



**BACCALAUREATE
AND
COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONIES**

May 9, 2026

DEFIANCE COLLEGE





2026 CEREMONY

BACCALAUREATE

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

*Processional..... Mr. Kevin Clark, Pianist
Pomp and Circumstance.....Elgar

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

InvocationRev. David Plant

Scripture Reading Ms. Kirsten Vanisacker
Luke 24:13-35

Musical SelectionDefiance College Choir
Sing Gently..... Whitacre

Message.....Rev. David Plant
Movin' Right Along: Being on a God Watch

**The audience will please stand.*

Commencement ceremony on next page...

COMMENCEMENT

Welcome	Dr. Richanne C. Mankey, President
Pilgrim Medal Award..... (see page 16*)	Dr. Robert L. Head III '76, Chair of the Board of Trustees Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell
Awarding of Honorary Degree	Dr. Richanne C. Mankey
Remarks for the Senior Class	Ms. Alexandra Bevins
Introduction of Commencement Speaker.....	Dr. Richanne C. Mankey
Commencement Address.....	Dr. Antonio P. Linares
Conferring of the Degrees	Dr. Richanne C. Mankey
Master's Degree Candidates	
Bachelor's Degree Candidates	
Associate's Degree Candidates	
Remarks by the President	Dr. Richanne C. Mankey
Singing of the "Alma Mater"	Defiance College Choir (see page 19) Led by Prof. Justin Bays, Accompanied by Mr. Kevin Clark, Pianist
Benediction and Response.....	Rev. David Plant

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
Benediction	Senior Soloist - Jaykob Anstaett
*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



Dr. Antonio "Tony" P. Linares, a 1977 graduate of Defiance College, is a nationally recognized physician leader with more than four decades of experience advancing healthcare innovation, policy, and patient-centered care.

Currently serving as an integrative health consultant and advocate, Dr. Linares focuses on promoting whole-person care and lifestyle medicine to address the root causes of chronic disease. His work emphasizes prevention, wellness, and the integration of mind-body practices to improve long-term health outcomes and quality of life.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Linares has held senior leadership roles with some of the nation's leading healthcare organizations, including Anthem, Cigna, Aetna, and OSF Healthcare System. He also served as the founding medical director for California's Department of Managed Health Care and as Vice President for Medical Affairs at Lumetra, where he was recognized with the Healthcare Informatics Innovator of the Year Award for his leadership in improving healthcare quality.

Dr. Linares is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and completed his residency in family practice at the University of California, Davis. He has contributed to the advancement of healthcare education as adjunct faculty at Stanford University and the University of California, Davis, and has been actively involved in organizations such as the National Hispanic Medical Association and the American Diabetes Association.

A dedicated alumnus, Dr. Linares and his wife, Martha, established the Linares Science Scholarship at Defiance College, supporting students pursuing careers in the sciences. His enduring commitment to service, education, and innovation reflects the values at the heart of a Defiance College education.



MESSAGE FROM THE DEFIANCE COLLEGE FACULTY CHAIR

Congratulations, Class of 2026! Today is a time to celebrate the personal, academic, and professional growth that has defined your journey. Your collective and individual accomplishments are a testament to your persistence and determination. As we celebrate your achievements, we also recognize the friends, family, faculty, and staff whose support, encouragement, and mentorship were instrumental in helping you reach this milestone.

As graduates of Defiance College, you carry forward a foundation of knowledge and skills, along with the values that define our community. 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 - Class of 2010

2026 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

Miranda LaVon Bachman	Rylee Miller
Alexandra Lynn Bevins	Allison Paige Mowen
Brooke Rose Bostelman	Robert Allen Orta
Sydney Fogt	Christa Phillips
Tristan Frazzini	Jacob Saxby
Quinn Holtzapple	Brian Snyder
Ried Allen Jury	Dodi Ann Thompson
Kylie Dee LaLumia	Kirsten Vanisacker
Elisabeth AshleyAnne Marquez	McKenna Walker
Elijah Mayes	Lillian Taylor Worline
	Sadie Grace Worline

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

3.7 - 3.89 grade point average

Addalyn Allen	Alex Michael Iserman
Jaykob Anstaett	Sophia Loren Kerr
Samantha Jewel Bee	Zadria Ahnalyse King
Cierra Boyles	Cole Mabis
Croyden Cardarelli	Damien Martinez
Emma Chafins	Isaac Miler
Jacob Deisler	Evan Tyler Park
Anna Caitlin Emswiler	Eli Hayes Plassman
Justin D. Hall	Jaelyn Tomoletz

CUM LAUDE

3.5 - 3.69 grade point average

Devonte Curry	Joshua Andrew Miller
Hannah Cecilia Feldman	Maile D. Misleh
Mark Wesley Alyn Jordan	Ava Rosengarten
Chloe Dae Kern	Jakob Trevino
Emily Sue Logston	Christopher James Edward York
Garret Long	

Honors listed are based on standing as of December 2025.

