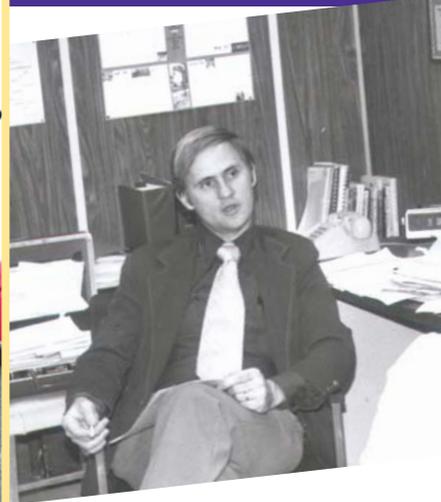
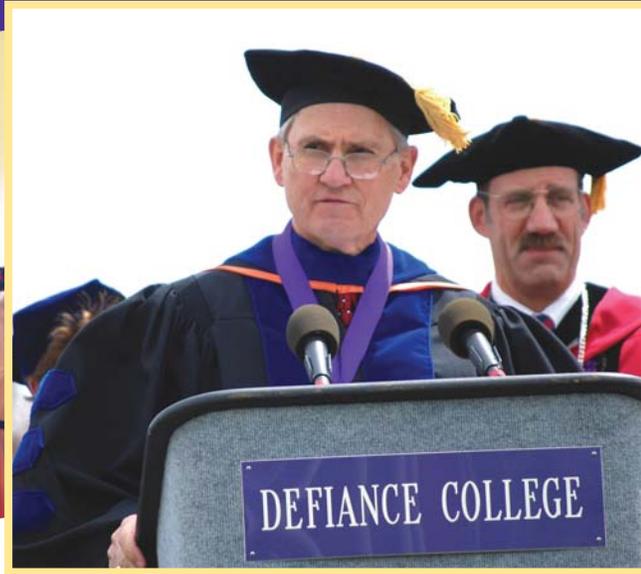


# THANKS FOR THE LESSONS



**Dr. Donald Knueve**, a respected and beloved figure on campus for the past 35 years, retired this spring from his dual roles as faculty member and administrator. He was a criminal justice professor, and in recent years also served as associate provost for academic excellence. He was awarded the rank of Professor Emeritus during 2014 commencement ceremonies.

Knueve arrived at Defiance College in 1978 after serving as chief probation officer for the Defiance County Juvenile Court and a caseworker at the Fairfield School for Boys. He quickly became immersed in the life of the college as well as the local community.

Knueve was chosen multiple times by the DC student body as Faculty Member of the Year. In 1998, his faculty peers nominated him for the Distinguished Faculty Citation. In a nomination letter, former faculty member Dr. Bonnie Sloan called Knueve “a diplomat, a philosopher, and a businessman all rolled into one.” She said he lived the mission of the College and exemplified those characteristics and behaviors that are sought to be instilled in students. “There is no question that he is sincere in his dedication to the College and its people,” she wrote. “He is ubiquitous and inclusive in his travels across campus, on good terms and well respected by all groups and constituents. He contributes much of himself to whatever he does.”

Former business professor Dr. Joe Coley also nominated Knueve, saying, “He is everything that a professor at Defiance College should be. ... I was impressed on many occasions by his ability to bring together many disparate views, gently diffuse potentially divisive situations, and generally display incredible patience. ... He exhibits the best that we offer as a

college and as a faculty.”

Knueve held many leadership roles in campus governance including serving as a trustee fellow to the college’s Board of Trustees. He was an advisor to the Phi Sigma Chi fraternity and the Criminal Justice Society, leading numerous student trips to metropolitan areas such as Chicago and Detroit. Over the years, he coordinated many workshops for criminal justice professionals.

Those Defiance College individuals who worked most closely with Knueve were his students, former students, and faculty peers.

