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TO DEFIANCE COLLEGE

Five Board of Trustee members were recently recognized for more than 25 years of individual service to DC

The Defiance College Board of Trustees was pleased to recently recognize five of its members for more than 25 years of outstanding service to the College. Each has been recognized with a plaque and the institution's kind regards.

Edwin S. Charles, currently an honorary trustee, has served on the Board of Trustees since 1972. A 1934 graduate of Ohio State University, he is a retired president and chairman of the board of First Federal Savings and Loan. Charles has served on the boards of many organizations including the Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce, Defiance Hospital, and Kettering Country Club. In 1998, Defiance College awarded him an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. He and his wife, Frankie, reside in Florida.



E. Keith Hubbard has served as a trustee since 1981. A DC alumnus and chairman of The Hubbard Company, Hubbard served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and attained the rank of captain. He is a member and past president of DC Alumni Association, Defiance Rotary, Defiance Hospital, Defiance Hospital Foundation, Shawnee Council of Boy Scouts of America, and past chairman of the College's Board of Trustees. Hubbard serves as a trustee of the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges and received its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005. In 1998, Hubbard was awarded the Defiance College Silver Pilgrim Medal. He and his wife, Janis, reside in Defiance.



Rev. Dr. Roger Perl has served as a trustee since 1977. He earned a bachelor's degree from Heidelberg College in 1958 and a master of divinity degree from Eden Theological Seminary in 1961. Perl is a third-generation ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. He has served as a member of the Executive Council of the UCC and chair of its finance and budget committee. He has also been a trustee of the Ohio Conference, Fort Wayne Children's Home-CROSSROAD, Midwest Career Development Counseling Service, United Church Board for World Ministries, Common Global Ministries Board, and the Back Bay Mission. Perl received an honorary doctorate from Defiance College in 1984. He and his wife, Jeanie, reside in Tiffin.



George M. Smart has served as a trustee since 1976. A 1967 graduate of DC, he earned an MBA from University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School in 1969. Smart is retired as president of Sonoco Phoenix, Inc. and currently serves as chairman of the board of FirstEnergy Corp. He is a recipient of DC's Bronze Pilgrim Medal and the Alumni Achievement Award, and is a member of the DC Athletic Hall of Fame. In 2006, Smart was inducted into the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges Hall of Excellence. He is an active member of United Methodist Church of the Lakes, and he and his wife, Sandy, reside in Canton, Ohio.



John W. Weaner has served as a trustee since 1978. A 1956 graduate of Miami University, Weaner earned his law degree from Ohio State University College of Law in 1963. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1956 to 1958. In addition to his many professional memberships as a partner in his Defiance law firm, Weaner is active in the local community. He is a member and past president of Defiance Rotary, served eight years on the Defiance City Board of Education, and is a past member and president of the board of trustees of Defiance Hospital. Weaner and his wife, Carole, reside in Defiance. ♦

Former Defiance College trustee, **Theodore Andrew Fritz**, 91, of Napoleon, died January 17, 2010 at the Henry County Hospital. A farmer and founder of Theodore Fritz Inc., Fritz was interested in community development in Napoleon and Defiance. With his leadership, community development projects brought about positive economic growth in the area. In addition to being a former member of the Defiance College Board of Trustees, Fritz served on numerous other community and church boards, and had been honored by selection to the 4-H Hall of Fame in 1999 and the Henry County Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2009.