DEFIANCE COLLEGE 2026 GRADUATES

**indicates December 2025 graduate*

***indicates August 2026 graduate*

MASTER DEGREES

Andre Almore

Master of Business Administration
Mableton, GA

Benjamin Babcock

Master of Business Administration
Delphos, OH

Tyler Daniel Dehan **

Master of Business Administration
St. Henry, OH

Christopher Linard Fluker, Jr. *

Master of Business Administration
Defiance, OH

Jennifer Marie Frazzini

Master of Arts in Education
Fowler, OH

Laney Corrine Grimwood

Master of Business Administration
Ontario, OH

Eric Moultrie, Jr.

Master of Business Administration
Chicago, IL

Nicholas Ward Newland

Master of Business Administration
Dover, OH

V'Sean Palmer **

Master of Business Administration
Dayton, OH

Richard George Pope, IV **

Master of Business Administration
Daytona Beach, FL

Noah Henrik Svanberg

Master of Business Administration
Grand Rapids, OH

Jalen Kai Warren **

Master of Business Administration
Virginia Beach, VA

Jehlani Warren

Master of Business Administration
Virginia Beach, VA

Brayden Birkholz

Bachelor of Science
Criminal Justice
Holland, MI

Brooke Rose Bostelman

Bachelor of Science
Middle Childhood Education
Deshler, OH
Summa Cum Laude

Blake Leslie Bowman **

Bachelor of Science
Sport Management
Toledo, OH

Cierra Boyles

Bachelor of Arts
History
Butler, IN
Magna Cum Laude

Chrishawn Bradford

Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration
Memphis, TN

Chaney Brodbeck

Bachelor of Arts
Accounting
Archbold, OH

Croyden Cardarelli

Bachelor of Science
Psychology
Defiance, OH
Magna Cum Laude

Emma Chafins

Bachelor of Science
Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate
Primary Education
Defiance, OH
Magna Cum Laude

Parker Chatman *

Bachelor of Arts
Self-Designed: Mental Health Studies
Toledo, OH

Macie Cordes

Bachelor of Science
Social Work
Continental, OH

Devonte Curry

Bachelor of Science
Integrated Social Studies
Columbus, OH
Cum Laude

Jacob Deisler

Bachelor of Science
Integrated Mathematics
Paulding, OH
Magna Cum Laude

Anna Caitlin Emswiler

Bachelor of Science
Exercise Science
Columbus, OH
Magna Cum Laude

Hannah Cecilia Feldman **

Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration
Bucyrus, OH
Cum Laude

Sydney Fogt

Bachelor of Science
Social Work
Defiance, OH
Summa Cum Laude

Jade Samantha Forbess *

Bachelor of Arts
Graphic Design
Defiance, OH

Tristan Frazzini

Bachelor of Science
Mathematics
Pinckney, MI
Summa Cum Laude

Nathan A. Fry

Bachelor of Science
Criminal Justice
Columbus, OH

Shonjae Karon Gibson

Bachelor of Arts
Graphic Design
Toledo, OH

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Addalyn Allen

Bachelor of Science
Exercise Science
Wapakoneta, OH
Magna Cum Laude

Jaykob Anstaett

Bachelor of Science
Sport Management
Dayton, OH
Magna Cum Laude

Miranda LaVon Bachman

Bachelor of Science
Primary Education
Napoleon, OH
Summa Cum Laude

Taylor Bates

Bachelor of Science
Biology
Sheridan, IN

Samantha Jewel Bee *

Bachelor of Science
Integrated Language Arts
Sport Management
Toledo, OH
Magna Cum Laude

Alexandra Lynn Bevins *

Bachelor of Arts
Self-Designed: History and Political Thought
Columbus, OH
Summa Cum Laude

Brooklyn Elisa Grisier *

Bachelor of Arts
Accounting
Stryker, OH

Zoila J. Hale

Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration
Lima, OH

Justin D. Hall

Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration
North Manchester, IN
Magna Cum Laude

