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Dear Friends,

In the month of January, you did an extraordinary thing. Alumni website members set a record with over 2,200 members logging on to the website.

Your stories and pictures are wonderful. They tell of births and marriages. They tell of your lives in Colorado and Pennsylvania, Ohio and North Carolina, Florida and Minnesota. They tell of your lives at work and at play. They tell of your homes and your family events, and they give snapshots of your connectedness to DC. You set a record.... over 2,200 touches with us and with each other. One-fifth of our active alumni base said hello. Two-thirds of our known email addresses and the special people behind them said yes to staying in touch. Remarkable!

We hope you keep saying hello. Say it through the alumni website. Say it by being part of the regional events listed below and those that are being added each week. Say it by taking up the invitation to come to a campus event if you live close by or by being sure to come home to DC for a reunion, an athletic event, or Homecoming.

As I come up on the end of my first year with you as the Director of Alumni Relations, I can honestly say that your response to the opportunities to stay connected are exciting. They are signs that DC has made a difference in your lives and that you are living examples of how DC is making a difference in the lives of those you touch. In the end, that is what it is about. Being there for each other, staying in touch with one another, finding ways to be supportive of each other. May 2008 find all of us attempting even bolder ways of being together so that future DC students will understand the true worth of the bond that binds us



February 29 - March 6

Fountain Hill, AZ

March 5

Toledo, OH

March 9

Lucas County

March 9

Akron, OH

March 13

Defiance, OH

March 27

Southern, MI

April 3

**McMaster
Symposium
DC Campus**

April 9-11

Southeast, MI

April 18-19

Rochester, MI

April 20

**Commencement
&
Golden Reunion
Weekend**

May 3-4

AVD Golf Outing

June 28

Pokagon State Park

July 20

**Homecoming
Weekend**

(Save the date
details to follow)

October 2-5

as alumni.

Sincerely Yours,

Rev. Dave Plant '73

Director of Alumni & Parent Relations

Defiance College & Northwest State to partner on new Nursing Program

An innovative partnership between Defiance College and Northwest State Community College will seek to address a critical need for nurses in the region. The joint announcement was made February 5, 2008 by the presidents of both schools.

The collaboration of public and private colleges will provide a unique program offering a bachelor's degree in nursing. In partnership with Northwest State, Defiance College will offer a bachelor of science in nursing in a four-year format for students with no prior college experience. Area hospitals are supporting the 1+2+1 nursing program in helping to fund nursing students.

The BSN program will offer expanded career options for persons in the nursing field by combining the technical aspects of nursing with leadership skills necessary to lead in today's dynamic health care environments.

Students will take their first year at Defiance College, their second and third years at Northwest State, and then return to Defiance for their fourth and final year.

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Defiance College receives President's Honor Roll Award for Service

School Honored for Distinguished Community Service

DC Offering Spring Graduate Workshops For Local Educators

Defiance College will offer six spring education workshops as part of its Professional Enrichment and Renewal Classes (PERC). The PERC program gives busy educators the opportunity to earn continuing education hours, master's credit, or licensure/certificate renewal credits. The convenient weekend schedules offer participants the opportunity to earn credits in a short timeframe; each workshop earning the participant one credit-hour.

The workshops comply with the guidelines of No Child Left Behind requirements for quality professional development for educators. These graduate-level classes fit within recommended content. With approval of their instructor, participants can register for one additional credit hour.

All workshops are held Fridays from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Workshops include: Feb. 1-2, Everyday Math: Infusing Math with Examples from the Everyday, taught by Dr. Stacy Elsasser; Feb. 15-16, Family/School Relationships, taught by Dr. Fred Coulter; March 28-29, Critical Issues in Youth Sport and Physical Education, taught by Professor Matt Lydum; March 28-29, History and Conservation of Ohio Forests, for the Regular Classroom Teacher, taught by Bill Grimes; April 11-12, Bravo! How What You Can Do Right Can Be the Key to Student Achievement, taught by Dr. Stacy Elsasser; April 25-26, Teaching for Social Responsibility: Pedagogy That Works, taught by Dr. Sandra Golden.

For more information or to

The Corporation for National and Community Service has named Defiance College to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll With Distinction for the second year in a row. Defiance was recognized for exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth.

"We have again been honored by the recognition of those colleges and universities who are national leaders engaging our students in working for their communities," said Defiance College president Dr. Gerald Wood. "To be on the President's Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction is another outside recognition of what this college is doing. What makes this most significant is that we are doing what we say we do."

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovativeness of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

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Alumni Varsity 'D'

Coach of the Year

&

Honorary Letterman

After reviewing many nominations, the Alumni Varsity 'D' recently selected Sue (Lauth) Grothuase '88 as this year's recipient of the Coach of the Year award and Rod Martin as the recipient of the Honorary Letterman award. If you would like to nominate a fellow

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alumnus for the Coach of the Year or Honorary Letterman award, please submit their names to Lorie at the Alumni Office.



Coach of Year
Sue Grothouse '88



Honorary Letterman
Rod Martin



One of the fun things that the college's Institutional Advancement Office does annually is recognize DC alumni couples on Valentine's Day. We know there are a large number of alumni who tied the knot with the love of their life that they met here on campus, and we think that deserves acknowledgement. So for the past several years, we have sent valentines to these DC couples to remind them of the important

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part Defiance College played in their lives (in case they could forget!) and to wish them well.

We mail to those couples who are both graduates of Defiance College, and with whom we have had recent contact. If you and your spouse are a DC couple, and did not receive your valentine, drop us a note or give us a call, and we'll be sure to include you on our DC Couples Valentine List for next year.

DC Website Survey

The marketing department has finished the first phase of major revisions to our main webpage. Now that you have all had an opportunity to navigate through the site, we would like to get your feedback on the changes and enhancements that were made before we make additional updates. Please take a moment to complete this survey by Thursday, February 14th.

DC Website Survey

<http://www.defiance.edu/websitefeedback.html>

We appreciate your feedback. Thank you!
