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> **DEFIANCE COLLEGE** April 9-10, 2019

TUESDAY / April 9, 2019

7:00PM - 7:15PM <u>OPENING REMARKS</u> Schomburg Auditorium Dr. Richanne C. Mankey President

INTRODUCTION - Dr. Ron McMaster

7:15PM - 8:30PM

CULMINATING YEAR FIFTEEN OF THE MCMASTER SCHOOL FOR ADVANCING HUMANITY: A DISCUSSION OF EXPERIENCES, IMPACTS, AND RESULTS

This panel was created to culminate the yearlong celebration of the McMaster School for Advancing Humanity's YEAR FIFTEEN. During this presentation panelists Ms. Beth (Grafing) Wilkerson, Dr. Caroline Hesterman and Ms. Katelyn Haydett will talk not only about their experiences as McMaster Scholars, working with communities in Cambodia, Belize and Tanzania, but also how the skills and knowledge they gained have impacted their current career paths. These women collectively have seven years of *experience conducting community-based research* that had a positive impact on the communities they worked with and themselves. Come and listen to their stories and the influence that the McMaster experience has had on their personal and professional lives. Panelists will be accepting questions from the audience throughout the presentation.



Ms. Elizabeth (Grafing) Wilkerson graduated from Defiance College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting and Communication in 2009. She was selected as a McMaster Scholar to Cambodia twice (2005-2006, 2006-2007), where she researched economic development in Cambodia with a focus on marketing in the textile industry. Currently, Ms. Wilkerson is the Digital Marketing Manager for The Andersons where she is responsible for digital marketing strategy, reporting performance metrics, and integrating technologies to enable marketing tactics.



Ms. Katelyn Haydett graduated from Defiance College in 2016 with her Bachelor's Degree in Molecular Biology and a Minor in Chemistry. She was selected as a threetime McMaster Scholar to Tanzania (2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016) where she focused on water testing and community health. After graduation, Ms. Haydett attended Texas Tech University where she received her M.S. in Environmental Toxicology. Currently, Ms. Haydett is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine candidate at Michigan State University.



Dr. Caroline Hesterman graduated from Defiance College with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology in 2015. She was selected as a McMaster Scholar to Belize twice (2013-2014, 2014-2015) with projects centering on self-esteem, attitudes about healthcare and early breast cancer detection. In May of 2018, Dr. Hesterman graduated from Huntington University where she earned her doctorate in occupational therapy. Dr. Hesterman currently resides in Florida, where she is working as an occupational therapist in a pediatric clinic.

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8:00AM

OPENING REMARKS

Schomburg Auditorium Dr. Agnes Caldwell, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean

8:15AM - 8:50AM <u>MCMASTER LOCAL LEARNING COMMUNITY</u> INDEPENDENCE EDUCATION CENTER

Schomburg Auditorium Dr. Carla Higgins, Fellow Dr. Clarissa Barnes, Associate Fellow Scholars - Robyn Boyd*, Emily Culler, Olivia Fett, Jessica Mello

The McMaster Local - IEC Learning Community will describe the community-based research projects that they have been implementing at the Independence Education Center. This presentation will evidence the valuable and exciting work that this local McMaster initiative has accomplished, and it will provide the audience with strong evidence that the McMaster model works effectively in a local context.

WHEN DISASTER STRIKES...WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?... HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO REBUILD?

Buchman Board Room

Presented by: Natalie Ferguson-Schuerman, Malia Ferry*, Henna Frank*, Jordan Furko*, Jenny Holbrooks, Jason Santora, Cory Sidle*, Allison White*, Jordan Williams. Ms. Mary Burkholder, Mr. Brad Harsha, Ms. Alicia Kalik -Advisors/Trip Leaders

Defiance College Service Leadership Program

This presentation will focus on the service learning experience that a group of Defiance College Service Leaders embarked on during Spring Break 2019. The Service Leaders worked with the group SBP to help with rebuilding houses and examined what

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happens when a natural disaster strikes and how communities near and far come together to help those affected. The trip was coordinated through the United Church of Christ Volunteer in Disaster Recovery program to help those affected by Superstorm Sandy in 2012.

