

BACCALAUREATE  
AND  
COMMENCEMENT  
CEREMONIES

May 10, 2025

DEFIANCE COLLEGE





# 2025 CEREMONY

## BACCALAUREATE

Prelude ..... Mr. Kevin Clark, Pianist

\*Processional ..... Mr. Kevin Clark, Pianist

*Pomp and Circumstance* ..... Elgar

The President, Platform Party, Faculty Marshals,  
Faculty and Administration, and the Candidates for Degrees

Invocation ..... Rev. Dr. Marian R. Plant, Ed.D.

Responsive Reading ..... Ms. Caia Bevins

Leader: God is Good!

**People: All the time!**

Leader: All the time,

**People: God is Good.**

Leader: We come to this day, God, full of gratitude and expectation,

**People: Gratitude for the encouragement of family, teachers, mentors and  
friends,**

Leader: Gratitude for all we have received from Your hand.

**People: We come to this moment with expectation and hope for the future.**

Leader: Help us to trust that You travel our roads with us, from this day forth.

**People: Thank you, God, for Your presence in our lives yesterday, today and  
forever. Amen.**

Musical Selection ..... Defiance College Choir

*Hold Fast to Dreams* ..... LaBarr

Scripture Reading ..... *I Kings 19:1-15a* ..... Rev. Dr. Marian R. Plant, Ed.D.

Meditation ..... Rev. Dr. Marian R. Plant, Ed.D.

*All You Can Do is All You Can Do, and All You Can Do is Enough*

*\*The audience will please stand.*

*Commencement ceremony on next page...*

## COMMENCEMENT

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

Awarding of Professor Emeriti/a..... Dr. Jeremy B. Taylor,  
Vice President for Enrollment Management  
*2025 Emeriti/a: Ms. Barbara Sedlock, Professor David Stuckey, Professor Timothy Wedge*

Awarding of Honorary Degree.....Dr. Richanne C. Mankey  
Mr. Joseph M. Matthews

Remarks for the Senior Class.....Ms. Anika Craft

## Introduction of Commencement Speaker ..... Dr. Richanne C. Mankey

Commencement Address ..... Mr. Joseph M. Matthews

Conferment 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” ..... Defiance College Choir (see page 22)  
Led by Prof. Justin Bays, Accompanied by Mr. Kevin Clark, Pianist

Benediction and Response ..... Rev. Dr. Marian R. Plant, Ed.D.  
L: When you leave this place today, go into the world with peace: the world needs peace desperately. Render to no one evil for evil: there is too much evil in the world already. Meet evil with your strongest good. Strengthen the faint hearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Show love to everyone; love may not be all we need, but we all need it. Love and serve the Lord. Rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may the blessing of Almighty God - the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit - Be among you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen and AMEN!

Musical Selection..... Defiance College Choir  
*Spark of Light*..... Steffen

\*Recessional ..... Mr. Kevin Clark, Pianist

During the recessional, please remain in your places until the graduates, faculty, and platform party have recessed. Please join the graduates for a reception immediately following the ceremony.

*\*The audience will please stand.*

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER & HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

**Mr. Joseph M. Matthews**, a 1974 Defiance College graduate, gained national recognition by winning the National Forensic Association championship in Persuasive Speaking during his senior year. He later graduated magna cum laude from the University of Miami School of Law in 1977, serving as an editor of the Law Review and finishing first in his class. Currently, Joe is a Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK), the College of Commercial Arbitrators, and the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals. He is also a Florida Certified Circuit Civil Mediator and holds mediator certification from the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (UK), using his expertise to mediate and arbitrate domestic and international disputes. Joe and his wife, JoAnne, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and are proud parents to two adult children, Megan and Kyle, as well as grandparents to five-year-old Lily.

## FACULTY EMERITI/A

**Ms. Barbara Sedlock** has proudly served Defiance College for 43 years, bringing her expertise and passion to a wide range of roles. As Lead Librarian and Coordinator of Metadata and Archives, she is responsible for cataloging and processing new materials, managing OCLC interlibrary loans, and teaching library instruction classes. She also oversees the Defiance College Archives and the DC Memory digitization project, writes for the DC Archives blog, and serves as a backup for the Testing Center. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Hiram College and a Master of Science in Library Science from University of Kentucky. Beyond her work in the library, Barbara plays bassoon in several college-community music ensembles and writes book reviews and articles for the Historical Novel Society. Her dedication to both the academic and creative communities showcases her multifaceted contributions to Defiance College and the community.

