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## ALUMNI DIRECTORY

The Defiance College Alumni Directory is in the final stages of information gathering. By now you should have received a postcard from Harris Connect requesting a call to verify that the information they have for your records is 100% accurate. Please do not avoid this step in the process. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Lorie the Alumni office.

## SHAKESPEARE? ITALY?

Visit the website to see two opportunities for joining in some fun. First up is an overnight trip, with DC students and Professor MC Harper, to Stratford, Ontario to be part of the Shakespeare festival and watch a performance of *King Lear*. A quick trip by van will help offer you the ability to see

## From the Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

I am mindful that most new "administrations" have a key marker: The first "Hundred Days." This re-awakening of the STINGER as an active communication tool comes at the end of my first 100 days of work in my position as Director of Alumni and Parent Relations. From Homecoming to regional events, long range planning to deadline driven action, it has been an invigorating pace. In the next months, I want to have the STINGER be a way to communicate the tone of Alumni involvement at Defiance College. In meeting people these last 100 days, I often get quizzed regarding what I believe the role of alumni in Defiance College. Here is a very general summary of those inquiries:



Are we (I am a '73 DC grad) to be vessels for money for projects? Are we to be served with exciting and relevant programming in hopes we will stay connected? Are we consumers of a product, a Homecoming event, a lecture series, a sporting event? Are we to serve more than be served in order to be co-participants in the philosophy of DC which centers around cultural, civic and academic engagement? My answer to these questions is always the same. **Our role as alumni is to be confident that future generations of students receive the same degree of great character and intellectual building education that made our times at DC so important to our lives.**

Yes, as alums, you will receive services and be asked to give service. Yes, you will be asked to think about how you can forward the philosophy of DC as a cultural, civic, and academic leader. Yes, you will be asked to give of your resources and skills. Yes, you will find events and get-togethers that help reestablish bonds of friendship from yesterday and forge new bonds for the future. Yet at the end of it all, our role is to enrich the experience that the students enrolled this fall and every fall in the future will have. Our task (in this role) is to do our part in bringing to bear the resources necessary for them to become vibrant, active, articulate contributors to the world.

I am hoping that you want to be part of building future generations of DC alums and take time to engage in the opportunities that will be presented to you, becoming a true partner in the development of future generations of Defiance College graduates.

Blessings and Peace

Rev. David Plant '73

Director of Alumni & Parent Relations

a little of Ontario, rub shoulders with DC students, and see an incredible performance. Four (4) spaces for alums are still available.

The second is a trip to Italy in summer of '08. Sponsored by faculty member Steve Smith, the trip is a 10 day excursion with a varied and impressive list of stops.

[Click here for further details on both these events.](#)

### LUELLA A. JOOST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The family and friends of Lou Joost have established an endowed scholarship in her name at Defiance College. Lou, who had been the College's receptionist and switchboard operator for the past 39 years, passed away April 20, 2007 in the Defiance Regional Medical Center.

The Luella A. Joost Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to deserving students with financial need who best exemplify the Defiance College spirit. The scholarship may be renewed by the College annually during the recipient's undergraduate education.

Donations to the scholarship may be sent to Defiance College Institutional Advancement Office or [click here to donate on-line.](#)

### RANDY BUCHMAN "A SORROWFUL JOURNEY" BOOK ORDERS

Randy Buchman's new book "A Sorrowful Journey" is now available for pre-publication sale. It is the story of the removal of the Native

## WHAT DO FIREWORKS, HOG ROASTS AND CONCERTS HAVE IN COMMON?



If you answered Homecoming '07 "JAZZ IT UP", then you have previewed the Homecoming information on the web site. On Thursday of Homecoming Week, October 4-7, will be the traditional pep rally, but this year it will end with a community fireworks display. Friday night a Hog Roast for current students, alumni and community members takes place. Saturday's schedule includes the traditional AVD Hall of Fame Breakfast, Pre-Game Festival, Alumni Award Banquet, Fifth Quarter Celebration and an evening concert by a wonderfully energetic band called Recycled Percussion! But that's not all. Click on the link to preview the entire Homecoming weekend and register now to guarantee your space! Oh, did we mention the Beer Tent? This is going to be a great party. Don't miss it.

[Click here to view the entire program and register](#)

### Regional Events begin to Ramp Up



Your Institutional Advancement office (where the Alumni Office is housed) began this last January an ambitious project of developing 28 regional Defiance College Alumni Networks across the U.S. Roughly half our alumni live in Ohio, but the other half are located all over the U.S., and fortunately for us, are concentrated in a number of locales. The first step was to

test out some models for gathering people together ([click the "Regional Gatherings" tab to view previous events.](#)) Over the next two years you will begin to see an ever growing list of events associated with the **DCAN** logo. These events, while planned by a regional network of alums, are open to all. During this first year of development the networks events will be posted on the website, with about 6-8 weeks notice.

On the Calendar right now are:

**September 8:** Columbus Area Alums - Join President Gerald Wood and

Americans from Ohio, as a result of the Removal Act of 1830. The Removal is more than a page in history; it is the transplanting of people and their culture by a forceful government. Uprooted and struggling for survival, the Native Americans lost many aspects of their culture and identity.

The cost is \$22.00 and can be order it by sending a check to *The Hubbard Company*, P O Box 100, Defiance, Ohio 43512 or calling 419-784-4455 or 888-448-2227

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VP Rich Pejeau at "Gordy's" sports bar on Saturday, September 8 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. for our Alumni Pre-Game Event for Defiance College vs. Otterbein Football. Appetizers and beverages will be provided. Afterwards head to the football game, with kick-off at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Abby Reichard at [areichard@defiance.edu](mailto:areichard@defiance.edu) or by phone at 419-783-2316.

**September 15:** Greater Atlanta-area Alums Get Together and Dinner at Manuel's Tavern. The agenda for the evening is to have fun and get to know your neighbor Yellow Jackets. President Jerry Wood and Vice President Rich Pejeau will be on hand to fill you in on the latest news and events from Defiance College. We will have a special treat live from the author's corner: Wade Marbaugh, DC Class of 1971, will discuss his new play, *American Apartheid*, which was staged on August 25th at Historical Ebenezer Baptist Church. Please RSVP to Abby Reichard at [areichard@defiance.edu](mailto:areichard@defiance.edu) or by phone at 419-783-2316.

**October 26/27:** Columbus DCAN Make a Difference Day Event - Will start with a Friday evening potluck at Westerville Community United Church of Christ, hearing from DC students. Saturday's Make a Difference project's with the Columbus "Keep Columbus Beautiful Project" from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**October 28:** Defiance College Make a Difference Event - This year will focus on issues of hunger. There will be a "Hunger Banquet" experiential event at McMaster Center will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. This is a learning experience so come prepared to be surprised.

[Click here to find out more.](#)

## **WE AREN'T GOING TO MAKE YOU CO-DEPENDENT**

We promise not to recap every event available to Defiance College Alumni. There are sports activities, plays, lectures, special speakers, and more. We hope you will go to the alumni website and the Defiance College Home Page to see the full range of offerings. But we plan to highlight the newest and most interesting events around which we will be gathering alumni.

So, if you want to continue receiving the STINGER be sure to go into the alumni web site and check the box. We promise not to bury you in emails.