



BACCALAUREATE
AND
COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONIES

May 8, 2021

DEFIANCE COLLEGE



2021 CEREMONY

BACCALAUREATE

Prelude Defiance College Community Orchestra,
DC College Choir, Ryan Mays, Organ

The Avengers Alan Silvestri
Mfurahini Haleluya Philip Lehenbauer, Arranger
Allegretto from Symphony No. 7 Ludwig van Beethoven
One Voice arr. Ruth Moody
Salvation is Created Pavel Chesnokov
Andromeda Carol Williams
Defiance College Alma Mater Mary Strickland Roberts
A Thankful Return Phil Lehenbauer, Arranger

*Processional Defiance College Community Orchestra
Pomp and Circumstance Elgar
The President and Platform Party

Invocation Rev. Jim Brehler

Responsive Reading Rev. Jim Brehler

Leader: Creator of all things, You called into existence
life from the earth on which we dwell,

People: and breathe into it new life and meaning.

Leader: Graciously You empower us with knowledge and skills,

People: to aid one another as we live out our life on this earth.

Leader: Bless our gathering this day as we recall Your
grace and kindness to these young lives,

**People: and celebrate the endings and beginnings
of the opportunities You provide.**

Leader: Empower us all to live lives worthy of the callings You offer,

**People: that we may strengthen one another and Your creation
as we walk together with You through this life. Amen.**

Musical Selection DC College Choir
Festival Sanctus John Leavitt

Meditation *Romans 12* Rev. Jim Brehler

**The audience will please stand.*

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COMMENCEMENT

Welcome.....Dr. Richanne C. Mankey, President

Pilgrim Medal Award..... Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Bronze: Student
Silver: Citizens & Alumni

Remarks from the Senior Class.....Mr. Hayden Clingaman

Introduction of Commencement SpeakerDr. Richanne C. Mankey

Address.....“You’re Where You Are Supposed to Be.” Dr. Holli Seabury ’97 & ’98

Recognition of Academic Honors.....Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell

Awarding of the Degrees.....Dr. Richanne C. Mankey
Associate’s Degree Candidates
Bachelor’s Degree Candidates
Master’s Degree Candidates

Remarks by the President.....Dr. Richanne C. Mankey

*Singing of the “Alma Mater” (see page 22).....DC College Choir,
featuring Ryan Mays, Organ

BenedictionRev. Jim Brehler

Musical Selection..... DC College Choir
On Justice, Truth, and Peace Amy F. Bernon

*Recessional Defiance College Community Orchestra
The Liberty Bell..... John Philip Sousa

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During the recessional, please remain in your places until the graduates
and platform party have recessed.

**The audience will please stand.*

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dr. Holli Seabury '97 & '98, is the executive director of the Delta Dental Foundation, which is dedicated to improving the oral health of the public and to advancing dental science through education and research. From 2009 to 2019, Dr. Seabury was the CEO of McMillen Health, a non-profit health education center serving over 80,000 annually. She was the lead curriculum developer for the Brush Oral Health Program, which serves over 1.85 million children nationwide through Early Head Start/Head Start and WIC. Her work has focused on health literacy and developing educational materials for the Medicaid population, especially young families. She is also the author of four children's books on oral health. Dr. Seabury holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Defiance College. In 2015, she earned a doctorate in curriculum and instruction with a specialty in educational technology from the University of Florida.



MESSAGE FROM THE DEFIANCE COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On behalf of the Defiance College Board of Trustees and as a proud alumnus, it is with great pride that I convey my sincerest congratulations to you, the graduating of Class of 2021. Your presence today affirms your successful completion of the requirements for a liberal arts degree. The pillars of your education - To Know, To Understand, To Lead, and To Serve - have equipped you with the necessary tools to think critically and creatively, to face uncertainty with resourcefulness, to challenge yourself in complex situations and to be a productive, civic-minded individual. It is with these qualities that you, like the many before you, will thrive not only in today's world but well into the future. We wish you all the best as you enter the next chapter of your life.

Chad Peter '77, Defiance College Chair of the Board of Trustees

MESSAGE FROM THE DEFIANCE COLLEGE FACULTY

Congratulations, Class of 2021! On behalf of the faculty, I want to applaud each of you for your resilience. The COVID-19 pandemic changed nearly everything. The one thing it did not change was the hard work and dedication with which you faced every learning opportunity in front of you.