Professor Steve Sondergaard of the criminal justice department said that when he arrived on campus in the fall of 1993, Knueve welcomed him and explained the operations of the department as well as teaching duties. “As I had just left the Hancock County Prosecutor’s Office, Don was a sounding board for the students who thought I was a little over-zealous in my expectations for them!” Sondergaard recalls.

“In the passing years, Don and I split our teaching duties between his expertise in theory and my background in law and law enforcement. We always respected each other’s opinions as they might relate to curriculum, committee issues, and yes, politics! Don was always the advocate for the student, but certainly demanded their best work.

Some of the most interesting times with Don center on the annual CJ trips to metropolitan areas. It has been a privilege to work side-by-side with Don for more than 20 years.”

Bryant Green, one of many criminal justice alumni, spoke highly of his former professor, calling him “perceptive and contemplative” in his field, always challenging the criminal justice paradigm.

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*Dr. Joe Coley speaking about Dr. Donald Knueve*

“His passion for the school has been unwavering,” says Green, currently a law student at the University of Toledo. He described Knueve’s affection for his students as tenacious. “Simply go to a DC athletic event, and you will surely find Doc there with the program for the event with his students circled, willing to tell you about them, their positive characteristics, and how they have been performing in that event.”

Green recalled receiving a phone call from Knueve as a high school senior, informing him of the CJ curriculum and opportunities available at DC. “Throughout my four years there, Doc never disappointed. I am ever-grateful for his role in my education that was both intellectually stimulating and practically valuable. Doc’s thoughtfulness, generosity, and of course, humor, are truly unparalleled. While I am happy that Doc has the opportunity to pursue retirement ... DC is losing a valuable asset.”

Knueve has been a member of numerous advisory boards and professional organizations including the Ohio Conference of Criminal Justice Education of which he served as a member, officer and trustee. The OCCJE honored him this spring with its Faculty/Professional Award for more than 30 years of service. He chaired the citizens’ advisory group for the Northwest Ohio Regional Jail, the Defiance County Youth Services Advisory Council, the Defiance City Charter Review Commission, and the Defiance County Domestic Violence Task Force. He has been an active member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church. Stretching beyond academics and the field of criminal justice, his theatre and musical performances have always been a highlight for audiences.

He received a bachelor of science degree in math, bachelor of arts degree in philosophy and bachelor of arts degree in music from St. Joseph’s College. He earned a master of science degree in corrections from Xavier University and a doctor of philosophy degree in sociology from Bowling Green State University.



## PROFESSOR DOUG FIELY RETIRES

Art professor Doug Fiely retired in January after 12 years as a full-time faculty member.

Fiely earned a bachelor of arts degree in art and certification in K-12 teaching and master of arts degree in printmaking from Bowling Green State University. After many years as a high school art instructor, he came to Defiance College as assistant professor of art.

His accomplishments within the art community locally, regionally, and nationally have been impressive. The list of his exhibitions, publications, and presentations is vast and ever-growing as he is now able to spend more time on his creative work.

His paintings, prints and ceramics are inspired by his Midwestern roots, and he calls himself “an observational artist.” A peer said of him, “Doug instructs by nourishing the flowering of natural expression. He instills a capacity for inspiration. He works from the inside out and is true to the spirit of art in his teaching.”

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## DIETRICK SERVED AS DC TRUSTEE

Former Defiance College board of trustee member John Dietrick II died Jan. 31 at Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo. He was 87.

A native of Napoleon, Ohio, he was a graduate of Xavier University. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving with the 63rd Infantry Division Blood and Fire in Germany.

In addition to serving as a Defiance College board of trustees member for many years, Dietrick was active in the Defiance community with St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Elks Lodge and the Defiance Rotary as well as the American Legion Post in Napoleon, Ohio. He spent the majority of his professional career with First Federal, becoming corporation president for First Federal of Defiance, serving in that capacity until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Judith; daughters Christine, Mary and Peggy; sons John and Luke; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Defiance with entombment in Riverview Memory Gardens.