Dominic Alexander Harris

Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration
Detroit, MI

Jaiden Michael W. Haynes

Bachelor of Science
Criminal Justice
Defiance, OH

Kaylee Jade Heath **

Bachelor of Science
Biology
Elk Grove, CA

Zain Hile

Bachelor of Science
Cyber-Forensics
Lima, OH

Quinn Holtzapple

Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration
St. Marys, OH
Summa Cum Laude

Alex Michael Iserman

Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration
Holland, OH
Magna Cum Laude

Mark Wesley Alyn Jordan

Bachelor of Science
Sport Management
Defiance, OH
Cum Laude

Alexander Jung

Bachelor of Science
Exercise Science
Cincinnati, OH

Ried Allen Jury

Bachelor of Science
Middle Childhood Education
Bascom, OH
Summa Cum Laude

Riley Keeran

Bachelor of Science
Exercise Science
Marion, OH

Chloe Dae Kern

Bachelor of Science
Psychology
Bowling Green, OH
Cum Laude

Sophia Loren Kerr

Bachelor of Science
Molecular Biology
Stryker, OH
Magna Cum Laude

Cheyenna King

Bachelor of Science
Self-Designed: Early Childhood
Curriculum and Instruction
Ottawa, OH

Zadria Ahnalyse King

Bachelor of Science
Biology
Middle Point, OH
Magna Cum Laude

Gregory Kita

Bachelor of Science
Middle Childhood Education
Wickliffe, OH

Kody Kuhnheim

Bachelor of Science
Cyber Security
London, OH

Kylie Dee LaLumia *

Bachelor of Arts
History
Hicksville, OH
Summa Cum Laude

Kate Laukhuf

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Haviland, OH

Davidson Leconte

Bachelor of Science
Criminal Justice
Miami, FL

Emily Sue Logston *

Bachelor of Science
Social Work
Archbold, OH
Cum Laude

Garret Long

Bachelor of Science
Sport Management
Oregon, OH
Cum Laude

Lyndsi Lorenzen **

Bachelor of Science
Social Work
Toledo, OH

Cole Mabis

Bachelor of Science
Middle Childhood Education
Paulding, OH
Magna Cum Laude

Elisabeth AshleyAnne Marquez

Bachelor of Arts
Graphic Design
Poway, CA
Summa Cum Laude

Damien Martinez *

Bachelor of Arts
Graphic Design
Defiance, OH
Magna Cum Laude

Elijah Mayes

Bachelor of Science
Computer Science
Continental, OH
Summa Cum Laude

Amanda Jo McConnell

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Defiance, OH

Darries McCullough, Jr.

Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration
Atlanta, GA

Isaac Miler

Bachelor of Science
Sport Management
Defiance, OH
Magna Cum Laude

Joshua Andrew Miller

Bachelor of Arts
English
Bachelor of Science
Integrated Language Arts
Defiance, OH
Cum Laude

Rylee Miller *

Bachelor of Science
Middle Childhood Education
Haviland, OH
Summa Cum Laude

Maile D. Misleh *

Bachelor of Science
Biology
Exercise Science
West Melbourne, FL
Cum Laude

Asa Moledor

Bachelor of Arts
History
Akron, OH

Allison Paige Mowen

Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration
Eaton, OH
Summa Cum Laude

Ellyn Murphy
Bachelor of Science
Molecular Biology
Bryan, OH

Laurny O'Lenic
Bachelor of Science
Psychology
Toledo, OH

Robert Allen Orta *
Bachelor of Science
Middle Childhood Education
Defiance, OH
Summa Cum Laude

Evan Tyler Park
Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration
Chillicothe, OH
Magna Cum Laude

Christa Phillips *
Bachelor of Science
Exercise Science
Columbus, OH
Summa Cum Laude

Eli Hayes Plassman *
Bachelor of Science
Mathematics
Defiance, OH
Magna Cum Laude

Ryan James Reckner
Bachelor of Science
Exercise Science
Lisbon, OH

Ava Rosengarten
Bachelor of Science
Biology
Environmental Science
Miller City, OH
Cum Laude

Jacob Saxby
Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration
Bachelor of Science
Psychology
Ironton, OH
Summa Cum Laude