Your experiences at Defiance College are marked by relationships, scholarship, and extracurricular achievements - some you had planned and others you hadn't even dreamed of until becoming a Yellow Jacket. Today is a day you should be proud of all of these achievements.

As alumni and alumnae of Defiance College, you are prepared to serve as leaders in your professions and agents of change in your communities. When you return, whether it be for Homecoming or to serve as a panelist as part of Jacket Journey, we look forward to hearing about how you continue to live our mission: To Know, To Understand, To Lead, and To Serve. Congratulations, graduates! We are proud to celebrate you today!

*Clarissa Barnes, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Special Education,
Director of Hench Autism Studies Program, and Faculty Chair*

MESSAGE FROM THE DEFIANCE COLLEGE ALUMNI/AE ASSOCIATION

On behalf of over 10,000 alumni/ae of Defiance College, I would like to officially welcome you as new members of the Defiance College Alumni/ae Association. Our mission is to ensure that your relationship with Defiance College continues and that you can call upon us to help you achieve your educational, career, and personal goals. You may ask, "Now that I am an alumna/us, how do I stay connected and involved?" Represent. We invite you to take DC with you wherever you go. Wear your DC purple & gold apparel, hang your pennant or your diploma proudly, add a DC sticker to your car window, and include DC in your LinkedIn profile. Reconnect. You are our best connection to mentor, offer internships, graduate school advice, job shadowing, and more. If you have some expertise or experience you can offer our current students, please let us know and we'll see where our needs and your talents meet! Contact the Alumni Office at www.defiance.edu/alumni to update your new address and email, to submit news for class notes, and to share your ideas for involvement with your alma mater by serving on the Alumni Board. Resources. Thanks to the generosity of alumni/ae, DC has been able to provide graduates, like you, with scholarships throughout their time here. We hope that you will join the many DC alumni/ae who represent, reconnect, and give back in some way through donations, talent, time, service, and through sharing your alma mater with high school students and more. Again, congratulations on your well-deserved success, best wishes on your future endeavors, and on being the newest members of our Alumni/ae Association! Go Jackets!

Casey Gibson '05, President, Defiance College Alumni/ae Association

2021 ACADEMIC HONORS

Recognizing students who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

3.9 - 4.0 grade point average

Aaliyah Blanchard
Connor James English

Shana Rae Manz
Morgan M. Porter

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

3.7 - 3.89 grade point average

Noah Blosser
Hayden James Clingaman
Chevelle Renee Gonzales
Bailey Nicole Graber
Megan L. Ladd

Rachel Hanna Lowell
Michael Reese
Alyssa E. Snyder
Chelsey Marie Strawser
Lucas Paul Thomeier

CUM LAUDE

3.5 - 3.69 grade point average

Courtney Bishop
Chyanne Cameron
Nischka Zeina Lee Dixon
Marcelino Gonzalez, Jr.
Zachary Amadeus Johnson
Delaney Jo Monnin
Alex Christopher Moore

Bennett Pack
Nathaniel Schnitkey
Nicholas A. Stifel
Tessa Marie Wall
Jordan Michelle Williams

DEFIANCE COLLEGE 2021 GRADUATES♦

**indicates summer graduate*

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Wesley Charles Bok *

Criminal Justice
Defiance, Ohio

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Rosendo Beltran II

Business Administration
Toledo, Ohio

Benjamin Bucklew

Accounting
Archbold, Ohio

Chyanne Cameron

Design with
2D Concentration
Stryker, Ohio
Cum Laude

Jarren T. Casto

Accounting
Celina, Ohio

Hayden James Clingaman

Accounting
Stryker, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Micaiah A. Cox

Accounting
Fort Recovery, Ohio

Miles Daniels *

Business Administration with
Management Concentration
Ypsilanti, Michigan

Chevelle Renee Gonzales

Design with
2D Concentration
Defiance, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Jared Tyler Green

History
Defiance, Ohio

Vincent Jackson

Business Administration
Mason, Ohio

Nolan Scott Kestner

Business Administration with
Management Concentration
Maineville, Ohio

Dominic Kuzujanakis

Business Administration with
Marketing Concentration
Centerville, Ohio

Steven Lucas

Design with
2D Concentration
Warren, Michigan

Tara J. Lymanstall *

Business Administration with
Management Concentration
Defiance, Ohio

Andrew Donald McMaster *

History
Defiance, Ohio

Delaney Jo Monnin

Business Administration with
Entrepreneurship and
Management Concentrations
Defiance, Ohio
Cum Laude

