

# The Stinger

December 7, 2007

Alumni E-Newsletter

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## UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

**Friday, Dec. 14**

DC Women's Lunch and Holiday Shopping Trip

**Sunday, Jan. 6**

Winter Wonderland Event at Pokagon State Park, IN

**Sunday, Mar. 9**

Toledo, Ohio  
Lion King at the Stranahan, 1

## YOUR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT STAFF WISHES YOU A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON

Living in the midst of a multi-cultural college environment, holiday greetings like Shalom, Feliz Navidad, Merry Christmas, Joyous Noel and Happy New Year ring over the DC campus, and we extend these greetings to you as well. We thank you for the privilege of serving you, and for your service to Defiance College. During this time of celebration, we send our best wishes to you and your family, and we hope that you will always be comfortable calling on the Institutional Advancement staff at any time we can assist you.

With Cindy Shaffer, Director of Planned Giving returning from her three-month leave to serve in Belize, the Institutional Advancement Department will be fully staffed and looking forward to what is sure to be an outstanding year.



Marcia



Rich



Michele

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with Reception following for all  
DC Alumni

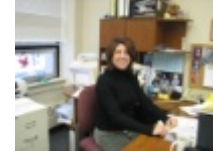
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Abby



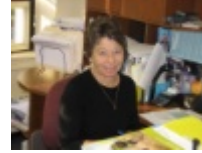
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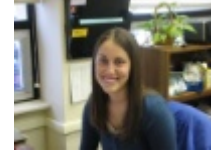
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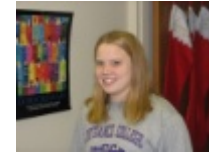
Sue



Student - Kacey



Student - Brenda



Student - Marie

## DC TRAVEL

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  
1-800-559-8747 or  
419-784-1300.

## 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  
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## WHEN IS AN ALUMNI REGION NOT A REGION?

Answer: Only when a group of alumni haven't yet had  
the opportunity to get together!

Planning has begun for regional events from January  
through June. As our scope of events increases for an  
ever-widening audience, we know there are areas that  
may have alumni who might want to hold an event, but  
who haven't shown up on our radar.

You can help by letting us know if you would like to  
participate in a regional event. You can also assist by  
serving as our local contact. In this capacity, you can  
help us find the perfect place for an event and make  
contact with other local DC alums.

Check the soon-to-arrive DC Magazine for a listing of  
events, and then go to the alumni web page for event  
specifics. If you don't see an alumni activity planned in  
your area, give the alumni office a call at 1-800-520-  
4632, ext. 2316. We'll work with you to make one  
happen in your area.

You can also visit the alumni [website](#) to send us an e-

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 this as well.

### 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.

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### ATTEND SPECIAL EVENTS ON CAMPUS

Always a December favorite, the performance of the **Messiah** at St. John UCC on campus will take place on Sunday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m. Members of the orchestra and the 100-voice choir come from as far away as Toledo and Fort Wayne.

Athletics are always a great diversion as we head into winter and there are **men's and women's basketball** games at home on December 29 and 30, and January 5, and Dec. 14, 15, 17 and Jan. 2, respectively. Visit the DC [Athletics](#) page to view both home and away schedules for the basketball teams. If you are in Florida on the 18th or 19th of December, the men are in Orlando at the RDV Sportsplex, 8701 Maitland Summit Blvd. Orlando, FL 32810. Game times are 5:00 p.m.

There are always more events than can be listed in any STINGER so be sure to go to the [calendar](#) on the [DC webpage](#) for all campus events.

### AUTHOR, AUTHOR

Our most recent alum to enter the ranks of published authors is **Mike Burke**, Class of '74 and part-time professor at DC. Mike's new book, *...and if Duffy should appear...* is a wonderful story of growing up Catholic and athletic in Lorain. His book will be available at the DC book store starting Monday, December 11. A great article on Mike and his book appeared in the local newspaper, [The Crescent News](#), on Wednesday, December 5.

This last year you will note that DC announced three other book publishings. **Randy Buchman** announced his book *A Sorrowful Journey* this past summer. **Dick Small** released his book *I Served My Time In Hell*, at the beginning of the year, and student **Kaitlin Studer** published her book, *Leaving Wild*, this fall. If you are interested in knowing more about any of these books, email the authors at the following addresses for information:

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## 10 ALUMS AT UCC GREAT LAKE ASSOCIATION EVENT

Do Defiance College graduates "Make a Difference?" If you looked at the annual get-together of the Great Lakes Association of United Church Educators, you would note seven DC alumni, two current students, and one future Yellow Jacket presented as part of this annual event.

They led seminars, participated in plenary leadership, and one, Dr. Marian R. (Handley) Plant '73 received an award. Marian was given the UCC Robert L. Johnston Citation for Excellence in the Ministry of Church Education, being recognized by her peers for leadership and contributions to furthering the work of Christian Education. Marian is on staff at DC as the Schaufler Chair of Religion and Christian Education. Prior to joining the faculty at DC, she served as a local church pastor and specialist in Christian Education for 20 years before beginning her work in the academy setting of higher education.

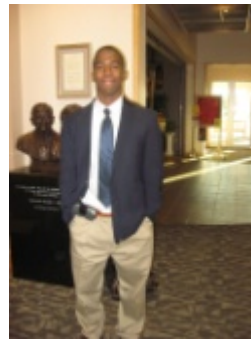


Of the seven recipients to date, three are from the Schaufler Program of Defiance College: Frannie Millward is a graduate of the original Schaufler College in Cleveland, OH; Richard A. Howard (deceased) was Professor of Christian Education and the first Coordinator of the Design for Leadership at Defiance College; and Dr. Plant.

## ALUMNI, CAREER DEVELOPMENT, AND CENTER FOR ADULT PROGRAMMING HOLD THREE PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

Three DC departments have joined forces to provide career-building programs for soon-to-be graduates.

The first event was held in November, Senior Success Day. Presentations on Networking, Resume Building, Finances and Debt Management were presented to seniors. Alumni also participated by sharing lunch and wisdom with students preparing to enter their job searches.



The second event was a Networking reception. Pete Lundberg, DC alumnus and owner of Charlie's Down Under, gave tips on etiquette needed for networking events: from how to handle a glass, dish, napkin and utensil while keeping a hand free for greeting others, to how to wear a name tag. Roughly 20 students and 17 business leaders and alumni gathered for this learning experience.



The last event was a Countdown to Commencement party for this December's 40 graduates, who are evenly split between traditional and non-traditional students. While enjoying pizza and cake, DC faculty and staff conversed with the graduating seniors, encouraging them to keep in

touch with DC and to utilize the services of these three departments.

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## **BOUNTIFUL BRUNCH BEGINS**

The DC food service has begun a wonderful Brunch service on Sundays from 10-1 p.m. You can click [here](#) to find out all the details regarding costs. Those who have already experienced it said it is truly bountiful and has offerings that will delight every palette.

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## **CHECKING YOUR LIST? DON'T FORGET DC!**

December is a great time to make your annual contribution to Defiance College. Your tax deductible gift of cash or appreciated securities will help provide the margin of excellence found in a DC education, benefiting scholarships, academic programming, undergraduate research opportunities and technology.

Michele Tinker, Director of Annual Giving, reports that more and more alumni are utilizing the on-line giving feature on the DC website - simply go to [Give to DC](#), point, click and give. You'll receive a gift acknowledgement by mail, which, in addition to expressing our appreciation on behalf of the DC students, will provide a receipt for your records.