Morgan Gwen Scott
Bachelor of Science
Psychology
Elwood, IN

Anthony Silvera, Jr. **
Bachelor of Arts
Self-Designed: Coaching and Recreational
Leadership
Alliston, Ontario, Canada

Cooper Sloan
Bachelor of Science
Exercise Science
Cherryville, NC

Amanda Snyder
Bachelor of Arts
Organizational Leadership and Supervision
Montpelier, OH

Brian Snyder *
Bachelor of Arts
Accounting
Napoleon, OH
Summa Cum Laude

Damontay Kentrell Spurlock
Associate of Arts
Self-Designed: Recreation Administration
Chicago, IL

Brian Joseph Swinehart
Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration
Covington, OH

Shayden Lorraine Swinson *
Bachelor of Science
Social Work
Kokomo, IN

Payton John Switzer *
Bachelor of Science
Exercise Science
Defiance, OH

Damarius Taylor
Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration
Mansfield, OH

Dodi Ann Thompson
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Defiance, OH
Summa Cum Laude

Jaelyn Tomoletz **
Bachelor of Science
Integrated Social Studies
Perry, OH
Magna Cum Laude

Jakob Trevino
Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration
Defiance, OH
Cum Laude

Kolbe Andrew VanderLeest
Bachelor of Science
Biology
Environmental Science
Sparta, MI

Kirsten Vanisacker *
Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration
Monroe, MI
Summa Cum Laude

Veronica Vasquez **
Bachelor of Science
Psychology
Hicksville, OH

Jayli Vasquez-Harrington
Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration
Wauseon, OH

Kiewuan Lamont Graham *
Associate of Arts
Criminal Justice
Detroit, MI

Drew Matthews
Associate of Arts
Criminal Justice
Liberty Center, OH

Reece Tyrell Waithe
Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration
Bachelor of Science
Sport Management
Lima, OH

De'Ante Walker
Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration
Detroit, MI

McKenna Walker
Bachelor of Science
Exercise Science
Toledo, OH
Summa Cum Laude

Kyleigh Westfall *
Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration
Pioneer, OH

Lillian Taylor Worline
Bachelor of Arts
Graphic Design
Defiance, OH
Summa Cum Laude

Sadie Grace Worline
Bachelor of Arts
Graphic Design
Defiance, OH
Summa Cum Laude

Christopher James Edward York
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Sidney, OH
Cum Laude

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Jaylen Turner-Norphlet *
Associate of Arts
Business Administration
Memphis, TN

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 recipients of the bachelor degree 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.

HONOR STUDENTS

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

Addalyn Allen

My name is Addalyn (Addy) Allen, and I am from Wapakoneta, Ohio. I am graduating today from Defiance College, majoring in Exercise Science with a minor in Public Health. During my time at Defiance, I was actively involved across campus and in the community, taking on numerous leadership, research, and service roles. I participated in two McMaster Scholar programs, contributing to the Defiance County Community Health Assessment and serving as a Lead Coordinator between two groups: the Fall Prevention Initiative and the Tobacco 19 Grant project. I was also involved in the Service Leaders Program and Honors Program and worked as a Summer Undergraduate Researcher. On campus, I served as a Student Ambassador, Orientation Leader, Academic Support Center Student Assistant, George M. Smart Center Manager, and Treasurer of the Campus Activities Board, Science Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and “Dude, Be Nice,” and I served as Vice President of the Pickleball Club. My passion for community health led me to contribute to the “Strengthening Fall Prevention Through Community Partnerships” initiative. I was chosen to represent Defiance College at the Propel Leadership Conference. Additionally, I became a certified Matter of Balance Coach through the Defiance County Health Department. I am graduating today and plan to enter an accelerated nursing program to earn my master’s degree in nursing.



Alexandra Bevins

Alexandra Bevins is from Columbus, Ohio, and is graduating from Defiance College with a self-designed major in History and Political Thought and minors in GIS and Religious Studies. While at DC, she was a member of the Carolyn M. Small Honors Program, a Service Leader, and a McMaster Scholar, with projects in Worthington, Rome, Ireland, and the PATH Center, and a member of the Academic Support Center, where she served as a tutor, writing consultant, and student assistant. She was also a recipient of the Reeder C. Hutchinson Assistantship in the Humanities, a Research Associate for the Schaufler College Archives, a Peer Leader for HUM100, class president, co-editor of the Northwest Ohio History Journal, McMaster Program Manager and Journal Editor, a recipient of the Richard W. Stroede Scholarship for Instrumentalists, a member of the Jazz Band and Ensemble, a participant in two Summer Undergraduate Research Program projects, a Women’s History Month volunteer, and a recipient of the Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award. Additionally, she collaborated with local history organizations to develop promotional and educational materials. She will be starting the next chapter in her educational journey as a doctoral student in the University of Iowa’s History Department.