Cohen Nies

Accounting
Logansport, Indiana

Bennett Pack

Communication Studies
Glasgow, Kentucky
Cum Laude

Christian Michael Rennie

Accounting
Houston, Texas

Alexander Roof

Business Administration
Perrysburg, Ohio

Spencer Thomas Howard Ross

Ministry Studies
North Ridgeville, Ohio

Jacob Rygula

Business Administration
Midlothian, Illinois

Jared Michael Schnee

History
Bellevue, Ohio

Nicholas A. Stifel

Business Administration with
Management Concentration
Cincinnati, Ohio
Cum Laude

Jordan Michelle Williams

Design with
2D Concentration
Hillsdale, Michigan
Cum Laude

Cole Robert Woods *

Business Administration with
Marketing Concentration
Defiance, Ohio

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Maxwell Joseph Alvarado

Criminal Justice
Muncie, Indiana

David Amador-Miller

Exercise Science with
Strength and Coaching Concentration
Adrian, Michigan

Madison Anne Click Baker

Middle Childhood Education with
Reading/Language Arts and
Social Studies Concentrations
Kettering, Ohio

McKenzie Alyson Baker

Criminal Justice
Bellville, Ohio

Taylor Biggs-Specht

Psychology
Cincinnati, Ohio

Courtney Bishop

Middle Childhood Education with
Reading/Language Arts and
Social Studies Concentrations
Defiance, Ohio
Cum Laude

Aaliyah Blanchard

Integrated Mathematics
Mathematics
Delta, Ohio
Summa Cum Laude

Noah Blosser

Sport Management
Wauseon, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Macy Lauren Bowling

Social Work
Findlay, Ohio

Zachary Ian Brazen

Integrated Mathematics
Oxford, Ohio

Erin Marie Breece

Sport Management
Hamler, Ohio

Hannah R. Brehm-Gutting

Self Designed: Education Studies
Pioneer, Ohio

Alicia Jean Breneman

Integrated Mathematics
Bryan, Ohio

A'Mia Shimere Brewer

Forensic Science
Saginaw, Michigan

Kiana Rose Carpenter

Digital Forensic Science
Holmesville, Ohio

Joshua Lawrence Cooney

Sport Management
Ludington, Michigan

Nischka Zeina Lee Dixon

Digital Forensic Science
St. Mary, Jamaica
Cum Laude

Cody Drumm-Turner *

Criminal Justice
Homer, Michigan

Connor James English

Middle Childhood Education with
Math and Science Concentrations
Defiance, Ohio
Summa Cum Laude

Natalie Rose Ferguson-Schuerman *

Criminal Justice
Pemberville, Ohio

Terry Geiger

Sport Management
Columbus, Ohio

Marcelino Gonzalez, Jr.

Sport Management
East Chicago, Indiana
Cum Laude

Lane Daniel Good

Criminal Justice
Napoleon, Ohio

Bailey Nicole Graber

Early Childhood Education
Hicksville, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Kage Hayes

Sport Management
Bryan, Ohio

Mary-Michael Jackson

Social Work
Defiance, Ohio

Kennedy Brooke Jeffrey

Biology with
Pre-Veterinary Concentration
Sycamore, Ohio

Zachary Amadeus Johnson

Exercise Science with
Pre-Professional Concentration
El Paso, Illinois
Cum Laude

Megan L. Ladd

Molecular Biology
Dupont, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Marisa Renee Lantz

Social Work
Delta, Ohio

Shannon Jacob Legge

Social Work
Marysville, Ohio

Rachel Hanna Lowell

Exercise Science with
Pre-Professional Concentration
Lakewood, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Carson Alan Macklin

Exercise Science with
Fitness, Strength, and
Conditioning Concentration
Shelbyville, Indiana

Shana Rae Manz

Social Work
Paulding, Ohio
Summa Cum Laude

Jordan Michael Maschino

Criminal Justice
Covington, Ohio

Colin David Minner

Exercise Science with
Pre-Professional Concentration
London, Ohio

Alex Christopher Moore

Sport Management
Plain City, Ohio
Cum Laude

Kalyn NaKenya Pickens

Biology
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Morgan M. Porter

Early Childhood Education
Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate
Defiance, Ohio
Summa Cum Laude

