



HONORS NIGHT CONVOCAATION

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Schomburg Auditorium

HONORS CONVOCATION PROGRAM 2024-2025

Defiance College graduates students to lead distinctive lives in their chosen professions through a spirit of service by preparing them To Know, To Understand, To Lead, and To Serve.

Processional

Invocation.....*Reverend David Plant*

Welcome.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell, Executive Vice President*

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

TO KNOW

We believe that the liberal arts form a broad basis for all learning. We affirm that academic excellence demands a committed search for truth, competency in research and other problem-solving methods, the ability to synthesize knowledge from many sources, and a capacity for self-directed learning.

Division of Arts & Humanities.....*Dr. Kathryn Phillips, Chair*

Calista Olds Award for Excellence in Religious Studies.....*Dr. Kathryn Phillips*

Kirsten Vanisacker

Elizabeth Rimer Latchaw Award in Music.....*Professor Justin Bays*

Sydney Fogt

Music Programs Director's Award.....*Professor Justin Bays*

Emmalyn Westrick

Reeder C. Hutchinson Assistantship in the Humanities.....*Dr. Kathryn Davis*

Rachael Beardsley

Outstanding Senior in Communication Studies.....*Dr. Kathryn Phillips*

Isabelle Vance

Outstanding Senior in English.....*Dr. Abigail Bowers*
Logan Kunkel

Outstanding Senior in History.....*Dr. Steven Bare*
Aiden Burke

Division of Business, Education, & Social Work.....*Professor Tess Salisbury, Chair*

Outstanding Senior in Accounting /Finance.....*Dr. Nady El-Zayaty*
Spencer Clingaman

Outstanding Senior in Business Administration.....*Dr. Nady El-Zayaty*
Gunner Gregg

Outstanding Senior in Sport Management.....*Dr. Richard Bailey*
Alexander Rodriguez III

Joan Gerken Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarship in Education.....*Dr. Carla Higgins*
Rylee Miller

Alpha Delta Kappa Award.....*Dr. Carla Higgins*
Elizabeth Patrick

Outstanding Senior in Adolescent to Young Adult Education
Jacob Hutcheson

Outstanding Senior - K-12 Intervention Specialist.....*Dr. Carla Higgins*
Kaylynn Wellman

Outstanding Senior in Middle Childhood Education.....*Dr. Carla Higgins*
Mallory Timbrook

Outstanding Senior in Primary PK-5 Education.....*Dr. Carla Higgins*
Kerrington Kroeckel

Schauffler Award in Social Work.....*Professor Tess Salisbury*
Jessica Reynolds

Top Scholar in Social Work.....*Professor MacKenzie Foust*
Joshua Gase

Division of Natural Science, Applied Science, & Math.....*Dr. Timothy Rickabaugh, Chair*

Outstanding Senior in Clinical Laboratory Science
Hannah Sanderson

Outstanding Senior in Criminal Justice.....*Dr. Sheldon Goodrum*
Caia Bevins

Outstanding Senior in Cyber Forensics.....*Professor Timothy Wedge*
Jeffrey Varga

Outstanding Senior in Environmental Science.....*Dr. Patrick Cain*
Karrie Smith

Outstanding Senior in Exercise Science.....*Dr. Timothy Rickabaugh*
Alexis Coward

Outstanding Senior in Forensic Science.....*Dr. Mollie Sorrell*
Anika Craft

Outstanding Senior in Molecular Biology.....*Dr. Mollie Sorrell*
Emma Bonnell

Outstanding Senior in Nursing
Katie Stoller

Cum Laude

Ezekiel Baffour
Kaeli Bustos
Kelly Limbaugh

Emma Birr
Destiny Coil

Aubrey Bujalski
William Gehlhausen

Magna Cum Laude

Samantha Bee
Tyler Dehan
Kendra Kline
Alexis Miles
Tyler Sickmiller

Zachary Canterbury
Gunner Gregg
Zakary Klopfenstein
Mitchell Roever
Karrie Smith

Alexis Coward
Jacob Hild
Logan Kunkel
Hannah Sanderson
Isabelle Vance

Summa Cum Laude

Caia Bevins
Anika Craft
Sydney Horning
Jalynn Parrett
Jocelyn Peterson
Alexander Rodriguez III
Mallory Timbrook

Timothy Bobek
Jaron Gase
Jacob Hutcheson
Elizabeth Patrick
Breana Reliford
Jack Stanoikovich
Kaylynn Wellman

Spencer Clingaman
Joshua Gase
Kerrington Kroeckel
Kaitlin Paul
Jessica Reynolds
Mason Stickley

Carolyn M. Small Honors Program Seniors.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

Samantha Bee	Caia Bevins	Emma Bonnell
Aubrey Bujalski	Jacob Hild	Sydney Horning
Zakary Klopfenstein	Elizabeth Patrick	Hannah Sanderson
Mason Stickley	Mallory Timbrook	Isabelle Vance

Highest Ranking Senior Scholar(s).....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

Joshua Gase	Kerrington Kroeckel	Kaylynn Wellman
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Outstanding FYE Inquiry Paper.....*Mrs. Lisa Crumit-Hancock, FYE 100 Coordinator*

Outstanding Orator in World Issues.....*Dr. Kathryn Phillips, Global Studies Coordinator*

Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

TO UNDERSTAND

We provide opportunities for students to perceive and make connections between the intellectual realm and the world. We strive to develop awareness of and sensitivity to global interdependence and diverse cultures.