**Professor David Stuckey**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Defiance College, has been teaching for over 25 years. A proud alumnus, he returned to DC inspired by his own mentors to teach a wide range of courses, from introductory to advanced mathematics. Known for his engaging style and real-world connections, Professor Stuckey helps students understand and appreciate the relevance of mathematics. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics Education from Defiance College and a Master of Arts in Mathematics from Miami University, with prior teaching roles at Florida State University and Marshall University. His dedication to teaching and the DC community has made him a valued part of the institution.

**Professor Timothy Wedge**, Associate Professor of Cyber Forensics, joined the Defiance College faculty in 2011. A graduate of National University with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice from American Public University, he also holds industry certifications as an Information System Security Professional, Forensic Computer Examiner, Microsoft Certified System Engineer, and A+. Professor Wedge has developed a robust Cyber Forensics program, addressing critical issues like human trafficking. A dedicated educator, Professor Wedge emphasizes life skills like integrity, time management, accountability, and professionalism, preparing students for success in and beyond the classroom. His leadership and commitment have elevated Defiance College's national profile while exemplifying its values of integrity and excellence.



## MESSAGE FROM THE DEFIANCE COLLEGE FACULTY CHAIR

Congratulations, Class of 2025! Your experiences at Defiance College are defined by relationships, scholarship, and extracurricular achievements - some you had planned and others you hadn't even dreamed of until becoming a Yellow Jacket. Each achievement represents learning and growth that you faced with persistence and determination. Today is a day to reflect on your collective and individual contributions and to acknowledge the friends, family, faculty, and staff who have encouraged and supported you along the way.

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

*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

Congratulations Graduates! I have the honor of welcoming you to the Defiance College Alumni/ae family. With your graduation, you join a network of over 10,000 alumni/ae across the country and beyond with a degree from Defiance College. Speaking for all alumni/ae, we look forward to your future accomplishments in your personal and professional lives to honor this esteemed college.

The pillars of Defiance College are reflected in its mission: To Know. To Understand. To Lead. To Serve. As you embark on the next chapter of your life, take these pillars and Defiance College with you.

**Know** that Defiance College has provided you an exceptional education that can be used to accomplish anything. The knowledge and principles you have received can never be taken away from you and give you the ability to thrive.

**Understand** that the road forward will not always be easy, but Defiance College will always be there to help. The professors and staff at Defiance College truly care about you and are always one call, text, or email away from providing the support you need.

**Lead** the next generation of students to consider Defiance College and the close-knit atmosphere that it provides. By becoming leaders in your field, you have the opportunity to change and influence the world. **Serve** others through your words and actions from the legacy of community service and the McMaster School at Defiance College. Your experiences at Defiance College encourage you to help others and be empathetic to the world around you.

As you graduate today, there are steps you can take now and, in the future, to serve Defiance College. Stay in contact with the college, your friends, and professors. Encourage others attending college to visit Defiance. Provide an internship opportunity and be a mentor to a current student. Come back to Defiance College to celebrate homecoming.

Your bond with Defiance College does not end with graduation and be assured that you always have a home here. Welcome to the DC Alumni/ae family!

*Dr. Austin Kleman, President, Defiance College Alumni/ae Executive Board*

# 2025 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*

Caia Lane Bevins	Elizabeth Mae Patrick
Timothy Richard Bobek	Kaitlin Paul
Spencer A. Clingaman	Jocelyn Nichole Peterson
Anika Craft	Breana Elizabeth Reliford
Jaron Joseph Gase	Jessica Reynolds
Joshua C. Gase	Alexander Mauro Rodriguez III
Laney Corrine Grimwood	Jack Milan Stanoikovich
Sydney Horning	Mason Cade Stickley
Jacob Tyler Hutcheson	Mallory Timbrook
Kerrington Kroeckel	Kaylynn Elizabeth Wellman
Jalynn Nikole Parrett	

## MAGNA CUM LAUDE

*3.7 - 3.89 grade point average*

Samantha Jewel Bee	Logan Kunkel
Zachary Ian Canterbury	Alexus Miles
Alexis Coward	Mitchell Roever
Tyler Dehan	Hannah Christine Sanderson
Gunner Andrew Gregg	Tyler Mark Sickmiller
Jacob Hild	Karrie Smith
Kendra Larain Kline	Isabelle Vance
Zakary Daniel Klopfenstein	

## CUM LAUDE

*3.5 - 3.69 grade point average*

Ezekiel Adu-Baffour	Destiny Coil
Emma Birr	William W. Gehlhausen
Aubrey Bujalski	Kelly Elizabeth Limbaugh
Kaeli A. Bustos	