Jonathan W. Powell

Biology
Commerce Township, Michigan

Michael Reese

Sport Management
Constantine, Michigan
Magna Cum Laude

Nathaniel Schnitkey

Mathematics
Oak Harbor, Ohio
Cum Laude

Natalie Schroeder

Social Work
Defiance, Ohio

Alyssa E. Snyder

Early Childhood Education
Bryan, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Chelsey Marie Strawser

Exercise Science with
Pre-Professional Concentration
Lewisburg, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Isabella Daleena Swartz

Psychology
Bryan, Ohio

Lucas Paul Thomeier

Mathematics
Sport Management
Wickliffe, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Kaleb Levi Tyree

Exercise Science with
Strength and Coaching Concentration
Sport Management
Tiffin, Ohio

Jenicy Nichole Villegas

Criminal Justice
Social Work
Adrian, Michigan

Tessa Marie Wall

Middle Childhood Education with
Reading/Language Arts
and Science Concentrations
Defiance, Ohio
Cum Laude

Reginald Gordon Washington, Jr. *

Sport Management
Laurel, Maryland

Dallas Yost

Integrated Social Studies
North Fairfield, Ohio

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Kelsey Brenneman

Van Wert, Ohio

Arica Castillo

Defiance, Ohio

Brandi Cortesa Claudio

Richmond Heights, Ohio

Katrina Simone King

Defiance, Ohio

William James Selhorst

Columbus Grove, Ohio

Kevin Eli Troyer

Hicksville, Ohio

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Tracy Jo Dopp
Stryker, Ohio

Treg David Lymanstall
Intervention Specialist Concentration
Defiance, Ohio

Molly Siebenaler
Intervention Specialist Concentration
Montpelier, Ohio

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

William Michael Bohlman
Leadership Concentration
Dayton, Ohio

Jarod James Brossia *
Leadership Concentration
Curtice, Ohio

Sidney Ellen Faine *
Leadership Concentration
Bluffton, Ohio

Keira Jeannine Grandey *
Leadership Concentration
Stryker, Ohio

Jacqueline Dianne Hartman
Leadership Concentration
Parma, Ohio

Conrad Lee Hausch
Leadership Concentration
Bryan, Ohio

Skylar Marie Liming
Leadership Concentration
St. Mary's, Ohio

Drake Webber Moening
Leadership Concentration
Defiance, Ohio

Jalin Nealy
Leadership Concentration
Pontiac, Michigan

Jude Edward Neary
Leadership Concentration
Toledo, Ohio

Alexa Beth St. Julian *
Leadership Concentration
Oregon, Ohio

Benjamin A. Schrock *
Leadership Concentration
Findlay, Ohio

Matthew Daniel Woods *
Leadership Concentration
Swannanoa, North Carolina

Aubrey Tristan Yeomans
Leadership Concentration
Hoboken, Georgia

◆ *All graduates were certified in January 2021 as eligible to graduate pending completion of spring 2021 coursework.*

THE LEGACY OF COMMENCEMENT

The awarding of academic degrees to signify reaching a specific level in a branch of learning goes back at least eight centuries, even prior to the creation of universities. In the 12th century, students in Paris and Bologna formed “guilds” as a result of common interests and problems. In such scholarly atmosphere, some of the students naturally decided on a career in teaching. Their first step was to become “baccalaureus,” which was preceded by several years’ permission to teach the “licentiate.” Following more years of study, the student was admitted to a select circle of teachers, the “masterguild,” through a series of special initiation rites.

From these origins has come our commencement, a special academic ceremony for the purpose of awarding degrees, which begins and ends with an academic procession. As a descendent of clerical processions of the churches, the academic procession is to be carried out with great dignity and impressiveness. All participants are to wear academic attire appropriate to their highest degree. Faculty members march in order of their seniority with the senior full professors first, followed by their colleagues of successively lower rank. The procession is formed in ranks of two except for the special dignitaries or honorees who may walk alone.

