



## **HONORS NIGHT**

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Schomburg Auditorium

## HONORS NIGHT PROGRAM 2025-2026

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*

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

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

**Reeder C. Hutchinson Assistantship  
in the Humanities**.....*Dr. Joshua Steedman*  
Ella Cummins

**Outstanding Senior in Design**.....*Professor Michael Vanderpool*  
Elisabeth Marquez

**Outstanding Senior in History.....***Dr. Steven Bare*  
Alexandra Bevins

**Outstanding Senior in Religious Studies.....***Dr. Kathryn Phillips*  
Alexandra Bevins

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

**Outstanding Senior in Accounting /Finance.....***Dr. Nady El-Zayaty*  
Allison Mowen

**Outstanding Senior in Business Administration.....***Dr. Nady El-Zayaty*  
Kirsten Vanisacker

**Outstanding Senior in Sport Management.....***Dr. Richard Bailey*  
Isaac Miler

**Joan Gerken Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarship in Education**  
Taylor Waldron

**Alpha Delta Kappa Award.....***Dr. Carla Higgins*  
Brooke Meyer

**Outstanding Senior in Adolescent to  
Young Adult Education.....***Dr. Carla Higgins*  
Jacob Deisler

**Outstanding Senior in Middle  
Childhood Education.....***Dr. Carla Higgins*  
Rylee Miller

**Outstanding Senior in Primary PK-5 Education.....***Dr. Carla Higgins*  
Miranda Bachman

**Schauffler Award in Social Work**.....*Professor Tess Salisbury*  
Macie Cordes                      Sydney Fogt

**Top Scholar in Social Work**.....*Professor MacKenzie Foust*  
Sydney Fogt                      Lyndsi Lorenzen

**Division of Natural Science, Applied Science, &  
Math**.....*Dr. Mollie Sorrell, Chair*

**Outstanding Senior in Biology**.....*Dr. Mollie Sorrell*  
Zadria King

**Outstanding Senior in Criminal Justice**  
Jaiden Haynes

**Outstanding Senior in Exercise Science**.....*Dr. Timothy Rickabaugh*  
McKenna Walker

**Outstanding Senior in Nursing**.....*Dr. Heidi DeSota*  
Amanda McConnell

**Outstanding Senior in Psychology**  
Jacob Saxby

**Mathematics Award**.....*Dr. Seonguk Kim*  
Eli Plassman

**Outstanding Senior in Mathematics**  
Tristan Frazzini

**Graduation Academic Honors .....Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell**

***Cum Laude***

Devonte Curry	Hannah Feldman	Mark Jordan
Chloe Kern	Emily Logston	Garret Long
Joshua Miller	Maile Misleh	Ava Rosengarten
Jakob Trevino	Christopher York	

***Magna Cum Laude***

Addalyn Allen	Jaykob Anstaett	Cierra Boyles
Croyden Cardarelli	Emma Chafins	Jacob Deisler
Anna Emswiler	Justin Hall	Alex Iserman
Sophia Kerr	Zadria King	Cole Mabis
Damien Martinez	Isaac Miler	Evan Park
Eli Plassman	Jaelyn Tomoletz	

***Summa Cum Laude***

Miranda Bachman	Alexandra Bevins	Sydney Fogt
Tristan Frazzini	Quinn Holtzapple	Ried Jury
Kylie LaLumia	Elisabeth Marquez	Elijah Mayes
Brooke Meyer	Rylee Miller	Allison Mowen
Robert Orta	Christa Phillips	Jacob Saxby
Brian Snyder	Dodi Thompson	Kirsten Vanisacker
McKenna Walker	Lillian Worline	Sadie Worline

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

Addalyn Allen	Alexandra Bevins	Cierra Boyles
Chaney Brodbeck	Emma Chafins	Anna Emswiler
Jade Forbess	Tristan Frazzini	Quinn Holtzapple
Alexander Jung	Ried Jury	Zadria King
Elijah Mayes	Evan Park	Eli Plassman
Ava Rosengarten	Kirsten Vanisacker	Sadie Worline