# DEFIANCE COLLEGE 2025 GRADUATES◆

\*indicates December 2024 graduate

\*\*indicates August 2025 graduate

## ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

### **Alison Gruessing\*\***

Criminal Justice

Demotte, IN

### **Lakota Hagenbaugh\*\***

Business Administration

Medina, OH

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

### **Timothy Richard Bobek**

Accounting

Holland, OH

Summa Cum Laude

### **Jahlani Selah Hall\*\***

Business Administration

Management Concentration

Atlanta, GA

### **Aidan Liam Burke**

History

Indianapolis, IN

### **Logan Kunkel**

English

Pickerington, OH

Magna Cum Laude

### **Spencer A. Clingaman**

Accounting

Stryker, OH

Summa Cum Laude

### **Decota Shaw**

Business Administration

Finance Concentration

Bryan, OH

### **Tyler Dehan**

Business Administration

Management Concentration

St. Henry, OH

Magna Cum Laude

### **Tyler Mark Sickmiller**

Accounting

Business Administration

Marketing Concentration

Leipsic, OH

Magna Cum Laude

### **Brenden Garvin**

Communication Studies

Vancouver, WA

### **Jack Milan Stanoikovich**

Business Administration

Finance Concentration

Brookville, OH

Summa Cum Laude

### **Aerion Napolian Gipson\*\***

Business Administration

Marketing Concentration

Marblehead, OH

### **Isabelle Vance\***

Communication Studies

Miller City, OH

Magna Cum Laude

### **Gunner Andrew Gregg**

Business Administration

Management Concentration

Graytown, OH

Magna Cum Laude

### **Damien Weyer**

History

Pre-law Concentration

Toledo, OH

### **Morgan A. Groh\***

History

Defiance, OH

**Hanna Lynette Young**

English

Middle Point, OH

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE****Dominick Barnhart**

Sport Management

Hedgesville, WV

**Katlin Lauren Barrett**

Biology

Criminal Justice

Chicago, IL

**Samantha Jewel Bee**

Integrated Language Arts

Sport Management

Toledo, OH

Magna Cum Laude

**Caia Lane Bevins\*\***

Criminal Justice

Defiance, OH

Summa Cum Laude

**Emma Birr**

Criminal Justice

Ottoville, OH

Cum Laude

**Mathew Bolanos**

Psychology

Long Beach, CA

**Emma Bonnell**

Molecular Biology

Pre-Medicine Concentration

Kettering, OH

**Gabriel Bookman**

Social Work

Marietta, OH

**Winter Nicole Boroff**

Exercise Science

Pre-Athletic Training Concentration

Middle Point, OH

**Devon Marquis Brown\***

Sport Management

Brooklyn, NY

**Aubrey Bujalski**

Social Work

Defiance, OH

Cum Laude

**Aidan Liam Burke**

Sport Management

Indianapolis, IN

**Kaeli A. Bustos**

Forensic Science

Paulding, OH

Cum Laude

**Zachary Ian Canterbury**

Criminal Justice

Bowling Green, OH

Magna Cum Laude

**Aliza Clark\***

Biology

Spring Hill, TN

**Destiny Coil**

Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate

Primary Education

Middle Point, OH

Cum Laude

**Alexis Coward**

Exercise Science

Pre-Athletic Training Concentration

Findlay, OH

Magna Cum Laude

**Anika Craft**

Forensic Science

Radnor, OH

Summa Cum Laude

**DaShaun P. Davis**

Social Work

Lawton, OK

**Alexis DeVries**  
Criminal Justice  
Sturgis, MI

**Tyshaun Freeman\***  
Sport Management  
Macon, GA

**Tyler Fritchley**  
Primary Education  
Athens, OH

**Jaron Joseph Gase\***  
Cybersecurity  
Virtual Environment Concentration  
Tiffin, OH  
Summa Cum Laude

**Joshua C. Gase**  
Social Work  
Tiffin, OH  
Summa Cum Laude

**William W. Gehlhausen**  
Exercise Science  
Pre-Physical Therapy Concentration  
Norwalk, OH  
Cum Laude

**Laney Corrine Grimwood\***  
Middle Childhood Education  
Language, Reading, Math and Science  
Concentrations  
Ontario, OH  
Summa Cum Laude