The culmination of the commencement program is the awarding of degrees. The placing of the hood on the shoulders of the graduate is the time-honored gesture denoting the investiture of the degree. In contemporary commencement exercises, this practice is most often retained solely for advanced degrees. Today’s bachelor’s degree recipients symbolize the hooding through the act of moving the tassel on the cap from the right to the left side.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The gathering of the college family today is the present expression of a living tradition and thus forms the visible symbol of joint partnership in the continuing search which is education. That we respect the past by using its form and regalia at the moment of transition to the future is simply our witness to the world that “what is past is prologue.”

The wearing of caps and gowns is basically an old English custom. The custom still used today has its origin in the type of dress worn during the twelfth century by all classes. The cloak, with its attached hood, was worn over a long, flowing robe for protection from the weather. In the thirteenth century, the hood appeared as a separate article of dress, a kind of pointed bag with an oval opening for the face, the long point hanging down behind.

The origin of the use of the cap as part of the degree ceremony is not clear; at Oxford University, the M.A. cap was the sign of a scholar’s independence, as under Roman law a slave was freed by being allowed to put on a cap. There is no agreement on the reason for the shape of the square “mortarboard” style used today.

The English heritage has been reflected in American academic costume from colonial times, particularly at Columbia (King’s College), Yale, and a number of others. Around 1885, a widespread student movement introduced the wearing of caps and gowns at commencement ceremonies. Present practice largely follows the code of an intercollegiate commission of 1895, as revised over the years.

The mortarboard cap is standard, except for the soft cap women may wear. The tassel may be black for any degree or in the color of the major field of learning in which the degree has been granted. Gold tassels are worn only by doctors.

Traditionally, gowns are black and fall in straight lines from a fairly elaborate yoke. The cut of the gown identifies the degree. The bachelor’s gown has pointed sleeves and is worn closed. The master’s gown has oblong-cut sleeves slit at the wrist and is worn open or closed. The doctor’s gown, which is also worn open or closed, has bell-shaped sleeves, usually crossed with bands of velvet.

The length of the hood also identifies the degree: 36 inches for a bachelor’s, 42 inches for a master’s, and 48 inches for a doctor’s. The color of the velvet binding of the hood identifies the wearer’s specialized field of study. These colors include white for arts and letters, scarlet for theology, purple for law, green for medicine, dark blue for philosophy, golden yellow for science, brown for architecture and fine arts, pink for music, lemon yellow for library science, light brown for business, light blue for education, sage green for physical education, citron for social work, silver gray for oratory (speech). The institution granting the degree is identified by the color(s) of the satin lining which drapes outward from the center of the hood. International universities follow their own systems; e.g. the Sorbonne (Paris) designates its doctor’s degree by a scarf trimmed in white fur.

More recent additions to the academic regalia include recognition for the scholarly and personal accomplishments. Sashes, cords, and medallions can indicate study abroad, honorary societies, and academic honors.

CEREMONY NOTES

The Defiance College Community Orchestra is open to DC students and community musicians from the surrounding area. This year's musicians include Riley Alcorn, Amber Baldwin, Katherine Bundy, Moses Costa, Lauren Criblez, Eli Lee, Lucas Panella, Fallon Radcliffe, Paige Rohloff, Dakota Swift, Sarah Wise, and Matthew Wielinski. The Defiance College Community Orchestra is under the direction of Cassidy Nalepa, Director of Music Programs.

The Defiance College Choir is open to all DC students who have an interest in singing and performing. This year's singers include Moses Epps, Sam Haas, Abigail Miller, Sophie Moller, Noelani Schmidt, Mallery Sullivan, Noah Svanberg, Jaylen Turner, Desirē Walker, Jyllien Welk, and E'lonJanaé Wilson-Banks. The College Choir is under the direction of Camille Lively, Assistant Director of Music Programs.

Hayden Clingaman is a top scholar of the graduating class as measured by grade point average.

Rev. Jim Brehler is Pastor of St. John United Church of Christ, Defiance.

Assisting in the awarding of diplomas is Dr. Robert Detwiler, Registrar. Announcing the names of graduates is Ms. Mercedes Clay, Assistant Dean of Student Engagement and Director of Intercultural Relations.

