

## DEFIANCE COLLEGE COVENANT

As a member of the Defiance College community...

I will respect the dignity and worth of each person.

I will recognize the importance of interpersonal relationships and of a caring community.

I will strongly advocate honest and open intellectual inquiry and academic freedom.

I will trust that truths, in all their complexities, are ultimately interrelated.

I will move beyond tolerance and acceptance to understanding and appreciation of religious, cultural, and individual diversity.

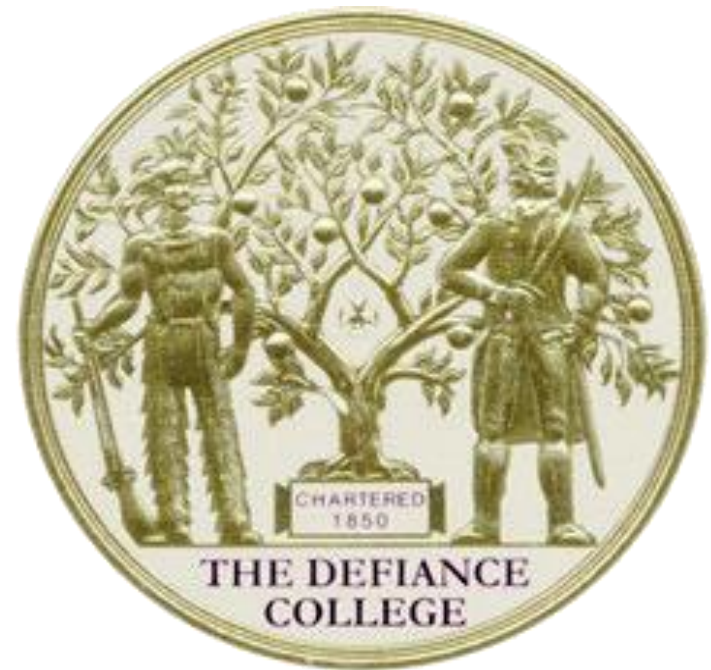
I will recognize the privilege and responsibility of my stewardship for individuals, for institutions, and for the resources of the natural world.

I will commit myself to serving others as an expression of faith and a way of life enrichment and fulfillment.

# DEFIANCE COLLEGE

---

## Matriculation and Convocation Ceremony



August 22, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Karl H. Weaner Community Center

# PROGRAM

Prelude

Processional

*Those able may please rise as the academic processional enters.*

Welcome..... Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell  
Executive Vice President & Academic Dean

Invocation..... Reverend David Plant  
St. John United Church of Christ, Defiance

President's Convocation Speech..... Dr. Richanne C. Mankey  
President

Trustee Welcome..... Dr. Robert Head III  
Chairman, Board of Trustees  
DC Class of '76

Mayoral Welcome..... Mr. Michael McCann  
Mayor, City of Defiance

Academic Affairs Welcome..... Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell  
Executive Vice President & Academic Dean

Admissions Welcome..... Dr. Jeremy Taylor  
Vice President for Enrollment Management

Faculty Welcome..... Dr. Clarissa Barnes  
Faculty Chair, Professor of Special Education

Alumni Welcome..... Dr. John Trautman  
Senior Advisor to the President for Institutional Advancement  
DC Class of '72

Student Welcome..... Mr. Bretton Basford  
President, Student Senate

Student Life Welcome..... Ms. Lisa Marsalek  
Vice President for Student Engagement & Dean of Students

Benediction..... Reverend David Plant  
St. John United Church of Christ, Defiance

Alma Mater..... Defiance College Choir

Recessional

## **Hail, Dear Alma Mater**

Hail, dear Alma Mater!  
To thee our praise we bring; We  
pledge thee our allegiance, And all  
thy glories sing.  
For thee, our own Defiance, Our  
lives, our all we give;  
In all our days we'll strive for thee,  
Hail, dear Alma Mater.

Hail, dear Alma Mater!  
We soon shall leave thy halls,  
And memory will bring us Oft  
back to college walls, We'll still  
trust thee, Defiance, And lift thy  
banners high,  
And shout thy praise from earth to sky, Hail,  
dear Alma Mater.

Please join us outside for the All-Campus  
Picnic, followed by the Jacket Journey  
Challenge in the Smart Center at 6:00 p.m.