**Morgan A. Groh\***  
Social Work  
Defiance, OH

**Emanuel Gutierrez**  
Sport Management  
Round Lake Beach, IL

**Ramik Hairston**  
Criminal Justice  
Freehold, NJ

**Alana Lee Harrison**  
Criminal Justice  
Belleville, MI

**David Anthony Heidelberg**  
Psychology  
Fremont, OH

**Jacob Hild**  
Sport Management  
Holly, MI  
Magna Cum Laude

**Sydney Horning**  
Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate  
Primary Education  
Archbold, OH  
Summa Cum Laude

**Jacob Tyler Hutcheson**  
Integrated Social Studies  
Defiance, OH  
Summa Cum Laude

**Noah A. Kimble**  
Biology  
Montpelier, OH

**Kendra Larain Kline\***  
Exercise Science  
Pre-Occupational Therapy Concentration  
Claypool, IN  
Magna Cum Laude

**Zakary Daniel Klopfenstein**  
Exercise Science  
Pre-Physical Therapy Concentration  
Garrett, IN  
Magna Cum Laude

**Megan Jane Koch\***  
Middle Childhood Education  
Language, Reading and Social Studies  
Concentrations  
Lima, OH

**Kerrington Kroekel\***  
Primary Education  
Defiance, OH  
Summa Cum Laude

**Logan Kunkel**  
Sport Management  
Pickerington, OH  
Magna Cum Laude

**Nicole Solana Kuntz\*\***

Social Work

DuPont, OH

**Kelly Elizabeth Limbaugh\***

Social Work

Defiance, OH

Cum Laude

**Annabella Rose Marble\*\***

Molecular Biology

Pre-Veterinary Concentration

Indianapolis, IN

**Malcom McNeil\***

Exercise Science

Fitness, Strength and Conditioning

Concentration

Kingston, NY

**Alexus Miles\***

Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate

Primary Education

Defiance, OH

Magna Cum Laude

**Jamia Murray\*\***

Sport Management

Livonia, MI

**Jalynn Nikole Parrett**

Exercise Science

Pre-Physical Therapy Concentration

Oakwood, OH

Summa Cum Laude

**Elizabeth Mae Patrick**

Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate

Primary Education

Sandusky, OH

Summa Cum Laude

**Kaitlin Paul\***

Social Work

Oak Harbor, OH

Summa Cum Laude

**Jocelyn Nichole Peterson**

Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate

Primary Education

Mount Cory, OH

Summa Cum Laude

**Breana Elizabeth Reliford**

Primary Education

Edgerton, OH

Summa Cum Laude

**Jessica Reynolds**

Social Work

Van Wert, OH

Summa Cum Laude

**Alexander Mauro Rodriguez III**

Sport Management

Toledo, OH

Summa Cum Laude

**Mitchell Roever\***

Primary Education

Cincinnati, OH

Magna Cum Laude

**Tawann Rome**

Sport Management

New Orleans, LA

**Hannah Christine Sanderson\***

Biology

Clinical Laboratory Science

Grover Hill, OH

Magna Cum Laude

**Kole Small\***

Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate

Primary Education

Convoy, OH

**Karrie Smith**

Environmental Science

Edgerton, OH

Magna Cum Laude

**Mason Cade Stickley**

Cybersecurity

Virtual Environment Concentration

Pettisville, OH

Summa Cum Laude

**Mallory Timbrook**

Middle Childhood Education

Language, Reading and Social Studies

Concentrations

Hicksville, OH

Summa Cum Laude

**Jeffrey G. Varga**

Cyber-Forensics

Rockford, MI

**Chase Whitman**

Sport Management

West Unity, OH

**Rachel Varga**

Biology

Rockford, MI

**Hanna Lynette Young**

Sport Management

Middle Point, OH

**Kaylynn Elizabeth Wellman**

Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate

Primary Education

Defiance, OH

Summa Cum Laude

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING****Ezekiel Adu-Baffour\*\***