9:00AM - 9:50AM MCMASTER LOCAL LEARNING COMMUNITY CITY OF DEFIANCE

Schomburg Auditorium Dr. JoAnn Burkhardt, Fellow Dr. Christopher Cwynar, Associate Fellow Scholars - Da'Ja'Nay Askew*, Aaliyah Blanchard, Stevie Brooks*, Jordan Osborne*, Kelsie Shafer*, Paige Sickmiller*, Allison White*

The new McMaster Local – City of Defiance Learning Community will outline their recent work with the Eastside Neighborhood Community to record and tell their stories. The results shared at this presentation will reflect the collaborative efforts of this learning community to raise awareness about the rich historical and cultural character of Defiance's Eastside Neighborhood as well as provide the audience with a concrete example of the implementation of the McMaster School model in a local context.

THE IMPACT OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION ON SPORTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Buchman Board Room **Presented by:** Javier Castillo, Samantha Ervin, Nicholas Mesnard, Mackenzie Moehrman, Katherine Settich, Meagan Trimpey Dr. Timothy Rickabaugh - Faculty Advisor Natural Science, Applied Science and Mathematics Division

This session will focus on three specific influences of the U.S. Constitution and its subsequent amendments on sports participation, not only for U.S. citizens but for individuals around the world. The first, fourteenth and nineteenth amendments will be discussed during the presentation.

COLLECTING DIGITAL INFORMATION:

A GUIDE FOR VICTIM ADVOCATES Cultural Arts Center Presented by: Anthony Adamic, Kiana Carpenter, Mathan Grubmaer, Jared Guerra Ms. Pam Weaner, Family Justice Center Professor Tim Wedge - Faculty Advisor Natural Science, Applied Science and Mathematics Division

21st century technology has given domestic abusers and stalkers new tools to use against their victims, and new challenges for the legal advocates who try to help them. DCDFS students have developed and tested low and no-cost methods, usable by laypeople, for extracting relevant evidence relating to the illicit use of social media and personal messaging. The resulting manual has been successfully used to provide evidence in court hearings that would otherwise have been absent. This panel will discuss the challenges and benefits of this ongoing project and address the potential for abuse.

ARE CITIZENS BECOMING LESS CONCERNED ABOUT DEMOCRACY?

Hubbard Banquet Room **Presented by:** Rylea Amspaugh, Blake Newman*, Katarina Wicher, Desiray Zaleski Dr. Deborah Dalke - Faculty Advisor *Natural Science, Applied Science and Mathematics Division*

Since 1981, social scientists have conducted the World Values Survey to study opinions about government, social justice, and human well-being. In some countries, anti-democracy attitudes are becoming more common. Based on these results, a survey was conducted at Defiance College to assess attitudes towards various forms of government, and the characteristics related to pro-democracy opinions. This panel will discuss their research and study on this topic.

10:00AM - 10:50AM

MCMASTER BELIZE LEARNING COMMUNITY

Schomburg Auditorium Dean Mary Ann Studer, Fellow Ms. Rena Rager, Associate Fellow Scholars - Hayden Clingaman*, Corey Davis*, Mackenzie Durdak*, Malia Ferry*, Jordan Furko*, Elyzabeth King*, Madeleine McMaster*, Blake Newman*, Lauren Oglesbee, Rachel Wehrman

The McMaster Belize Learning Community will present an overview of the various interdisciplinary community-based research projects that this dynamic team completed during their time in Belize in December 2018. Projects by Scholars, an Associate Fellow, and Fellow will be explored during the presentation as well as project outcomes and ideas for future work. The audience will learn about the positive impact that resulted from the team's collaboration with their Belizean partners.

HOW DOES SOCIAL MEDIA ENABLE THE VICES?

Buchman Board Room **Presented by:** Xavier Blyden, Sydney Huston, Jonathon Mielke, Spencer Ross, Marquis Tucker and Emmalyn Wooley Dr. Marian Plant - Faculty Advisor *Arts and Humanities Division*

In the presentation, students will describe and discuss the Christian origins of the seven deadly sins and how these have inadvertently shaped the 21st century culture. In other words, how culture has transformed the seven deadly sins into the glittering vices. An example of today's culture is the use of social media, and how it can negatively affect adolescents and the shaping of their minds. Students will suggest how these glittering vices influence teens' minds in a postmodern culture.

