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WITHIN THEIR FIELD OF STUDY

*The new Rising Stars program announces
the first six students to be recognized*

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Defiance College has announced a new program aimed at recognizing students who show great potential in their fields. The Defiance College Rising Stars program will recognize students who are nominated by Defiance College faculty for their classroom achievements, their contributions to the College's culture of engagement, and/or their significant potential within their major field.

"Academics is at the heart of the College experience, and we at Defiance College are committed to nurturing the academic potential of all our students," said President Mark C. Gordon. "The Rising Stars program will give the College and the entire community an opportunity to recognize and honor students who show particularly noteworthy academic potential and who can be true role models for others. While many of our students have already been fortunate enough to receive national recognition

for their accomplishments, this program provides another way for us to highlight the tremendous skills and dedication of members of the Defiance College student body and to celebrate what their academic potential and promise offer for the community and society more broadly."

Rising Stars recipients will be announced in their academic majors throughout the year, with notice going to their local communities and high schools as well as to the entire Defiance College community and region.

Following are recent Rising Stars:
SPORT SCIENCE

L. Anthony Brown, Glenview, Ill. - The son of Lewis Brown and Jill Matthews, he attended Glenbrook South High School. On campus, he is an active member of the basketball team, contributes his time to community service projects, and is a member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. He is majoring in sport management with a minor in marketing.

Mallory Faling, Clark Lake, Mich. - The daughter of Patti Faling, she graduated from Columbia Central High School. On campus, she is an active member of the softball team, contributes her time to community service projects, participates in intramurals, and is looking to pursue a master's degree in education. Faling's community service projects include Habitat for Humanity, Make a Wish Foundation, and the Special Olympics. She is majoring in wellness and corporate fitness.

Kevin Tietje, Deshler - The son of Ervin and Lori Tietje, he graduated from Patrick Henry High School. On campus, Tietje is an active member of the basketball team, contributes his time to community service projects, and monitors basketball study table sessions. He is studying a major in business administration with a minor in sport management. Tietje's community service projects include Walk for Sunshine and the Special Olympics.

Rising Stars



Anthony Brown

Mallory Faling

Kevin Tietje

Treasure Bacon

Bryant Green

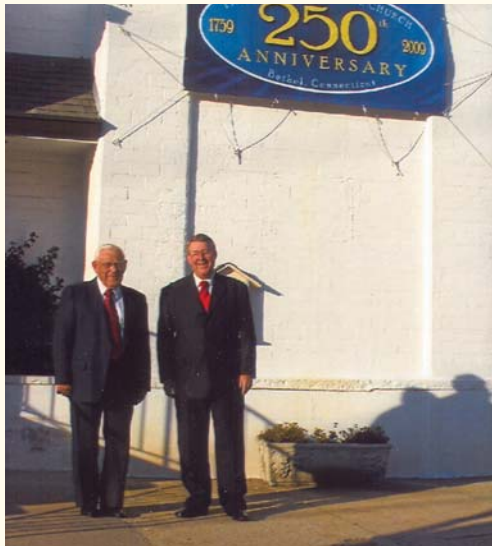
Gregg Harter

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Treasure Bacon, Archbold - The daughter of LuAnn Bacon, she attended Archbold High School. On campus, she is an ambassador for the admissions department, a student worker for the business office, a writing consultant for the Academic Resource Center, and a Carolyn M. Small Honors student. She was also awarded the 2009 Calista Olds award for Excellence in Bible and Religious Studies. Bacon is a junior double majoring in criminal justice and public communication.

Bryant Green, Fishers, Ind. - The son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Green, he attended Fishers High School. On campus, he is an active member of the football team, a criminal justice student assistant to two professors, plays in the pep band, is involved with PULSE, and is a member of the Criminal Justice Society. He also formed a student string ensemble to play at local and campus events. Green is a sophomore double-majoring in criminal justice and psychology.

Gregg Harter, Sherwood - The son of Jacqueline Harter, he attended Fairview High School, Sherwood. On campus, he is involved with the Alpha Rho Lambda Criminal Justice Honor Society and flag football. Harter is a junior double majoring in criminal justice and psychology. ♦



First Congregational Church in Bethel, Conn., recently observed its 250th anniversary. Current pastor of the church is 1967 Defiance College alumnus Rev. Sheldon Smith, pictured at right with Professor Emeritus Randy Buchman who was a special guest for festivities held in November.

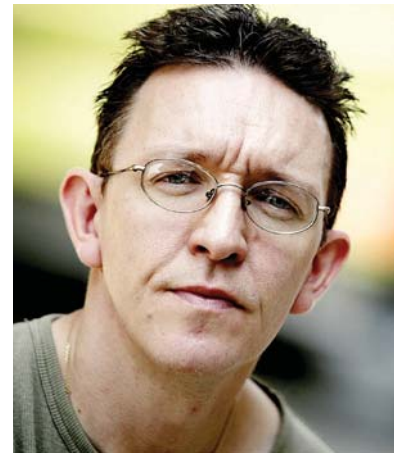
McMASTER SYMPOSIUM

Two outstanding keynote speakers anchor the annual event

Two outstanding speakers will be the keynote speakers for this year's McMaster Symposium. The event will be held on April 7 and 8, 2010, with the theme being "Democracy and Education in the Face of Rural Change."

Patrick Carr, associate professor of sociology at Rutgers University, will speak on Thursday, April 8, at 2 p.m. Carr co-authored the book, *Hollowing Out the Middle: The Rural Brain Drain and What it Means for America*, with his partner Maria Kefala.

Carr and Kefala spent a year living in "Ellis," a small town in northeastern Iowa, conducting ethnographic research on the residents and the young adults who moved away. Through in-depth interviews Carr and Kefala identified four categories of residents: the working-class "stayers;" the college-bound "achievers;" the military-bound "seekers;" and the "returners." Evidence gathered by Carr and Kefala indicate that the town's decline can be attributed to its own well meaning residents. Parents, teachers/coaches, and clergy encouraged the "best and brightest" to leave and subsequently did not support the social and civic development of the "stayers." Carr will argue that the decline and continual loss of small Midwestern towns has already had and will continue to have a major detrimental impact on the economic health of the United States. Carr will discuss solutions for small towns to retain, attract, and develop a creative and entrepreneurial mindset that will re-position rural America for the global economy.



Patrick Carr



Adam Renner

Adam Renner, associate professor of education at Bellarmine University in Louisville, KY, will speak on Wednesday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. Renner has a Ph.D. in cultural studies from the University of Tennessee and focuses his research on issues of pedagogy, social difference, and service learning. He will clarify the necessary long term (and feasible) work ahead for future educators.

Renner has done research and long-term service with schools and social service agencies in Jamaica, Mexico and Canada. He has also been published in *Educational Studies*, *EcoJustice Review*, *Rethinking Schools*, the *Rouge Forum*, the *High School Journal*, the *Kentucky Journal of Excellence*, the *International Journal of Learning*, and the *Journal of Curriculum Theorizing*. ♦

The 2011 McMaster Symposium will focus on whether promotion of individual liberty is a key to improving the human condition.