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DCAN EVENTS

[New York City](#)
February 26-27

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April 3

Dear Friends,

With the first orientation for incoming freshman scheduled for April 21, the alumni office will begin sharing with students the impact alumni can have in their lives. The alumni office is developing initiatives which begin when the students first enter DC and will continue until the students move into their alumni years.

One example of such an alumni-student initiative is a partnership with DC's career services and our alumni to create internships, job shadowing experience and co-op opportunities for students. Plans also include compiling a register of individuals who can share information with students about a chosen profession or a location.

With many activities planned for the integration of students into the alumni circle of relationships, the alumni office is often in need of give-away items suitable for drawings and prizes at student events. Do you or does your company have items to donate for this purpose? Marketing or promotional items or overstock items would be greatly appreciated. We'll take large quantities or single items. Please feel free to contact Lorie Rath if you believe you have suitable donations. May 4th is commencement at Defiance College, and the alumni office is very much involved in helping our students make this important transition. Our office works closely with the graduates, assisting the process and reminding them that their connection to the college will continue.

The continued growth of the regional Defiance College Alumni Network (DCAN) gatherings means that our new graduates will have a place to meet up with friendly faces, as they move into new communities. Please join me in congratulating the Class of 2008 on their accomplishments, and welcoming them to the ranks of DC



**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

**GOLDEN
REUNION**

The [Golden Reunion](#) information was mailed out several weeks ago. If you did not receive this, please contact Lorie Rath at 419-783-2307, lrath@defiance.edu.

FOOTBALL
SCRAMBLE FOR

alumni!

Rev. Dave Plant '73

Director of Alumni & Parent Relations

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR UPDATE

During the last ten years three significant changes have been made. First, three years ago, Defiance College began a Criminal Justice track of the Master of Business and Organizational Leadership Program (MBOL). The MBOL has officially been updated to the traditional MBA Program. The first group of graduates will finish this program this spring, and the next group is beginning this year. This program provides its graduates for careers in the criminal justice field, but particularly prepares them for supervisory positions in this field. The undergraduate Criminal Justice Major continues to thrive. Multiple contacts continue to assist the program with experiences for our criminal justice students. We are continuing to host many professional workshops on campus in both criminal justice and computer forensics, and our students have many opportunities to have contact with professionals in the field through workshops, visits, internships, spring trips and more.

About seven years ago the criminal justice faculty worked with the natural science faculty to create a Forensic Science Major. In addition to the discussion among faculty in both divisions, consultation was sought from several crime labs in the Midwest. Today the Forensic Science Major is made up of 85 semester credit hours, 58 hours of natural science, 12 hours of criminal justice, 6 hours in Forensic Science, and the final 9 hours in Math, Statistics, and Information Technology. This academic major prepares students for graduate programs in forensic science and for some entry level jobs in crime labs. Students who have completed this major have been successful in moving on to the next step in their chosen career. More information about the Forensic Science Major is on our Website. Six professors are listed on that site.

Finally, four years ago the criminal justice faculty working with a Computer Forensics Task Force created a new Computer Forensics Major. These students will be prepared to work with the investigation of computer and hi-tech crime. Ongoing communication has become necessary with local and national professionals in the computer forensics field to help develop the appropriate certification and job possibilities for the graduates of

ALUMNI,
PARENTS, AND
PLAYERS

The Defiance College Football program is holding its annual golf scramble at a unique time this year. It will be held during commencement weekend, Saturday May 3. If you would like to be part of this event, [please register here](#).

this program. This is the third year of the program. Dr. Gregg Gunsch was a great find and is the Director of this new Computer Forensics Program.

I encourage you to consider enrolling in our Criminal Justice Track of the MBA Program at Defiance College. Please also let others know, and contact myself dknueve@defiance.edu , Sally Bissell sbissell@defiance.edu , or Sue Wajert swajert@defiance.edu if anyone is interested.

Finally, Professor Sondergaard and I are interested in what you are doing now. Send us an email. Professor Steve Sondergaard, ssondergaard@defiance.edu.

Lost and Found Department

DOES ANYONE KNOW THE STORY ABOUT THE SPACE SHUTTLE DISCOVERY FRAMED PICTURES?

In 1995, the DC pennant was flown aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery along with the state flag. Our VP of Student Engagement and Dean of Students Ken Wetstein has the framed pictures in his office to prove it. At the moment, no one at DC seems to know the history of the photos. If anyone can provide information on this event, please contact Alumni office.

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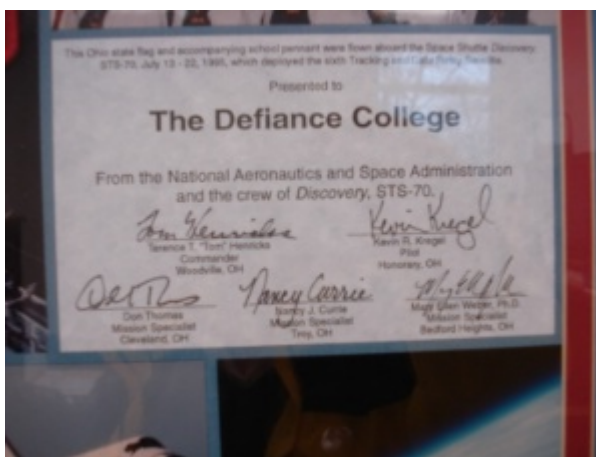
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ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHEOLOGY LABS?

Do you have memories about the anthropology and archeology labs? There has been a request for your memories about the labs and any pictures you might have. Please contact the Alumni office if you have anything to share.

Alumni Varsity 'D' NEWS

Are you a Member of AVD?

Members of the AVD board will be calling in May to ask you to join the Alumni Varsity 'D' in order to conclude the 07/08 appeal. The money raised by membership dues this fiscal year will help

refurbish the Weaner and McMaster Gym floors this summer in preparation for the new 3 point line in men's basketball, completely stripping, re-painting, and refinishing them.

Other special additions to the Weaner/McMaster Complex are planned, so those alumni returning for the next indoor sports seasons will be in for a real eye-opening treat.

***AVD YELLOW JACKET CLASSIC NEW DATE: SATURDAY
JUNE 28***

Mark you calendar now; Tee off at 8:00 a.m. for this annual event on June 28 at Kettenring Country Club in Defiance.

Along with the usual registration costs, 50/50 raffle, mulligans, this year will included an auction, a putting contest, and a special play 'with the pro opportunity', all to benefit athletics at DC.

Registration forms will be in the mail and posted on the Alumni Web site April 16. But for now, save the date and begin making your travel plans.

DC Alumna To Carry Olympic Torch

Bonnie (Bundy) Bobbitt '69 was chosen to serve as an "Ambassador of Active Living" torchbearer. She was selected "based on her dedication to living and promoting an active lifestyle to make a positive, sustainable difference in her local community". Way to go Bonnie!

Read the complete article on [The Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) or [The Crescent News](#)

DID YOU SEE THE NEWS ABOUT OUR NEW **NURSING PROGRAM** and our **NEW MBA PROGRAM**? Click on these links to find out more.