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POLICE BODY CAMERA & PRIVACY ISSUES

Cultural Arts Center

Presented by: Sarah Madaras, Allison White*, Desiray Zaleski Dr. Sheldon Goodrum, Professor Steve Sondergaard - Faculty Advisors

Natural Science, Applied Science and Mathematics Division

The use of body-worn cameras presents new and unique privacy issues to citizens of the United States. Law enforcement agencies employ the use of these body-worn cameras to document the scene of an incident and to gather potential evidence for both criminal and civil proceedings. Somewhere in the middle may be unintentional consequences of collecting this digital form of evidence. Privacy and ethical issues have emerged regarding the collection, preservation, and use of this type of evidence. The students will share research from peer reviewed articles and law review journals that address this emerging issue of personal privacy versus the needs of our government.

11:00AM - 11:50AM

MCMASTER PANAMA LEARNING COMMUNITY

Schomburg Auditorium Mr. Brad Harsha, Fellow Professor David Stuckey, Associate Fellow Professor Kathleen Westfall, Associate Fellow Scholars - Rylea Amspaugh, Kenna Bell*, Henna Frank*, Rachel Lowell*, Megan Ortiz, Cory Sidle*, Natalie Woodson*

The McMaster Panama Learning Community will discuss the projects that Scholars will be doing when they travel to Panama in May 2019. Scholars will brief the audience on the community-based research that they have been working on over the last two semesters and the outcomes they expect from the work.

CREATING COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR POSITIVE LITERACY EXPERIENCES

Buchman Board Room **Presented by:** Cheyanne Bultman, Emily Culler, Corey Davis* Dr. Rachel Eicher - Faculty Advisor **Business, Education and Social Work Division**

Defiance College is engaged with community partners the United Way and the Defiance County Public Library through early literacy initiatives, Storybook Adventure, and Prescription to Read. Storybook Adventure is held on the campus of Defiance College and hosts a children's book author/illustrator in addition to literacy related activities. Storybook Adventure has grown to include an expanded visit timeline for the author to visit area school districts, which allows the author to visit more than 300 children. Prescription to Read provides books to increase interest in reading at a young age. The session will present the structure of the organization and the potential for replication.

MANDATORY VACCINATION AND GLOBAL HEALTH

Cultural Arts Center **Presented by:** Noah Beach*, Chelsey Braunwart*, Spencer Gray*, Megan Ladd, Mara Watson. Ms. Stacy Lucas, BN, RN - Director of Nursing, Defiance County General Health District Dr. Alyson Laframboise - Faculty Advisor Natural Science, Applied Science, Mathematics Division

The World Health Organization has recognized vaccine hesitancy as one of the top ten risks to global health. There are many reasons why people may be reluctant to vaccinate, but often at the core of this is a basic misunderstanding of how vaccines work. This panel will discuss the science of vaccination, herdimmunity, and general vaccination misconceptions, as well as exploring the possible consequences of mandatory vaccination.

DESIGN MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Women's Commission Art Gallery

Presented by: Cameron Brady, Erin Breece, Diego Gonzalez Sanchez, Brooke Gostomsky, Aubrey Griggs, Marcus Gross, Federico Gutierrez, McKenzie Hall, Santone Hicks, Kaitlyn Hughes^{*}, Mason Laube, Marcus Meade, Quantrez Pittman, Nathaniel Roberts, Camrin Santchi, Jovon Thomason, Sean Tyson, Seth Yenser, Desiray Zaleski Faculty Advisor - Professor Beverly Fanning *Arts and Humanities Division*

Students from various majors present visual solutions reflecting the power of design as a vehicle for social change.

12:00PM LUNCH/POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Serrick Campus Center Cafeteria and Lobby

1:00PM PAY IT FORWARD

Buchman Board Room

Presented by: Da'Ja'Nay Askew*, Jennifer Bechtold, Deanna Bischoff, Madysyn Creighton, Laurie Hockenberry, Jenny Holbrooks, Logan Jones, Jonathon Mielke, Taylor Niese, Kelsey Parker, Raychel Ramos, Savontre Vaughn, Emmalyn Wooley Professor Alesia Yakos-Brown - Faculty Advisor **Business, Education and Social Work Division**

Social Services within Northwest Ohio play an essential role in mitigating social injustices and empowering individuals and families to achieve their goals in a way which nurtures their liberties. Social Work seniors from the Macro Practice: Communities and Organizations class will share their work behind their student-led philanthropy project Pay It Forward. The project directly impacted the needs of the local community by awarding \$2,000 in grant funds to address needs within youth programming.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BLOOD DONATION AND IMPROVING THE HUMAN CONDITION

