

# The Stinger

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## **UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS**

**Saturday, Nov. 17**

Greenville, Ohio &  
Surrounding Area  
The Inn at Versailles  
Appetizers and Drinks,  
4-6 pm

## ***A SEASON OF CONNECTIONS***

We have just finished our last major round of regional events before the holiday season. It has been a great time of connectedness for DC alumni near and far from the campus. The upcoming DC magazine will show a map where the alumni gatherings have occurred. In the past two months, 15 regional events, Homecoming, Make-A-Difference Day events, Senior Success Day, Mock Interview Day, Scholarship Day and the Annual Scholarship Dinner have put us in face to face contact with over 700 alumni. Add to that the fact that our Fall Phonathon reached a record number of our alumni in a two-week period, our web site has over 1,600 register alums, and the new alumni directory will be mailed by the end of January. You are in a great position to be connected with one another and your alma mater.

There are many alumni events on the drawing board and we encourage you to pay special attention throughout December and January as we gather momentum. In the meantime, enjoy the pictures of this most recent series of events. Take an extra moment to look up friends from your college years, and encourage them to be part of the alumni website and to reconnect with each other during the holidays.

Rev. Dave Plant  
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

**Saturday, Nov. 17**

Cleveland DC Alumni  
Event  
Flannery's Irish Pub  
Dinner & Beverages  
6-9 pm

**Sunday, Mar. 9**

Toledo, Ohio  
Lion King at the  
Stranahan, 1pm

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

**VIRTUAL JOB FAIR  
OPPORTUNITY  
FOR EMPLOYERS**

Could your company benefit from participating in a Virtual Job Fair? You can find qualified candidates for full-time, part-time or seasonal positions, internships or co-ops, in the comfort and convenience of your office. Contact Lisa Marsalek, DC's Director of Career Development at 1-800- 520- 4632 ext 2366 or e-mail her at [lmarsalek@defiance.edu](mailto:lmarsalek@defiance.edu). Lisa can tell you how your company can put your job openings in front of students from 17 colleges and universities. You may also register online [here](#).

If you would like to recruit our highly qualified and well-educated DC graduates for a specific position, Lisa can assist you with

## ***Make-A-Difference Day Made a Difference***

Close to 200 students, alumni, faculty and staff, and friends of the College came together to participate in DC activities on USA Today's National Make-A-Difference Weekend.

In Columbus, a variety of activities took place. On Friday, DC students met with students at Westerville High School to compare notes on world-wide needs and share information with the high schoolers about the McMaster program's opportunities for service in the U.S. and abroad. On Saturday, students, alumni and friends made a difference at the South Side Settlement, a neighborhood 20 minutes away from the host school.

Back on campus, a Hunger Banquet highlighted the ever-present reality of chronic poverty and homelessness in Ohio and in particular, Defiance County.

The Make-A-Difference weekend events point out simple realities. There are needs to be met in our own back yards as well as in distant places. The great news is that DC has students and alumni that are up to the challenge of addressing these needs.

Whether providing sewing machines to women in Cambodia, conducting scientific research to improve water quality in Belize, collecting resources for the PATH Center to help the homeless in Defiance, or bridging communities in Columbus, DC is truly making a difference. Next year we hope all regional gatherings will make time for their own Make-A-Difference Day events, showing just what a great contribution Defiance College, its students, and its alumni give to their community and their world.

this as well.

## DC TRAVEL

The DC travel event to Stratford, Ontario in September was a great success, with all alumni openings filled. Fifteen spaces are still available on the upcoming trip to Italy in June of 2008. Wouldn't that be a great Christmas gift for you and your spouse? Find out all the details for the Italy trip on the alumni [website](#) or contact Larry Courtney at 800-559-8747 or 419-784-1300.

## PHONATHON COMPLETED

A highly successful Fall Phonathon was just completed, with students reaching over 3,000 of our alumni. The Phonathon was conducted a little differently this year. Many of you who have not previously received a call from the Phonathon may have had the opportunity to speak with a DC student. We hope you took the time to talk with the student caller and find out what's happening on campus. Our alumni made a record number

## A.P.A.R.T. TAKES FIRST STEPS

The Alumni Parent Admissions Recruitment Team (A.P.A.R.T) took its tentative first steps this fall, in a phased program designed to have alumni and parents aid in recruiting students to Defiance College. Admissions counselor Stefan Faerber recruited alumni from a list of prospective candidates generated through the alumni office. The first phase of the program has alumni representing DC at College Fairs when our admissions counselors can't be present.

Phase two will begin during the 2008/09 academic year, and includes having alumni write letters to prospective students who have shown interest in Defiance College. Phase three, to begin in 2009/10, will recruit alumni to host prospective student events and/or mentor prospective students.

Our first alumni volunteers in the program are Jeff Meyer (Cincinnati), Tim Wilde (Toledo), and Julie Steineman (Columbus). Congratulations to Jeff, Tim and Julie for aiding DC in its recruitment efforts and congratulations to Stefan Faerber and the admissions office for using alums in a way that makes a difference.

## WHAT IS AN ALUMNI EXECUTIVE BOARD?

The Alumni Executive Board (AEB) is a group of dedicated DC alumni who meet four times a year to represent alumni interests to the College. This board considers various ways that the College might enhance its relationship with alumni and how alumni might be involved with the college. The AEB receives regular updates from the college administration so that you, as alumni, can be informed about College initiatives. The board also brings requests from alumni to the College so that programs can meet the wide range of needs that you, as alums, have. Sometimes the requests are as simple as a desire for fun: throw a good tailgate party! Sometimes alumni wish to be of service to the College: how can I help with recruiting? Sometimes alumni are seeking continuing education or assistance with job recruitment.

of pledges to the Phonathon this fall, and we say thank you to all who answered when DC called!

The board is in the process of defining its vision and purpose, and will soon be seeking persons interested in participating in its wide-ranging work.

### LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT GIFT?

Your Defiance College bookstore might be the place to look. There is a wide selection of enticing gifts to choose from. For yourself, how about a DC keychain, window decal, or sweatshirt to proudly display your Yellow Jacket pride? Click [here](#) to see what's available or talk to Deb Pizzo at 419-783-2471 for gift ideas.

***Thanks for staying connected with Defiance College***

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## NEED A CATERER?

Local alumni might consider taking the pressure off your entertaining by having SODEXHO - DC Dining Services cater your holiday gatherings. If you have been to one of the many banquets throughout the fall or had the chance to taste Mary's wonderful pastry and desserts, then you are familiar with Sodexho's excellent service. For more information, email [bwright@defiance.edu](mailto:bwright@defiance.edu) or call Becky Wright at 419-783-2488. You can make arrangements to hold your event on campus or have it in a place of your choice.

As a special treat, starting Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sodexho will provide a full brunch buffet every Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Serrick Center Dining Hall. Cost is \$10.99 for adults, 8.99 for seniors (62+) and 5.99 for children (11 and under). The buffet will include breakfast and lunch items, service is immediate with no waiting, and the food is great! (Will be closed on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> for employees to enjoy the holidays with their families, will resume January 6<sup>th</sup>)