Gold cords are worn by those students graduating with academic honors. Purple and gold cords are worn by seniors who have been recognized for their leadership and service. Green and gold cords are worn by members of the Sigma Beta Delta business honor society. Citron cords are worn by members of the Tau Mu social work honor society. Royal blue cords are worn by McMaster Scholars. Purple and white cords are worn by McMaster Certificate Program students. Red, white, and blue cords are worn by Honored Veterans. Teal cords are worn by students who received the Civic Engagement Award. Kente Stoles are worn by students of color. Gold medallions are worn by professors honored as Distinguished Faculty. Navy blue stoles with a gold outline are worn by members of Alpha Phi Omega. Purple stoles are worn by graduates of the Carolyn M. Small Honors program.

Sign language interpreter is Ms. Beverly Reinbrecht.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Frank J. Lausche, Doctor of Laws, 1951
Ross S. Marshall, Doctor of Laws, 1951
Maguerite Reilley, Doctor of Humanities, 1951
Rev. Frederic Fox, Doctor of Divinity, 1952
Rev. Earle B. Pleasant, Doctor of Divinity, 1952
Honorable C. William O'Neill, Doctor of Laws, 1953
Flossie Emeline Whitney, Doctor of Music, 1953
Rev. Carl Dille, Doctor of Divinity, 1953
Daniel W. Mikesell, Doctor of Business Administration, 1953
Arthur Conrad Decker, Doctor of Divinity, 1954
Norman Whitehouse, Doctor of Divinity, 1954
Wilbur D. Fulton, Doctor of Laws, 1955
Rev. Cleon Swarts, Doctor of Divinity, 1955
Harold Schellenger, Doctor of Laws, 1957
Richard Nixon, Doctor of Laws, 1957
Kevin McCann, Doctor of Laws, 1957
Angie Crew, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1958
Commander William R. Anderson, Doctor of Science, 1958
James C. Donnell II, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1958
Robert Fitz-Randolph Peters, Doctor of Divinity, 1959
Claire Coci, Doctor of Music, 1959
Frank P. Thomas, Doctor of Divinity, 1960
Andrew K. Craig, Doctor of Divinity, 1960
Wilber M. Brucker, Doctor of Laws, 1960
Charles R. Eisenhart, Doctor of Humanities, 1961
Lewis L. Gilbert, Doctor of Divinity, 1961
George W. Cornell, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1962
L. Ward McReynolds, Doctor of Science, 1962
Frank J. Wright, Doctor of Divinity, 1962
Truman B. Douglass, Doctor of Letters, 1962
Herbert E. VanMeter, Doctor of Divinity, 1963
Helen Huntington Smith, Doctor of Social Sciences, 1963
Erston M. Butterfield, Doctor of Divinity, 1963
Charles A. Dana, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1964
Donald W. Webber, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1964
Donald L. Powers, Doctor of Divinity, 1965
Charles H. Percy, Doctor of Laws, 1965
Francis H. Horn, Doctor of Laws, 1966
Harry W. Bredeweg, Doctor of Divinity, 1966
Lawrence W. Fairchild, Doctor of Divinity, 1967
Raymond E. Dix, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1967
Raymond S. Baby, Doctor of Science, 1968
William G. Barndt, Doctor of Divinity, 1968
Grant H. Young, Doctor of Laws, 1968
Pierre DuPont Vuilleumier, Doctor of Divinity, 1969
Kevin McCann, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1969
Donald W. Riegle, Jr., Doctor of Laws, 1970
Paul W. Kohler, Doctor of Divinity, 1970
Richard T. Andrews, Jr., Doctor of Divinity, 1971
Lauris Norstad, Doctor of Laws, 1972
Sister Jane Kirchner, R.S.M., Doctor of Humane Letters, 1973
Clyde C Flannery, Doctor of Divinity, 1974
Frank E. Duddy, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1974
Richard J. Neilsen, Doctor of Divinity, 1975
Walter H. Judd, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1975
Ralph W. Peters, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1976
Landrum R. Bolling, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1976
Rev. Reuben A. Sheares, II, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1977
Rev. B. Kenneth Anthony, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1977
Dr. Hermenegild Marcus Antonio Drago, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1977
Carma J. Rowe, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1978
John U. Fauster, Jr., M.D., Doctor of Humane Letters, 1978
Karl H. Weaner, Doctor of Laws, 1979
Rev. Avery D. Post, Doctor of Divinity, 1979
Donnelly D. Cassidy, Doctor of Social Sciences, 1980
Leslie H. Fishel, Jr., Doctor of Humane Letters, 1980
Kenneth H. Buckwald, Doctor of Divinity, 1980
Gordon C. Dix, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1981
Dr. LeRoy T. Walker, Doctor of Humanities, 1981
Dr. William W. Swezey, Doctor of Education, 1982
Margaret Ware Kahliff, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1982
Rev. Dr. William K. Laurie, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1983
Dr. James O. Plinton, Jr., Doctor of Humane Letters, 1983
Ruth C. McCann, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1984
Rev. Roger Perl, Doctor of Divinity, 1984
Ruth Brackney, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1984
J. Charles Partee, Doctor of Public Service, 1985
Rev. Dr. Harold Wilke, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1985
Harold A. McMaster, Doctor of Science, 1985
Helen McMaster, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1985
Mary Ann Scherr, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1986
Rene C. McPherson, Doctor of Business Administration, 1986
Erie Sauder, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1987
Jimmie R. LeMaster, Doctor of Letters, 1988
Allen E. Beck, Doctor of Music, 1988
Rev. Scott S. Libbey, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1989
Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1990
Dr. Thomas J. Moyer, Doctor of Laws, 1990
Rev. Dr. Paul H. Sherry, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1991
Rev. Thomas E. Dipko, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1992
Col. Terence T. Henricks, Doctor of Science, 1993
Rev. Bernice Powell Jackson, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1994
Ben Richmond, Doctor of Fine Arts, 1994
Richard Thornburgh, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1995
Norman C. Nitschke, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1995
William Diehl, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1995
George Isaac Jr., Doctor of Humane Letters, 1996
Terry Anderson, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1996
Linda Chavez, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1997
Harry Eugene Smart, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1997
Edwin S. Charles, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1998
Zev Kedem, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1998
Col. Richard R. Seibel, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1998
Mary A. Hench, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1999
Harris Wofford, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1999
Rita A. Kissner, Doctor of Humane Letters, 2000
Dr. Frank Newman, Doctor of Humane Letters, 2000
Rev. Bruno Schroeder, Doctor of Humane Letters, 2000
Dr. Lorraine Matusak, Doctor of Humane Letters, 2001
Evelyn Lehman Ryan, Doctor of Humane Letters, 2001
Millard Fuller, Doctor of Humane Letters, 2002
Paul E. Gillmor, Doctor of Humane Letters, 2004
Ralph Regula, Doctor of Humane Letters, 2005
Dwight Short, Doctor of Humane Letters, 2006
Dr. Robert Head '76, Doctor of Humane Letters, 2009
Dr. Vincent Harding, Doctor of Humane Letters, 2010
Dr. DeBow Freed, Doctor of Humane Letters, 2017
Randall Buchman, Doctor of Humane Letters, 2018
Howard Reich, Doctor of Humane Letters, 2019
John Trautman, Doctor of Humane Letters, 2020

