hamaya) Kanafusa '74, currently living in Japan, visited the United States in May 2017 where she performed with her choir at Carnegie Hall. Afterwards, she came to Ohio and visited Carolyn Small, who had been a professor of hers. Noriko also visited campus and met with President Mankey.

Daniel Baer '77 is now retired from his position as high school counselor. He was elected to a four-year term on the Napoleon City Council and also works part time as attendance officer for Henry County Family Court. Daniel lives in Napoleon, Ohio.

Judge Daniel "Doc" Daugherty '84 has been selected as an Assistant Chief Immigration Judge with supervisory authority over the Immigration Courts in Las Vegas, Salt Lake City, and Denver and Aurora, Colorado. Doc retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in 2015 after serving on active duty for over 25 years. He culminated his military service by serving as the Chief Judge, Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary. He has been the recipient of the William K. Suter award for Distinguished Judicial Service from the Judge Advocates Foundation and earned the Legion of Merit. Doc and his wife, Lynn, have three children, three grandchildren, and reside in Henderson, Nevada.

Mark Getsay '87 has been elected to his third term on the Westlake City Council – Ward Six. He was the recipient of the Northern Ohio Chamber of Commerce 2017 Bright Star Award for outstanding service to the Westshore Chamber of Commerce for 30 years. He credits his efforts to all his community service to his time at Defiance College. Mark resides in Westlake, Ohio.



Kayoko (Nagaoka) Inaba '91 made her first return visit to campus since graduation. Kayoko and her husband, Shigaru, reside in Tokyo where she is employed by a Japanese bank. When she first returned to Japan after graduation, she went to work at an American bank located in Tokyo.

Robin (Shaffner) Brinegar '94 has been promoted to firm shareholder with Schultz Huber & Associates. Robin is a certified public accountant and works primarily in the firm's Archbold, Ohio office. She and her husband, David, reside outside of Fayette with their family.

Melissa Fries '97 of Monroeville, Ohio wed Travis Seip in December 2017. Melissa teaches kindergarten at Monroeville and is also mayor of the municipality.

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center announced that **Dave Mangas '98** has been named superintendent in August 2017. Formerly the executive director of CVCC, Mangas is entering his 20th year in career and technical training education. He resides in New Albany, Ohio.

Bryan Albright '99 & '01 became assistant dean at The Ohio State University at Lima in January. Bryan has served as interim assistant dean since May 2017 and has worked at Ohio State Lima for 11 years. Bryan is married to **Jennifer (Honeck) '99 & '01**. The Albright family resides in Lima.

Michael Cracas '99 was selected to lead the American International Sports Team's U-19 girls' soccer team during their trip to the United World Games this summer. The UWG are one of the largest youth sporting events in Europe. Over 10,000 athletes participated in this year's event. Cracas and the US team spent 10 days in Europe, spending two days in both Munich, Germany and Milan, Italy and five days in Austria for the youth tournament. Michael is the women's soccer coach at Hiram College in Ohio.

Matthew Joost '02 obtained his broker's license and has purchased his father's interest in Re/Max Realty of Defiance, and is now the sole owner of the agency. He has been recognized as in the top one percent of producing agents in the nation. Matt and his wife, Kierstin, live in Defiance with their two children, Ryles, 11, and Kasen, 9.



Todd Greer '03 has been named dean of the School of Business at University of Mobile, Ala. Todd who was CEO of Exchange202, a shared workspace community in Mobile, will lead expansion and program development for the university's internationally accredited School of Business. Greer holds a Ph.D. in organizational leadership with a major in human

resource development from Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va., and a Master of Science in ministerial leadership from Amridge University in Montgomery, Ala.

Nick Neiderhouse '05 and his wife, Raquel, and son, Neiko, welcomed their second child, Nella, on March 17, 2017. The Neiderhouse family resides in Maumee, Ohio where Nick is principal of Wayne Trail Elementary School.

Megan Ashbacher '06 graduated from Chamberlain College of Nursing with a master's degree as a family nurse practitioner in August 2017. She has passed the AANP certification exam and has accepted a position as a nurse practitioner with Mercy Health in Perrysburg, Ohio. Megan resides in Defiance.