Frankfort, IL

Cum Laude

**Katie Stoller**

Haviland, OH

**Hayley Culver**

Pioneer, OH

**MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION****Jamie Altman**

Hicksville, OH

**Paige Sickmiller**

Leipsic, OH

**Andrew Lynn Richardson**

Sport Coaching Concentration

Fayette, OH

**Garrett Snyder**

Intervention Specialist Concentration

Defiance, OH

**MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION****Kaitlyn Marie Borgelt\*\***

Leadership Concentration

Defiance, OH

**Lisa-Maria Markau**

Leadership Concentration

Berlin, Germany

**Essence Cowan\*\***

Lima, OH

**Joshua Sterritte Maurer\***

Leadership Concentration

Springfield, OH

**Branden Scott Durkee\***

Huntington Beach, CA

**Michael Timothy Robinson\***

Leadership Concentration

Plymouth, MI

**Carson Alan Macklin**

Logistics and Data Management

Concentration

Shelbyville, IN

**Nat L. Shingler\***

Leadership Concentration

Huntingdon, PA

◆ All graduates were certified in January 2025 as eligible to graduate pending completion of Spring 2025 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. In such a 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 conferring 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 conferring 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, 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 Master of Arts 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 Choir is open to all Defiance College students who have an interest in singing and performing. This year's singers include Jaykob Anstaett, Lydia Fernandez, Janie Isakson, Meer Knight, Amaya Peters, Zaine Pittman, Sam Plummer, Bethany Singer, and Zion Trigg. The College Choir is under the direction of Prof. Justin Bays, Director of Music Programs, and accompanied by Mr. Justin Murray.

The faculty marshals are Ms. Barbara Sedlock, Lead Librarian and Coordinator of Metadata & Archives, and Dr. Timothy Rickabaugh, Professor of Exercise Science.

Mr. Bretton Basford is Student Senate President. The Student Address is given by Ms. Anika Craft, and a Responsive Reading is led by Ms. Caia Bevins.

Rev. Dr. Marian R. Plant, Ed.D., is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ and active member of the St. John United Church of Christ which is contiguous to the Defiance College campus. She is a Defiance College (1973) alum and Professor Emerita (2022). Though retired, Dr. Plant remains active, describing herself as "pastor-teacher-writer." She is currently co-authoring a book of biblical studies for faith formation leaders, and assisting with grant writing for PATHWAYS Theological Education, Inc. Dr. Plant, and her husband Rev. David Plant, reside in Defiance.

Assisting in the awarding of diplomas is Mrs. Lisa Crumit-Hancock, Registrar. Hooding graduate students are Dr. Carla Higgins, Associate Professor of Education and Dr. Nady El-Zayaty, Assistant Professor of Business.

Announcing the names of graduates is Mr. Garrett Mansfield, Director of Athletic Communications.

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. 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 Dr. Richard W. Stroede 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 provided by Resolute Interpreting.

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# HONOR STUDENTS

The following students have met all requirements for the Carolyn M. Small Honors Program.

## **Samantha Bee**

Samantha Bee, from Toledo, Ohio, graduates today with degrees in Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Education and Sport Management. During her time at Defiance College, she was actively involved in the Carolyn M. Small Honors Program, served as a Writing Consultant, contributed to the Sports Information Department, and participated in the McMaster Program. Samantha intends to take a gap year to work abroad as an Au Pair.



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## **Caia Bevins**

Caia Bevins, from Columbus, Ohio, graduates today with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology. At Defiance College, Caia distinguished herself through extensive involvement, including membership in the Carolyn M. Small Honors Program and Service Leaders Program. She served for three years as a McMaster Scholar, contributing to local initiatives such as the Worthington Project and international projects in Rome and Ireland. Caia held several leadership roles, including Sophomore Class President, Student Body Vice President, and Student Senate Member. Additionally, she presided over the Criminal Justice Society, served as Secretary of the Psychology Club, and chaired the Food Committee. Caia further engaged in campus life through the Dude, Be Nice club, Campus Activities Board, and Choir Council. She supported fellow students as a Peer Leader in World Issues and First-Year Experience courses and represented the institution as a Student Ambassador and Orientation Leader. She was a student-athlete, contributed to the student newspaper, The Defender, served as a Writing Consultant, and tutored students in Criminal Justice and Psychology, while also working as a Supplemental Instructor for Behavioral Statistics. Caia participated in both the choir and band, received the Calista Olds Award for Excellence in Religious Studies, and was awarded the Women's Commission Scholarship. She plans to pursue a career as a parole officer.



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## **Emma Bonnell**

Emma Bonnell, from Dayton, Ohio, graduates today with a degree in Molecular Biology, complemented by a minor in Chemistry and a pre-medical concentration. During her time at Defiance College, Emma played on the Women's Volleyball Team, conducted research as a Water Quality Summer Undergraduate Researcher, served as an Ireland McMaster Scholar, and participated in Honors Program trips to Italy and Greece. She contributed as a Supplemental Instructor in Biology and was actively involved in the Science Club, Chess Club, and Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society. Emma gained practical experience as a medical scribe in the Emergency Department and completed over 200 hours shadowing healthcare professionals. She will continue her academic journey at the University of Toledo, pursuing a Master of Science in Biomedical Science with a specialization in Transplantation and Donation Sciences, aiming to become an Organ Procurement Transplant Coordinator.