Emma Chafins

Emma Chafins is from Defiance, Ohio, and is studying Primary Education (PK–5) and Intervention Specialist (Mild/Moderate). While at Defiance College, Emma participated in the Service Leaders Program and the Honors Program. She is graduating today and plans to pursue a job teaching elementary school in or around Defiance while also coaching volleyball.



Anna Emswiler

Anna Emswiler is from Columbus, Ohio, studying Exercise Science with a minor in Psychology. While at Defiance College, Anna participated in the McMaster Program, the Honors Program, Service Leaders, the softball team, and the Summer Undergraduate Research Program. She is graduating today and plans to attend The Ohio State University to study Occupational Therapy.



Alexander Jung

Alexander (Thomas) Jung is from Cincinnati, Ohio, studying Exercise Science Pre-Physical Therapy with a minor in Psychology. While at Defiance College, Alex participated in men’s soccer and the Service Leaders Program. He is graduating today and plans to attend DPT school after a gap year.



Ried Jury

Ried Jury is from Bascom, Ohio, and is graduating today from Defiance College, majoring in Education with a focus in Middle Math and Science and a minor in Exercise Science. While at DC, he participated in the men’s basketball team, the Honors Program, Service Leaders, student teaching placements, assisting at the IEC, the DC McMaster Belize trip, and was a recipient of the DC Trustee STEM Scholarship and the DC Gene Geren Scholarship Athlete Award. He has accepted a job at Tiffin City Schools and will be teaching Career Connections for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders next school year.



Zadria King

My name is Zadria King, and I am from Middle Point, OH, and I am graduating today from Defiance College, majoring in Biology and minoring in Chemistry. While at DC, I have been a Resident Assistant, McMaster Scholar to Ireland, Nepal, and Rome, Supplemental Instructor for Human Anatomy and Physiology, President of the Honors Program, Lab Assistant Intern, Summer Undergraduate Researcher, Service Leader, member of Student Senate, Student Ambassador, Orientation Leader, member of Science Club, Campus Activities Board Secretary, Student Member of the McMaster Advisory Committee, Student Member of the Title III Steering Committee, member of “Dude, Be Nice,” and President of the Pickleball Club. I have been accepted into graduate school at The University of Toledo, where I will be earning my master’s degree to become a physician assistant.



Elijah Mayes

My full name is Elijah Ray Mayes, and I am from Continental, Ohio. I majored in Computer Science with minors in App Development and Music. While at Defiance College, I was a captain of the esports team, a section leader in the concert band and jazz band, and a member of the Pickleball Club. I am graduating today and plan to work somewhere in the area.



Evan Park

Evan Tyler Park is from Chillicothe, Ohio, studying Business Administration with a concentration in Management and a minor in Leadership. While at Defiance College, Evan participated in the Honors and Service Leaders Programs, two McMaster research initiatives to Belize and Nepal, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Men’s Basketball. He is graduating today and plans to join Neil Coleman Insurance Services, Inc. to begin his career in the insurance industry.



Kirsten Vanisacker

My name is Kirsten Vanisacker, and I am from Monroe, Michigan. I am graduating from Defiance College, majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing and a minor in Religious Studies. While at DC, I held multiple on-campus roles, including Peer Leader, Business Tutor, Orientation Leader, Student Ambassador, Research Assistant for the Religion Department, and a worker at the George M. Smart Center. I was also part of the Honors Program, the McMaster School, and the Service Leaders Program. Additionally, I have been heavily involved on campus, serving as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle Leader, a Newman Civic Fellow, a captain of the volleyball team, and a member of the DC Student-Athlete Leadership Academy and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. I was also involved in “Dude, Be Nice,” the Pickleball Club, Catholics on Campus (serving as secretary), the DEI group, and the Distinctive Experiences for DC Faculty, Staff, and Students Committee. I am now working for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes as an Area Representative for Defiance and Williams County.