Cari Birkemeier '07 married Chris Homan on July 1, 2017, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Glandorf. Cari is employed by the City of Defiance. She and her husband reside in Defiance.

Robin Diers '08 and **Steven Bok '08 & '14** were married on August 19, 2017 in West Chester, Ohio. Robin is a veterinarian with KKM Clinic in Middletown, and Steven is employed as a financial analyst for Cincinnati Financial Corporation. They reside in West Chester.

Sarah Manes '09 married Jake Lambert in October 2017. Sarah has her own wellness business and is also working at Henry County Hospital in Materials Management, Marketing, and Development. Sarah and Jake live in Defiance.

Adam Baker '10 was named head football coach at Ayersville High School. Adam teaches fourth grade at Ayersville and has been a varsity football assistant since 2009. He and his wife, Lindsay, reside in Defiance.

Melissa Gearhart '10 is supervisor of the foster care division for the Marsh Foundation, a not for profit children's services agency. Melissa resides in Defiance.

In January, **Dawn (Bontrager) Fitzcharles '14** became the operations manager of the Bryan (Ohio) Municipal Utilities. She was previously village administrator for Edgerton, where she resides.

Trevor Tucker '14 was married to Samantha Leu on April 1, 2017 at Vilano Beach, St. Augustine, Fla. Trevor is a digital forensic analyst at JURINNOV in Cleveland, where the Tuckers reside.

Alyssa Turton '14 & '16 married Colten Cox on July 22, 2017. Alyssa is an event coordinator at Oakwood Resort in Lake Wawasee in Syracuse, Ind. Her husband is a paramedic in Warsaw, Ind., and also serves with the Indiana Army National Guard. They reside in Syracuse with their two dogs, Bane and Jax.



Kirsten Wieland '14 was wed to Ryan Unger on June 10 in Sandusky, Ohio. Kirsten is a third grade teacher in Antwerp. She and Ryan live in Bryan, Ohio.

DEATHS

Kate Busto '14 resides on Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan where she is a broadcast journalist for American Forces Network. She won AFN Pacific Product of the Quarter in the category of TV Commercials. Kate was promoted to the rank of corporal in September 2016.

Megan Wertz '15 was married to Brok Coburn August 6, 2017 at Nazareth Hall in Grand Rapids, Ohio. Megan is the accounting manager at Werlor, Inc. The couple resides in Defiance.

Breanna Zipfel '15, LSW, is now a consultant and licensing specialist with the foster care and adoption division at The Marsh Foundation, a not-for-profit children's services agency. Breanna resides in Defiance.



Kelsea Burns '16 was recently awarded the Defiance County Sheriff's Office 2017 Telecommunications Officer of the Year. Kelsea has been a communications officer with the agency for two years.

The late **E. Keith Hubbard '57** was posthumously inducted into the Defiance High School Academic Hall of Fame in 2017. Hubbard was president of the Hubbard Company and was a community leader in Defiance for many years. He was dedicated to private higher education, both at Defiance College and through the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges, which named him a Life Trustee. He served on the Defiance College Board of Trustees from 1981 until his passing in 2012. In addition to his generous support of DC, he also helped many students achieve their goals through internships and endowed scholarships.

Janet (Rundquist) Richards, Schauffler College '43
June 10, 2017 – Orange City, Florida

Elizabeth (Held) Root, Schauffler College '43
October 19, 2017 -- Beaumont, Texas

Virginia (Vaughn) Lenhart '44
March 28, 2017 – Defiance, Ohio

Lois (Puehl) Behm '46
March 11, 2017 – Defiance, Ohio

Ruth (Hohler) Kelly '48
February 11, 2017 – Cedar Falls, Iowa

Rosemary (Kibler) Eggert '51
May 2, 2017 – Strongsville, Ohio

Winona Schafer '52
March 18, 2016 -- Oak Harbor, Ohio

Bill Woolery '52
June 21, 2016 – Troy, Ohio

Charles Hall '53
October 26, 2016 – Ocala, Florida

Bertha (Harrod) Booker '55
January 10, 2017 - Saline, Michigan

Noel Underwood '57
October 30, 2016 – Marysville, Ohio

Keep in Touch

We'd like to know about your new job, recent marriage, new member of the family, new address, or other happenings in your life. For photos, please send those of Defiance College people only, identify everyone, and label the back with your name and address. If you are moving, please send this form in with your new address.