First Year McMaster Researchers.....*Mrs. Bridgette Winslow,*
Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

Braylon Ardner
Josiah Jacobs
Raymond Wolfrum

Brock Behrman
Braylin Shaner

Kaylee Dickinson
Taylor Waldron

McMaster Scholars.....*Mrs. Bridgette Winslow*
(Underclassmen)

Addalyn Allen
Rachael Beardsley
Connor Gephart
Cierra Holcomb
Addison Martinez
Evan Park
Emma Rodgers
Kolbe VanderLeest

Donovan Armstrong
Alexandra Bevins
Madison Guggenbiller
Alexander Jung
Maile Misleh
Christa Phillips
Taylor Stull
Kirsten Vanisacker

Taylor Bates
Anna Emswiler
Jazmine Hoffman
Zadria King
Alexander Moritz
Eli Plassman
Payton Switzer
McKenna Walker

Senior McMaster Scholars.....*Mrs. Bridgette Winslow*

Ezekiel Baffour
Alexis Coward
Karrie Smith

Caia Bevins
Noah Kimble
Mallory Timbrook

Emma Bonnell
Jalynn Parrett

McMaster Certificate Completers.....*Mrs. Bridgette Winslow*

Caia Bevins

Emma Bonnell

Karrie Smith

TO LEAD

We are committed to the betterment of the community, the nation, and the world through the development of leadership skills and abilities. We create opportunities for students to initiate and facilitate beneficial action in and out of the classroom and encourage self-reflection on the role of the dedicated leader.

Civic Engagement.....Mrs. Bridgette Winslow

Caia Bevins	Aubrey Bujalski	Alexis Coward
David Heidelberg	Sydney Horning	Elizabeth Patrick
Mason Stickley		

Senior Service Leaders.....Mrs. Bridgette Winslow

Caia Bevins	Zachary Canterbury	DaShaun Davis
Sydney Horning	Elizabeth Patrick	Hannah Sanderson

TO SERVE

We encourage our students to be of service to their fellow students, their chosen fields of study, their communities and the world. We provide opportunities for students to transform society through civic engagement along with application of their knowledge and understanding to service.

Charles J. Ping Student Community Service Award.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*
Elizabeth Patrick

Wanda May LeMaster Service Award.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

John M. Trautman Service Award.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

Senior Honored Veterans.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*
Jacob Hutcheson

Gerald E. Mallott Outstanding Senior Service Award.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

Outstanding Staff Service Award.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

Outstanding Faculty Service Award.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

Dr. Richard W. Stroede Distinguished Faculty Citation.....*Dr. Richanne C. Mankey &*
Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell

Benediction.....*Reverend David Plant*

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OTHER ACADEMIC AND MISSION RECOGNITIONS

Honor Societies

Omicron Mu of Phi Alpha (Social Work)

Seniors

Joshua Gase

Kaitlin Paul

Jessica Reynolds

Juniors

Sydney Fogt

Tau Mu (Social Work)

Aubrey Bujalski

Kaitlin Paul

Joshua Gase

Jessica Reynolds

Kelly Limbaugh

Phi Alpha Theta (History)

Alexandra Bevins

Kylie LaLumia

Mallory Timbrook

Dr. Richard W. Stroede Distinguished Faculty Recipients

1984-85 Dr. James R. Frey
1985-86 Dr. Bernard C. Mikula
1986-87 Dr. Darnell H. Clevenger
1987-88 Dr. Margaret M. Noble
1988-89 Mr. Richard M. Small
1989-90 Dr. Davina M. Brown
1990-91 Dr. Richard W. Stroede
1991-92 Mrs. Carolyn M. Small
1992-93 Dr. Robert A. Kohl
1993-94 Mr. Jeffrey S. Weaner
1994-95 Mr. Randall L. Buchman
1995-96 Dr. Bonnie J. Sloan
1996-97 Dr. Joe Coley
1997-98 Dr. Donald S. Knueve
1998-99 Dr. Kenneth Christiansen
1999-00 Mr. David L. Reed
2000-01 Ms. Duane Hocking
2001-02 Dr. Michael Soper
2002-03 Ms. Jo A. McCormick

2004-05 Mr. Steven J. Smith
2005-06 Mr. Frank O. Sanders
2006-07 Dr. Jo Ann Burkhardt
2007-08 Dr. Steven Sondergaard
2008-09 Dr. Timothy Rickabaugh
2009-10 Dr. Susan Wajert
2010-11 Dr. Mary Catherine Harper
2011-12 Dr. Gregg Gunsch
2012-13 Mrs. Alesia Yakos-Brown
2013-14 Dr. Nathan Griggs
2014-15 Mrs. Amy Drees
2015-16 Dr. Fred Coulter
2016-17 Dr. Doug Kane
2017-18 Dr. Marian Plant
2020-21 Prof. David Stuckey
2021-22 Dr. Donald Buerk
2022-23 Dr. Clarissa Barnes
2023-24 Dr. Steven Engel



Join us as we celebrate 175 years of transforming lives, serving communities,
and DEFIning futures.

All Alumni, Friends, and Community Homecoming

October 2-4, 2025

Art Exhibit

Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Women's Commission Art Gallery

Located off Sessions Street next to Schomburg Auditorium

DEFIANCE: College and Community for 175 Years Exhibit

First Sunday of the Month: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Andrew L. Tuttle Memorial Museum

514 W. Third Street

Defiance, Ohio 43512