Cultural Arts Center **Panel Participants:** Noah Beach*, Chelsey Braunwart*, Jessica Crigger* Dean Bridgette Winslow - Faculty Advisor *Institute for Pre-Health and Wellness Studies*

The need for blood is constant. Every two seconds, someone in America needs blood. The American Red Cross provides about 40 percent of the U.S. blood supply and 100 percent of the local supply. This panel will inform the audience about the components of blood, the importance of blood donation, the process of blood donation, and the impact blood donation has on the local community. We will examine the number of blood donations needed for blood transfusions, emergency surgeries, and other treatments. Real life scenarios will be discussed to drive home the impact blood donations can have on saving human lives.

1:30PM

19TH ANNUAL EMPTY BOWLS

Buchman Board Room

Presented by: Robyn Boyd, Danielle Carruthers, Abigail Cronin, Laurie Hockenberry, Jewel Isaac*, Mary-Michael Jackson, Nathan Kline, Marissa Lantz, Madeleine McMaster*, Blake Newman*, Taylor Niese, Ashton Otte, Kelsey Parker, Arianna Richards, Natalie Woodson*, Sydney Zeuch Professor Tess Homier - Faculty Advisor *Business, Education and Social Work Division*

Empty Bowls 2019 will be discussed during this presentation. The students that work with the event will talk about the success of Empty Bowls and what strategies go into planning and putting the event together. This presentation will share how Empty Bowls impacts the local community.

2:00PM

THE RELEVANCE OF TRUTH TO FREEDOM

Buchman Board Room **Presented by:** Noah Beach*, Jessica Crigger*, Brandon Laney*, Natalee Shingler*, Natalie Woodson* Dean Mary Ann Studer - Faculty Advisor *Carolyn M. Small Honors Program*

The Relevance of Truth to Freedom, an Honors student panel, will engage the audience in an apolitical discussion about the key questions posed by Andy Andrews in his book "How Do You Kill Eleven Million People?" - the number of people killed by the Nazi German regime between 1933 and 1945. What happens to a society in which truth is absent? Does it matter that millions of ordinary citizens are apathetic about many of the decisions that affect the future of our country? History remains an important reminder of the possible. Do you exercise your ability to control current events that will inform the future?

PROJECT 701 AND THE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY

Cultural Arts Center **Presented by:** Kenna Bell*, Stephen Dolan, Cayla Walker, Project 701 Executive Team Community Members - Ms. Gretchen Awad, Susan G. Komen Northwest Ohio; Dr. Rosemary Reiter, ProMedica Defiance Regional Medical Center; Ms. Carrie Wetstein, United Way of Defiance County Ms. Japella Public, Project 701 Roard Chairmercon

Ms. Janelle Rubio, Project 701 Board Chairperson

The executive staff of Project 701 will discuss projects that address the needs of food insecurity, awareness, and literacy. The projects that individually work with these needs help to improve the quality of life for all those involved. Community partners will be on hand to discuss how the work of our students through these projects have impacted and improved the lives of those around us.

3:00PM - 3:50PM EXPLORING HISTORIC DIVERSITY BY DIGITALLY MAPPING SACRED SPACE

Hubbard Banquet Room Hosted by: Dr. Wendy Soltz, Krieger Visiting Scholar in Religious Studies Arts and Humanities Division

This presentation will first explore a three-year community historic preservation project of a synagogue in Ligonier, Indiana. In this project, Dr. Soltz demonstrates that Jews in the Midwest maintained a delicate balance of blending in, but also retaining their religious beliefs. She further argues that during Ligonier's "heyday" it was quite diverse. Using this project as a spring board last year, Dr. Soltz launched a comprehensive study of Indiana's historic synagogues from 1860-1960. This project reveals many other historic synagogues throughout the State and puts Ligonier into context with the larger phenomenon of religiously diverse, non-urban communities. Dr. Soltz plans to eventually expand this mapping project to Ohio.