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## **Aubrey Bujalski**

Aubrey Bujalski, from Defiance, Ohio, graduates today with a degree in Social Work and a minor in Psychology. At Defiance College, Aubrey participated in collegiate golf and was active within the Social Work Organization. She plans to continue her education by obtaining a Master of Social Work degree and her independent licensure.



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## **Jacob Hild**

Jacob Hild, from Holly, Michigan, graduates today with a degree in Sport Management, accompanied by minors in Business Administration and Exercise Science. Jacob participated on the baseball team and engaged in numerous volunteer activities during his time at Defiance College. He intends to pursue a Master of Business Administration as a graduate assistant for a baseball team, additionally aiming for certification in strength and conditioning.



### **Sydney Horning**

Sydney Horning, from Pettisville, Ohio, graduates today with degrees in Early Childhood Education and Intervention Specialist. While attending Defiance College, Sydney was actively involved in the Carolyn M. Small Honors Program, participated in the Service Leaders Program, and was employed at Pilgrim Library. She plans to establish her career as an Intervention Specialist in a local school.



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### **Zakary Klopfenstein**

Zakary Klopfenstein, from Garrett, Indiana, graduates today with a degree in Exercise Science: Pre-Physical Therapy. During his time at Defiance College, Zakary was involved with the Men's Soccer team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Athlete Advisory Council, and the Pickleball Club. Zakary will continue his academic career at Trine University to pursue a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.



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### **Elizabeth Patrick**

Elizabeth Patrick, from Sandusky, Ohio, graduates today with degrees in Early Childhood Education and Intervention Specialist. Her extensive campus involvement includes participation in the Defiance College Service Leadership Program, Carolyn M. Small Honors Program, Student Athlete Advisory Council, collegiate softball, working as a Writing Consultant, and serving in various campus employment positions. Elizabeth maintained consistent Dean's List status, was named to the HCAC All-Conference Academic Team annually, participated in the Student Athlete Leadership Academy, and achieved high honors in Jacket Journey competitions. She plans to return to her hometown area to teach elementary education.



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### **Hannah Sanderson**

Hannah Sanderson, from Grover Hill, OH, graduates today with a degree in Clinical Laboratory Science and Biology with a minor in Chemistry. While at Defiance College, Hannah participated in the Service Leader Program, Science Club as treasurer and secretary, Student Senate as freshman class president, and DC Summer Undergraduate Research Project as both a scholar and mentor. She plans to continue working as a Blood Bank Laboratory Scientist for Parkview.



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### **Mason Stickley**

Mason Stickley, from Pettisville, Ohio, graduates today with degrees in Cybersecurity and Computer Science. Mason actively contributed to campus life through involvement in Student Senate, the Carolyn M. Small Honors Program, and as an FYE Peer Leader. He founded DC Secret Stingers, Dude, Be Nice, and DC Pride organizations, competed in the Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition, and participated on the Overwatch Esports Team. Mason intends to pursue a career in Cybersecurity.



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### **Mallory Timbrook**

Mallory Timbrook, from Hicksville, Ohio, graduates today with a degree in Middle School Education, specializing in English Language Arts and Social Studies. Her engagement at Defiance College included participation in the Carolyn M. Small Honors Program, choir, peer tutoring, the 2024 McMaster Rome group, and Phi Alpha Theta Historical Honors Society, in which she held leadership positions as Vice President and Secretary. She also contributed to The Defender newspaper and served as a World Issues Peer Leader. Mallory plans to teach middle school English Language Arts or History locally, subsequently pursuing graduate studies and principal licensure.



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### **Isabelle Vance**

Isabelle Vance, from Continental, Ohio graduates today with a degree in Communications with minors in Psychology and Autism Studies. While at Defiance College, Isabelle participated in Women's Golf and the Carolyn M. Small Honors Program. She is planning to attend the University of Cincinnati for a masters degree in Speech Language Pathology.



# HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

- Frank J. Lausche, Doctor of Laws, 1951  
Ross S. Marshall, Doctor of Laws, 1951  
Maguerite Reiley, 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 Kahill, 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. Larraine 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  
Dr. Holli Seabury, Doctor of Humane Letters, 2022  
Carolyn M. Small, Doctor of Humane Letters, 2023  
Rev. James E. Brehler, Doctor of Humane Letters, 2024

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## **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

Timothy S. Binkley, 1985  
Pamela M. Clay, 1985  
Alicia Lambert, 1987  
Penny D. Bell, 1988  
Bradley J. Hales, 1989  
Ronald L. Slinger, 1991  
Michelle A. Potts, 1993  
Giles J. Davis III, 1994  
Kevin D. Horstman, 1994  
Sonya Herber, 1996  
John Steiner, 1997  
Tammie Kappen, 1998  
Charlotte Eble, 2000  
Rachel Kemper, 2001  
Nathan Ferrell, 2001  
Jackie M. Broering, 2002  
Patrick Weber, 2003  
Nicole Erford, 2004  
Christopher Newcomb, 2005  
Julie Steineman, 2006  
Renee Steffen, 2007

Erby Lopez, 2008  
Samantha Stegeman, 2009  
Austin Kleman, 2010  
Rebecca Zebrowski, 2011  
Andrew Pratt, 2012  
Emma Starks, 2013  
Kirsten Frissora, 2014  
Alicia Kalik, 2015  
Katelyn Haydett, 2016  
Zachary Roush, 2017  
Adam McGinnis, 2018  
Elyzabeth King, 2019  
Blake Newman, 2020  
Hayden Clingaman, 2021  
Kaitlyn Keefer, 2022  
Grant Johnson, 2023  
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## **SILVER**

Victor M. Fowler, 1962  
Ruth and Kevin McCann, 1962  
W. Harold Denison, 1963  
Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1963  
Ralph W. Peters, 1964  
Pearl S. Buck, 1967  
Jesse Stuart, 1968  
Jackie R. Robinson, 1969  
John U. Fauster, Jr., 1969  
Karl H. Weaner, 1971  
Mary Denison Fiebiger, 1972  
Gordon C. Dix, 1975  
M. Dosia Carlson, 1975  
Grace Thompson Edmister, 1976  
Victor L. Steffel, 1977  
Richard W. Wohn, 1978  
L. Calista Olds, 1978  
William A. Diehl, 1979  
David K. Ford, 1979  
Earl Stevens Dix, 1983  
Arthur C. Churchill, 1983  
Harold A. McMaster, 1985

Betsey Riordan, 1988  
Robert Schornstheimer, 1989  
Charles D. Krouse, 1990  
Rev. Gerald E. Mallott, 1993  
Dr. Marvin J. Ludwig, 1994  
Justin Coressel, 1995  
William H. Schomburg, 1996  
Roland E. Doeden, 1996  
Dr. James R. Frey (posthumously), 1997  
E. Keith Hubbard, 1998  
Russell Leuthold, 1999  
Frances Millward, 2000  
Dr. James T. Harris, 2002  
Randall Buchman, 2003  
Dr. Richard Stroede, 2004  
Dr. Vincent Polce, 2009  
Dr. Charles Warren, 2009  
Lynn "Zac" Isaac, 2011  
Richard Pejeau, 2012  
John Weaner, 2013  
Lois McCullough, 2014

Dr. Donald Knueve, 2017  
Edward Buhl, 2018  
Carolyn Walters, 2019  
John Trautman, 2020  
Duane Hocking, 2021  
Timothy Binkley, 2022  
Jay Hanson, 2023  
Rev. James E. Brehler, 2024