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Maiden Name: _____ Class Year: _____

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News: _____

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Ellen 'Rosie' (Schall) Hall '58
April 3, 2017 – Defiance, Ohio

Elmer 'Jim' Wurst '59
August 6, 2017 – Palmetto, Florida

Juanita (Ladd) Carder '59
March 20, 2016 – Utica, Kentucky

Charles Holtzmuller '59
June 11, 2017 – Salem, Ohio

Bernice (Gross) Schmidt '59
July 16, 2017 – Defiance, Ohio

Roger Farlee '60
July 22, 2017 - Defiance, Ohio

Paul 'Red' Weaner '61
April 10, 2017 – Sarasota, Florida

Gretchen Duerk '61
February 17, 2017 – Defiance, Ohio

Phillip Juillard '62
March 5, 2017 – Basin, Wyoming

Bonnie (Devers) Schenk '62
Aug. 20, 2017 – Trotwood, Ohio

Burnice (Pfahlert) Agler '63
November 29, 2017 – Defiance, Ohio

Herbert Todd '65
November 30, 2016 – Seymour, Tennessee

Jeffrey Semon '65
September 2, 2017 – Monroe, Connecticut

James Studer '65
March 5, 2017 – Austin, Texas

Joyce (Nye) West '66
October 24, 2017 – Howard, Ohio

David Coburn '67
July 19, 2017 – Waterford, Vermont

W. Timothy Leuzarder '67
October 18, 2016 – Florham Park, New Jersey

Belle 'Jean' (Weisenburger) McMillen '67
November 10, 2016 - Defiance, Ohio

Jan Bergeon '68
June 17, 2017 – Defiance, Ohio

Larry Ervin '68
October 3, 2017 – Lombard, Illinois

James Graver '69
February 15, 2017 – Toledo, Ohio

James Spriggs '69
January 16, 2017 – Edmond, Oklahoma

David Welty '69
March 19, 2017 – Defiance, Ohio

Barbara (Stanhope) Norman '70
November 13, 2016 – Chillicothe, Ohio

Teresa Bok '71
January 26, 2017 -Defiance, Ohio

Ron Gilbert '71
September 1, 2017 – Greenville, Ohio

Ralph Ruffer '72
May 18, 2017 – Ney, Ohio

Clarajane Hine '73
June 30, 2016 – Fremont, Indiana

Gregory Nickloy '73
July 31, 2016 – Toledo, Ohio

Lydia (Jones) Johnston '74 & '93
May 20, 2017 – Defiance, Ohio

Alan Mustee '74
April 3, 2017 – Fort Myers, Florida

John Pertner '74
Nov. 11, 2017 – Evanston, IL

Frank May '78
February 2, 2017 – Cincinnati, Ohio

Patricia Fleckenstein '79
February 22, 2017 – Fort Laramie, Ohio

Alfredo Sierra Jr. '80
October 2, 2016 – Defiance, Ohio

Norine Hackney '85
September 24, 2016 - Cleveland, Ohio

Rose (McCarthy) Hanna '85
December 19, 2017 – Defiance, Ohio

Douglas Purdon '85
March 30, 2017 – Bryan, Ohio

James Stanton '85
Dec. 16, 2016 – Paulding, Ohio

David Behrend '86
April 25, 2017 - Saint Simons Island, Georgia

Rev. Father Christopher Zeller Sr. '86
March 1, 2016 - Swanton, Ohio

Stephen Thomas '91
March 24, 2017 – Fort Wayne, Indiana

Gregory Sims '93
July 2, 2017 – Bryan, Ohio

Rebecca (Bishop) Trombley '96
July 22, 2017 – Ottawa, Ohio

Dave Molnar '97
December 27, 2017 – Bowling Green, Ohio

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eSPORTS

Defiance College launching competitive eSports Fall 2018!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Teams of five DC students compete in online games against other colleges and universities across the nation without leaving campus.



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