4:00PM DISTINGUISHED FACULTY PRESENTATION Where center shoulders

Where center, shoulders, gladness and hunger meet, we find...what? Hubbard Banquet Room

Presented by: Dr. Marian Plant, Professor of Religious & Ministry Studies *Arts and Humanities Division*



We are philosophers and risk-takers, timid as we are brave. We get lost in spite of GPS, in spite of our own best efforts, and in spite of assistance from our friends. We hope upon hope to find our way once again, or at least be found and given our bearings. We voluntarily walk onto all manners of field of battle, knowing full well we will come off bruised and battered physically, mentally, spiritually; and just as voluntarily we go into hiding from uncomfortable decisions and actions we need to make and take. We are all humans. You are invited to explore and consider with Dr. Plant three questions, relevant to who we are individually and communally as humans, and imagine their meanings for you. What is your center? Upon whose shoulders do you stand? Where is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet?

5:00-6:00PM DINNER BREAK

6:00-7:15PM

HONORS CONVOCATION - DIVISIONAL AWARDS

Arts and Humanities *Cultural Arts Center* Business, Education and Social Work *Buchman Board Room* Natural Science, Applied Science and Mathematics *Hubbard Banquet Room*

7:30PM

HONORS CONVOCATION - Schomburg Auditorium

ORAL PRESENTATIONS - SERRICK CENTER HUBBARD BANQUET ROOM (A,B)

9:00-9:30 am (Hubbard B)

Effect of Nucleoid Associate Protein H-NS Knockout on Gene Expression in E.coli Spencer Gray* Faculty Advisor: Dr. Nathan Griggs

9:30-10:00 am (Hubbard B)

Disability in Percy Jackson and the Olympians Camrin Santchi Faculty Advisor: Dr. Todd Comer

10:00-10:30 am (Hubbard B) Urban Gentrification: Is it Inevitable Progress? Damon Sims Faculty Advisor: Dr. Brett Decker

10:00-10:30 am (Hubbard A)

Nutritional Physiology - Analysis of the Low-Carb Diet Chelsey Braunwart* Faculty Advisor: Dr. Alyson Laframboise

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10:30-11:00 am (Hubbard B)

Force Production in Athletes of Differing Height Zachary Johnson*, Garrett Enders* Faculty Advisors - Dr. Timothy Rickabaugh & Professor Paul Schumm

> 10:30-11:00 am (Hubbard A) Student Debt: A Necessary Evil? Brandon Ripke Faculty Advisor: Dr. Brett Decker

11:00-11:30 am (Hubbard A) To Hire or Not to Hire: Measuring How Black

Women's Hair Texture Influences Perception Da'Ja'Nay Askew* Faculty Advisor: Dr. Deborah Dalke

11:30-12:00 pm (Hubbard A) Disability in a Song of Ice and Fire: The "Imp," the "Eunuch" and the Bodily Disfigured Jordan Osborne* Faculty Advisor: Dr. Todd Comer

> 12:00 pm LUNCH BREAK

1:00 pm (Hubbard A) Social Cues in the Digital Media World Kaitlyn Hughes* Faculty Advisor: Dr. Christopher Cwynar

1:30 pm (Hubbard A) The Wave of Millennial Activism and How They are Changing the Sociopolitical Climate of the 21st Century Reeka Edwards* Faculty Advisor: Dr. Christopher Cwynar

2:00 pm (Hubbard A)

"Maximum Ride" Displaying Maximum Disability McKenzie Hall Faculty Advisor: Dr. Todd Comer

2:30 pm (Hubbard A)

The Future of the Church Xavier Blyden Faculty Advisor: Dr. Marian Plant

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POSTER PRESENTATIONS - SERRICK LOBBY

12:00-1:30 pm Motivation: The Foundation of College Student Success Da'Ja'Nay Askew* Faculty Advisor - Professor Lisa Crumit-Hancock

> Eating Disorders in Athletics Michaela Bauer* Faculty Advisor - Dr. Matthew Lundin

The Lost Expedition Justin Bergquist Faculty Advisor - Dr. Jeremy Taylor

Theological Symbolism in Artistic Renditions of the Crucifixion Xavier Blyden Faculty Advisor - Dr. Marian Plant

Social Media: The impacts on Mental and Physical Health Macy Bowling* Faculty Advisor - Professor Alesia Yakos-Brown

How to Use Functional Behavior Assessment in the General Education Classroom Cheyanne Bultman Faculty Advisor - Dr. Rachel Eicher