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 Tyler Anstaett, DJ Makalob Brown, Lydia Evan Fernandez, James Greer, Jazzy Leigh Hoffman, Roland Keller, Lucy Miller, Rowan Murphy, Zaine Levi Pittman, Samuelle Plummer, AJ Seedorf, Bethany Singer, Dalys Tice, Mikayla Twum. The College Choir is under the direction of Prof. Justin Bays, Director of Music Programs, and accompanied by Mr. Kevin Clark.

The Faculty Marshal is Dr. Timothy Rickabaugh, Professor of Exercise Science.

Mr. Bretton Basford is Student Senate President. The Student Address is given by Ms. Alexandra Bevins, and scripture reading is led by Ms. Kirsten Vanisacker.

Rev. David Plant, a 1973 graduate of Defiance College, earned his Master of Divinity from The Methodist Theological School in 1977. A specialist in transitional and transformational ministry in the United Church of Christ, he has served 23 congregations over 53 years and consulted with more than 100 churches. He has also held local elected offices and served in numerous denominational roles since his time as a student at Defiance. David is married to Rev. Dr. Marian Plant, a fellow Defiance graduate and 2022 Professor Emerita. He currently serves as Bridge Pastor at St. John United Church of Christ on campus and First Presbyterian Church in Defiance, and as an Annuitant Visitor for the UCC Pension Board. Rev. Plant will be leading the Baccalaureate invocation and message as well as the benediction and response during commencement.

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. Garett 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.

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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 Kahliff, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1982
Rev. Dr. William K. Laurie, Doctor of Social Sciences, 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
Eric 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
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
Mr. Joseph M. Matthews, Doctor of Humane Letters, 2025

THE PILGRIM MEDALS

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 - Student

William J. McCleary, 1961	Timothy S. Binkley, 1985
Joyce Birkhold, 1962	Pamela M. Clay, 1985
George Richard Thompson, 1963	Alicia Lambert, 1987
Ruth Ann Ireton, 1964	Penny D. Bell, 1988
Thomas Frederick Carroll, 1964	Bradley J. Hales, 1989
James D. Studer, 1965	Ronald L. Slinger, 1991
Eduardo Arellano, 1967	Michelle A. Potts, 1993
George M. Smart, 1967	Giles J. Davis III, 1994
Lillian Rae Dunlap, 1968	Kevin D. Horstman, 1994
Raymond Santiago, 1971	Sonya Herber, 1996
Wade Marbaugh, 1971	John Steiner, 1997
Ruth Jan Brisbine, 1972	Tammie Kappen, 1998
Donald E. Bennett, 1973	Charlotte Eble, 2000
Dwight Baker, 1975	Rachel Kemper, 2001
Dennis Gordon, 1975	Nathan Ferrell, 2001
Steven Matthews, 1977	Jackie M. Broering, 2002
Antonio Garcia, 1977	Patrick Weber, 2003
Alberto Vilar, 1978	Nicole Erford, 2004
Richard E. Noonan, 1980	Christopher Newcomb, 2005
Anne R. Schultz, 1980	Julie Steineman, 2006
Sally A. Cole, 1981	Renee Steffen, 2007

SILVER - Citizen or Alumni/ae

Victor M. Fowler, 1962	Betsey Riordan, 1988	Thomas Blake, Sr., 2015
Ruth and Kevin McCann, 1962	Robert Schornstheimer, 1989	David J. Westrick, 2016
W. Harold Denison, 1963	Charles D. Krouse, 1990	Dr. Donald Knueve, 2017
Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1963	Rev. Gerald E. Mallott, 1993	Edward Buhl, 2018
Ralph W. Peters, 1964	Dr. Marvin J. Ludwig, 1994	Carolyn Walters, 2019
Pearl S. Buck, 1967	Justin Coressel, 1995	John Trautman, 2020
Jesse Stuart, 1968	William H. Schomburg, 1996	Duane Hocking, 2021
Jackie R. Robinson, 1969	Roland E. Doeden, 1996	Timothy Binkley, 2022
John U. Fauster, Jr., 1969	Dr. James R. Frey (posthumously), 1997	Jay Hanson, 2023
Karl H. Weaner, 1971	E. Keith Hubbard, 1998	Rev. James E. Brehler, 2024
Mary Denison Fiebiger, 1972	Russell Leuthold, 1999	Mrs. Jane Myers, 2025
Gordon C. Dix, 1975	Frances Millward, 2000	
M. Dosa Carlson, 1975	Dr. James T. Harris, 2002	
Grace Thompson Edmister, 1976	Randall Buchman, 2003	
Victor L. Steffel, 1977	Dr. Richard Stroede, 2004	
Richard W. Wohn, 1978	Dr. Vincent Polce, 2009	
L. Calista Olds, 1978	Dr. Charles Warren, 2009	
William A. Diehl, 1979	Lynn "Zac" Isaac, 2011	
David K. Ford, 1979	Richard Pejeau, 2012	
Earl Stevens Dix, 1983	John Weaner, 2013	
Arthur C. Churchill, 1983	Lois McCullough, 2014	