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

Alexandra Bevins	Chaney Broadbeck	Sydney Fogt
Quinn Holtzapple	Kylie LaLumia	Kate Laukhuf
Lyndsi Lorenzen	Amanda McConnell	Rylee Miller
Kirsten Vanisacker	McKenna Walker	Sadie Worline

**Outstanding FYE Inquiry Paper .....***Mrs. Lisa Crumit-Hancock,  
FYE 100 Coordinator*

Rayne Cook

**Outstanding Undergraduate**

**Poster Award.....***Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

**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.

**McMaster Scholars**.....*Mrs. Bridgette Winslow,*  
*Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Blake Beaulieu	Taylor Craft	Zander Culbertson
Ella Cummins	Kaylee Dickinson	Connor Gephart
Madison Guggenbiller	Haley Hammer	Alya Ibrahim
Baylee Ingle	Addison Martinez	Alexander Moritz
Ryan Neff	Emma Rodgers	Nevaeh Schiffhauer
Braylin Shaner	Carter Sudhoff	Kate Suter
Jacqueline Vanderpool		

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

Addalyn Allen	Taylor Bates	Alexandra Bevins
Anna Emswiler	Alexander Jung	Riley Keeran
Zadria King	Tevin Lewis-Johnson	Maile Misleh
Evan Park	Christa Phillips	Eli Plassman
Payton Switzer	KolbeVanderLeest	Kristen Vanisacker
McKenna Walker		

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

Addalyn Allen	Alexandra Bevins	Zadria King
Kirsten Vanisacker		

# 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*

Alexandra Bevins      Zадria King      Kirsten Vanisacker

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

Addalyn Allen	Miranda Bachman	Alexandra Bevins
Emma Chafins	Anna Emswiler	Zoila Hale
Quinn Holtzapple	Alexander Jung	Ried Jury
Cheyenna King	Zадria King	Isaac Miler
Evan Park	Eli Plassman	Cooper Sloan
Payton Switzer	Jaelyn Tomoletz	Kirsten Vanisacker

# 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*  
Zadria King

**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*

Croyden Cardarelli	Jaiden Haynes	Kody Kuhnheim
Kylie LaLumia	Joshua Miller	Robert Orta
Brian Snyder	Christopher York	

## **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*

**Recessional**

# OTHER ACADEMIC AND MISSION RECOGNITIONS

## Honor Societies

### Omicron Mu of Phi Alpha (Social Work)

#### Seniors

Sydney Fogt

Lyndsi Lorenzen

#### Juniors

Destiny Pier

### Tau Mu (Social Work)

Macie Cordes

Sydney Fogt

Lyndsi Lorenzen

Destiny Pier

### Phi Alpha Theta (History)

Alexandra Bevins

Kylie LaLumia

Ella Cummins

# **Dr. Richard W. Stroede Distinguished**

## **Faculty Recipients**

1984-85	Dr. James R. Frey	2004-05	Mr. Steven J. Smith
1985-86	Dr. Bernard C. Mikula	2005-06	Mr. 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	Mr. Richard M. Small	2008-09	Dr. Timothy 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	Mrs. Carolyn M. Small	2011-12	Dr. Gregg Gunsch
1992-93	Dr. Robert A. Kohl	2012-13	Mrs. Alesia Yakos-Brown
1993-94	Mr. Jeffrey S. Weaner	2013-14	Dr. Nathan Griggs
1994-95	Mr. Randall L. Buchman	2014-15	Mrs. Amy Drees
1995-96	Dr. Bonnie J. Sloan	2015-16	Dr. Fred Coulter
1996-97	Dr. Joe Coley	2016-17	Dr. Doug Kane
1997-98	Dr. Donald S. Knueve	2017-18	Dr. Marian Plant
1998-99	Dr. Kenneth Christiansen	2020-21	Prof. David Stuckey
1999-00	Mr. David L. Reed	2021-22	Dr. Donald Buerk
2000-01	Ms. Duane Hocking	2022-23	Dr. Clarissa Barnes
2001-02	Dr. Michael Soper	2023-24	Dr. Steven Engel
2002-03	Ms. Jo A. McCormick	2024-25	Prof. Timothy Wedge