THE PILGRIM MEDAL

The most prestigious award offered by Defiance College, the Pilgrim Medal, commemorates the character traits exemplified by the Pilgrims. The traits of the recipients are reliance in self, pride in work, courage in conscience, strength in education, and faith in God. A bronze medal may be awarded to graduating seniors who give the most promise of exemplifying these traits of character, and a silver medal may be awarded to alumni and citizens who have in their lives demonstrated these traits.

BRONZE

William J. McCleary, 1961
Joyce Birkhold, 1962
George Richard Thompson, 1963
Ruth Ann Ireton, 1964
Thomas Frederick Carroll, 1964
James D. Studer, 1965
Eduardo Arellano, 1967
George M. Smart, 1967
Lillian Rae Dunlap, 1968
Raymond Santiago, 1971
Wade Marbaugh, 1971
Ruth Jan Brisbine, 1972
Donald E. Bennett, 1973
Dwight Baker, 1975
Dennis Gordon, 1975
Steven Matthews, 1977
Antonio Garcia, 1977
Alberto Vilar, 1978
Richard E. Noonan, 1980
Anne R. Schultz, 1980
Sally A. Cole, 1981
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pledge thee our al - le - giance, And all thy glo - ries sing. For thee, our own De - fi - ance, Our
mem - o - ry will bring us Oft back to col - lege walls, We'll still trust thee, De - fi - ance, And

lives, our all we give; In all our days we'll strive for thee, Hail, dear Al - ma Ma - ter.
lift thy ban - ners high, And shout thy praise from earth to sky, Hail, dear Al - ma Ma - ter.