## FACULTY EMERITI/AE

Maxwell G. Park, Professor Emeritus, 1960  
Erwin Urch, Professor Emeritus, 1960  
Charles A. Maney, Professor Emeritus, 1964  
Helen Esther Krug, Professor Emerita, 1966  
Roland M. Hill, Professor Emeritus, 1971  
Elizabeth W. Wurst, Professor Emerita, 1971  
Robert I. Pearce, Professor Emeritus, 1976  
Arthur Churchill, Professor Emeritus, 1977  
Maxine R. Miller, Professor Emerita, 1977  
Dr. L. Calista Olds, Professor Emerita, 1977  
J. Donald Perry, Professor Emeritus, 1977  
Dr. John E. Luchies, Professor Emeritus, 1978  
William O. Chaney, Professor Emeritus, 1983  
Dr. George L. Boomer, Team Physician Emeritus, 1984  
Horace H. Everett, Professor Emeritus, 1984  
Eugene R. Andrews, Professor Emeritus, 1986  
Garnett M. Smith, Professor Emerita, 1987  
Maxie J. Lambright, Professor Emeritus, 1989  
Dr. Bernard Mikula, Professor Emeritus, 1989  
Richard Small, Professor Emeritus, 1989  
Richard A. Howard, Professor Emeritus, 1990  
Hermann Wiebe, Professor Emeritus, 1990  
Henry H. Diehl, Professor Emeritus, 1993  
Dr. Marvin J. Ludwig, President Emeritus, 1994  
Raymond Derricotte, Controller Emeritus, 1995  
Carolyn M. Small, Professor Emerita, 1995  
Dr. Randall Buchman, Professor Emeritus, 1996  
Dr. Robert Boehm, Professor Emeritus, 1997  
Dr. Harry Miller, Professor Emeritus, 1997  
Dr. Richard W. Thiede, Professor Emeritus, 1997  
Dr. Jarrell O'Kelley, Professor Emeritus, 1998  
Dr. Robert Gaffga, Professor Emeritus, 2000  
Duane Hocking, Professor Emerita, 2002  
Dr. Margaret Noble Mikula, Professor Emerita, 2003  
James Bray, Professor Emeritus, 2004  
Dr. Richard Stroede, Dean Emeritus, 2004  
Charles Hobgood, Professor Emeritus, 2006  
Rev. Gerald Mallott, Administrator Emeritus, 2006  
Dr. Michael Soper, Professor Emeritus, 2006  
Dr. Robert Kohl, Professor Emeritus, 2007  
David Reed, Professor Emeritus, 2007  
Dr. Kenneth E. Christiansen, Professor Emeritus, 2008  
Frank Sanders, Professor Emeritus, 2008  
William A. O'Toole, Professor Emeritus, 2009  
Beverly Harrington, Registrar Emerita, 2010  
Steven J. Smith, Professor Emeritus, 2011  
Dr. Donald Knueve, Professor Emeritus, 2014  
Douglas Fiely, Professor Emeritus, 2014  
Jeffrey Weaner, Professor Emeritus, 2016  
Rev. Janice Bechtel, Chaplain Emerita, 2016  
Craig Rutter, Professor Emeritus, 2018  
Dr. Deborah Dalke, Professor Emerita, 2020  
Dr. Mary Catherine Harper, Professor Emerita, 2020  
Dr. Marian Plant, Professor Emerita, 2020  
Dr. Jo Ann Burkhardt, Professor Emerita, 2022  
Dr. Fred Coulter, Professor Emeritus, 2022  
Dr. Donald Buerk, Professor Emeritus, 2024  
Prof. Steven Sondergaard, Professor Emeritus, 2024  
Prof. Alesia Yakos-Brown, Professor Emerita, 2024

## DISTINGUISHED FACULTY RECIPIENTS

1984-85	Dr. James R. Frey	2004-05	Prof. Steven J. Smith
1985-86	Dr. Bernard C. Mikula	2005-06	Prof. Frank O. Sanders
1986-87	Dr. Darnell H. Clevenger	2006-07	Dr. Jo Ann Burkhardt
1987-88	Dr. Margaret M. Noble	2007-08	Dr. Steven Sondergaard
1988-89	Prof. Richard M. Small	2008-09	Dr. Tim Rickabaugh
1989-90	Dr. Davina M. Brown	2009-10	Dr. Susan Wajert
1990-91	Dr. Richard W. Stroede	2010-11	Dr. Mary Catherine Harper
1991-92	Prof. Carolyn M. Small	2011-12	Dr. Gregg H. Gunsch
1992-93	Dr. Robert A. Kohl	2012-13	Prof. Alesia Yakos-Brown
1993-94	Prof. Jeffrey S. Weaner	2013-14	Dr. Nathan Griggs
1994-95	Prof. Randall L. Buchman	2014-15	Prof. Amy Drees
1995-96	Dr. Bonnie J. Sloan	2015-16	Dr. Fred Coulter
1996-97	Dr. Joe Coley	2016-17	Dr. Douglas Kane
1997-98	Dr. Donald S. Knueve	2017-18	Dr. Marian Plant
1998-99	Dr. Kenneth E. Christiansen	2020-21	Prof. David Stuckey
1999-00	Prof. David L. Reed	2021-22	Dr. Don Buerk
2000-01	Prof. Duane Hocking	2022-23	Dr. Clarissa Barnes
2001-02	Dr. Michael Soper	2023-24	Dr. Steven Engel
2002-03	Prof. Jo A. McCormick		

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Dr. Brett Decker	Dr. James Sliwinski
Dr. Heidi DeSota	Dr. Mollie Sorrell
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Lyrics by Ralph W. Peters, 1918

Defiance College

Music by Mary Strickland Roberts, 1918

Setting by Jim & Hannah Watson, 2017

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Unison

1. Hail, dear Al-ma Ma-ter! To thee our praise we bring; We  
2. Hail, dear Al-ma Ma-ter! We soon shall leave thy halls, And

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.



