



## NEWS from Defiance College

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### **Defiance College receives \$100,000 gift from local alumni**

DEFIANCE, Ohio – Defiance College alumni, Grant Phillips and Megan Barber have recently donated \$100,000 to the College in order to create a new patio area behind Hubbard Hall. With increased enrollment in mind, this gift will serve to further the College’s efforts to reDEFine the future for its students.

“As graduates of DC, Grant and Megan know how important it is for students to have a comfortable, pleasing space to relax with friends and fellow students. Grant Phillips, now a trustee, and Megan Barber, are making an investment into their alma mater as it moves toward a future that will be highlighted by continued innovation, program additions, and new learning opportunities for traditionally aged students as well as graduate and adult students,” said Dr. Richanne C. Mankey, president of Defiance College. “We are grateful for this generous donation from Grant and Megan.”

The current space was designed to be a reading court when the building served as the campus library. Hubbard Hall now houses the offices of Student Life and The Hive, a restaurant and coffee shop on campus. The newly designed patio will provide additional recreation space for students and outdoor dining for The Hive.

Construction of the Phillips Patio will involve removal of the brick wall that divides Hubbard Hall and College Place, expanding the patio area out to the sidewalk. A new handicap-accessible ramp will also be installed, as well as outdoor lighting. Features of the patio will include a natural gas fire pit, outdoor seating, a small performance area, and a hammock forest.

“Megan and I are proud to be alumni of Defiance College, which has provided us with the knowledge and tools that have allowed us to give back through the funding of this incredible new patio,” shared Phillips. “There have been many wonderful changes and additions at Defiance College during the past year, and we appreciate the opportunity to assist in

maintaining that momentum. We look forward to seeing the patio utilized by DC students as a space to socialize and build relationships with their peers, and we are excited for many more positive developments in DC's future."

Chartered in 1850, Defiance College is a non-profit, liberal arts-based institution in Northwest Ohio, offering more than 40 undergraduate programs of study as well as graduate programs in education and business. Defiance College has received national recognition for its educational experience of service and engagement, enhanced by an award winning and unique career readiness program called Jacket Journey to help students learn career skills in and out of the classroom. The college mission has four pillars: To Know, To Understand, To Lead, and To Serve.