> Johnson and Johnson Chyanne Cameron* Faculty Advisor - Professor Janet Bragg

Fact or Fiction? MobyMax and myON are Research-Based Christopher Davis* Faculty Advisor - Dr. Fred Coulter

Network Security Nischka Dixon Faculty Advisor - Professor Aaron Napierala

Comparison of Number Systems Hali Geraci* Faculty Advisor - Professor David Stuckey

The Effect of Anemia on Blood Spatter Rebekah Groden* Faculty Advisor - Dr. Nathan Griggs

Mississippi's Sovereignty Commission Nathan Kline Faculty Advisor - Dr. Jeremy Taylor The Challenges of Preventing Recidivism Throughout History Zachary Morris Faculty Advisor - Dr. Jeremy Taylor

Catching Hogs and Other Puzzles of Dudeney and Loyd Jennifer Nashalsky* Faculty Advisor - Professor David Stuckey

How do School Aged Children and Adults with Visual, Hearing, and Orthopedic Disabilities Learn How to Play Baseball/Softball? Jennifer Nashalsky* Faculty Advisor - Dr. JoAnn Burkhardt

> **Effects of Drinks on Your Teeth** Cohen Nies* Faculty Advisor - Dr. Somnath Dutta

> Protest Music of the Vietnam War Kevin O'Neil Faculty Advisor - Dr. Jeremy Taylor

The Italian Mafia and the Success of Organized Crime Bennett Pack Faculty Advisor - Dr. Jeremy Taylor

> **EBP Picot Project** Anthony Righi Faculty Advisor - Professor Cheryl Hinojosa

Storytelling as a Pedagogy in Early Childhood Education Paige Sickmiller* Faculty Advisor - Dr. JoAnn Burkhardt

Nazi Art Theft Cory Sidle* Faculty Advisor - Dr. Don Buerk

Criminal Justice and Storytelling Allison White* Faculty Advisor - Dr. JoAnn Burkhardt

Processional Cross Symbolism Emmalyn Wooley Faculty Advisor - Dr. Marian Plant

Symbolism of the Birth of Jesus Emmalyn Wooley Faculty Advisor - Dr. Marian Plant

About McMASTER SCHOOL FOR ADVANCING HUMANITY

The McMaster School for Advancing Humanity was founded to serve as a focal point for teaching, service, scholarship, and action to improve the human condition worldwide. The mission of the McMaster School is:

- To educate students for responsible citizenship;
- To produce committed global citizens and leaders who understand the importance of individual liberties in improving the human condition worldwide; and
- To encourage graduates to take an active role in addressing these issues in whatever professions they may choose.

The School serves as a catalyst for innovative, interdisciplinary, community-based work by creating and supporting opportunities for teams of faculty, students, and staff to use their academic and professional skills to address a community need.

Goals of the McMASTER SCHOOL FOR ADVANCING HUMANITY

To critically examine the root causes of human suffering through academic and applied research of systemic factors (religious, political, social, educational and/or environmental) that impede human progress;

To give students the knowledge and capacities to be active world citizens and to view themselves as members of the world community;

To contribute actively - through sponsored scholarship and service to the improvement of the human condition worldwide;

To exchange, create and disseminate knowledge about successful role models of active citizenship and public service; and

To create at Defiance College one of the nation's premiere undergraduate educational programs with a focus on scholarship and service, with a special emphasis on developing an innovative approach to teaching.

Advancing Humanity was founded br teaching, service, scholarship, and

About DEFIANCE COLLEGE

Defiance College, founded in 1850, is a private liberal arts college affiliated with the United Church of Christ. Building on a strong foundation of more than a century of educating citizens for lives of leadership and service, Defiance College provides opportunities for its students to make a meaningful impact on society in the twenty-first century with an educational experience of engagement. Defiance's spirit of service through leadership sets us apart.

Defiance College's role as a national and innovative leader in service learning and engagement was recognized by the Corporation for National and Community Service which named Defiance among the top 20 schools in the nation for community service and engagement. This designation was made by naming Defiance College as a Presidential Award Finalist for the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

The Princeton Review features Defiance College in *Colleges with a Conscience: 81 Great Schools with Outstanding Community Involvement*. Defiance is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the National Council of Teacher Education, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, the Council on Social Work Education, the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, and the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education.

As a national leader in the field of service learning and engagement, DC teaches students to take the knowledge they have gained and use it to change lives for the better – in their communities, in their careers, and in the world.

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