

Rendezvous at the **BIG** HOME COMING October 8-12, 2013



Defiance College celebrated homecoming activities Oct. 10-12 with the theme "Rendezvous at the Big DC."

The extended weekend began Thursday with a performance by the Boilermaker Jazz Band in partnership with the Schomburg Series and the Defiance Community Cultural Council (DCCC).

Friday evening's dinner at the Weaner Community Center featured entertainment provided by the Toledo Symphony Jazz Quartet. Awards were handed out in several categories. Loretta Neff Bjorklund, class of 1989, was honored with the Alumni Achievement Award. Chris Palmer, class of 1982, and Carol (Sprite) Johnson, class of 1976, received Schaffler Legacy Awards.

Hall of Fame inductees included James D. Harris '92, Defiance; Brett Wingate '83, Tucson, Ariz.; Sheila (Retcher) McGill '94, Bryan; and Sarah Harman '03, Dayton. Alumni receiving the Coach of the Year award included Harold (Sonny) Lewis '70, Toledo; Martha Mallott '80, Defiance; Jim Linder '89, Paulding; and Brian Ziegler '96, Archbold.

A reception (pictured below) was held later that evening in the Serrick Campus Center for Dr. Don Kneuve, professor of criminal justice and associate academic dean. Friends and former students joined Kneuve in recognition of his pending retirement at the end of the 2013-14 school year.

Saturday was a day of activities including baseball and softball reunions, Honor Roll Society brunch, Hall of Fame bricklaying ceremony, Yellow Jacket tailgating at the stadium, coronation of the homecoming king and queen, Gamma Omega Kappa and Omega Men tailgate, theater reunion with Dr. Richard Thiede, class of 1973 reunion, football reunion for teammates of 1990 and 1993, and a 50-year reunion of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

In the football game, DC defeated Manchester, 27-12.





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