FACULTY EMERITI/AE

Maxwell G. Park, Professor Emeritus, 1960	Dr. Jarrell O'Kelley, Professor Emeritus, 1998
Erwin Urch, Professor Emeritus, 1960	Dr. Robert Gaffga, Professor Emeritus, 2000
Charles A. Maney, Professor Emeritus, 1964	Duane Hocking, Professor Emerita, 2002
Helen Esther Krug, Professor Emerita, 1966	Dr. Margaret Noble Mikula, Professor Emerita, 2003
Roland M. Hill, Professor Emeritus, 1971	James Bray, Professor Emeritus, 2004
Elizabeth W. Wurst, Professor Emerita, 1971	Dr. Richard Stroede, Dean Emeritus, 2004
Robert I. Pearce, Professor Emeritus, 1976	Charles Hobgood, Professor Emeritus, 2006
Arthur Churchill, Professor Emeritus, 1977	Rev. Gerald Mallott, Administrator Emeritus, 2006
Maxine R. Miller, Professor Emerita, 1977	Dr. Michael Soper, Professor Emeritus, 2006
Dr. L. Calista Olds, Professor Emerita, 1977	Dr. Robert Kohl, Professor Emeritus, 2007
J. Donald Perry, Professor Emeritus, 1977	David Reed, Professor Emeritus, 2007
Dr. John E. Luchies, Professor Emeritus, 1978	Dr. Kenneth E. Christiansen, Professor Emeritus, 2008
William O. Chaney, Professor Emeritus, 1983	Frank Sanders, Professor Emeritus, 2008
Dr. George L. Boomer, Team Physician Emeritus, 1984	William A. O'Toole, Professor Emeritus, 2009
Horace H. Everett, Professor Emeritus, 1984	Beverly Harrington, Registrar Emerita, 2010
Eugene R. Andrews, Professor Emeritus, 1986	Steven J. Smith, Professor Emeritus, 2011
Garnett M. Smith, Professor Emerita, 1987	Dr. Donald Knueve, Professor Emeritus, 2014
Maxie J. Lambright, Professor Emeritus, 1989	Douglas Fiely, Professor Emeritus, 2014
Dr. Bernard Mikula, Professor Emeritus, 1989	Jeffrey Weaner, Professor Emeritus, 2016
Richard Small, Professor Emeritus, 1989	Rev. Janice Bechtel, Chaplain Emerita, 2016
Richard A. Howard, Professor Emeritus, 1990	Craig Rutter, Professor Emeritus, 2018
Hermann Wiebe, Professor Emeritus, 1990	Dr. Deborah Dalke, Professor Emerita, 2020
Henry H. Diehl, Professor Emeritus, 1993	Dr. Mary Catherine Harper, Professor Emerita, 2020
Dr. Marvin J. Ludwig, President Emeritus, 1994	Dr. Marian Plant, Professor Emerita, 2020
Raymond Derricotte, Controller Emeritus, 1995	Dr. Jo Ann Burkhardt, Professor Emerita, 2022
Carolyn M. Small, Professor Emerita, 1995	Dr. Fred Coulter, Professor Emeritus, 2022
Dr. Randall Buchman, Professor Emeritus, 1996	Dr. Donald Buerk, Professor Emeritus, 2024
Dr. Robert Boehm, Professor Emeritus, 1997	Prof. Steven Sondergaard, Professor Emeritus, 2024
Dr. Harry Miller, Professor Emeritus, 1997	Prof. Alesia Yakos-Brown, Professor Emerita, 2024
Dr. Richard W. Thiede, Professor Emeritus, 1997	Barbara Sedlock, Professor Emerita, 2025

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY RECIPIENTS

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

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 Dr. Amie Gamble
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 Dr. Carla Higgins
 Dr. Wes Jamison
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 Prof. Shirley Sigg
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 Dr. Richard Bailey, Faculty Representative

Hail, Dear Alma Mater

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.

