

# CLASS NOTES



**Dr. William Busteed '50** and **Joann Busteed '66** celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Dec. 26, 2013. The couple reside in Defiance and have four children and one granddaughter.

**Carolyn Scherer Belden '63** and Robert Belden celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 7, 2014. The Beldens reside in Defiance.

**Jan (Wiechers) Hockman '68** has retired after 32 years of teaching. Jan and husband, Bernie, have moved to Athens, Ga, where their daughter, Emily, and three grandchildren reside. The Hockmans also have a son, Andrew, in Minneapolis.

**John Boesling '69** and his wife, Evelyn, celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Nov. 23, 2013. The Boeslings reside in Defiance. John is retired from his position as senior vice president and corporate secretary at First Federal.

**Jim Jackson '72** recently retired from Edward Jones Investments after serving the community of Fremont, Ohio, for 32 years. Jim is being inducted into the Fremont Ross High School Hall of Fame this spring for his part in the Fremont Area Foundation's building of an eight-lane pool, seven classrooms, a football stadium, wrestling practice facility, two baseball fields and six tennis courts for the school, all with private donations. He plans to pursue a second career as a docent at the President Rutherford B. Hayes Museum, an interest he attributes to his former professor, Randy Buchman. Jim and his wife, Cindy, reside in Fremont and have three sons and two grandsons.

The United Methodist Church of Garrettsville, Ohio, received a grant of \$35,000 from the Lilly Foundation Endowment to enable its minister, **Rev. Kristen Patt '86**, to participate in a National Clergy Renewal Program. Rev. Patt's sabbatical will include a trip to Israel with a special visit to Petra, and a visit to the Redemptive Center of Contemplation in Tucson, Ariz. She will also go to Brazil, where she will work with children who live in the Recife Dump. Upon her return, Patt will present programs on what she has learned and accomplished during this time.

**The Rev. Ryan Henderson '97** is now associate conference minister of youth, young adults and emerging ministries at the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ. Ryan resides in Quakertown, Pa.

**Charlene Lee '97** was appointed to the position of Fulton County treasurer in December. Charlene resides in Pettisville, Ohio, with her husband and daughter.

**Josh Lacumsky '98** and his wife, Jayme, announce the birth of their son, Byrson Steven, on Sept. 27, 2013. Byrson was welcomed home by his big sister, 2½ year old Madilynn. The Lacumskys live in Maumee, Ohio.

Coach **Frank Kill '02** led his Lima, Ohio, Central Catholic High School Thunderbirds to a Division III state basketball championship on March 22. It was 17 years to the day that Frank was the tournament MVP on the 1997 Lincolnview High School team that won the Division IV state title. Frank was a driving force for the Yellow Jackets during his college career and is a member of DC's 1,000 Point Club. Frank and his wife, Kris, reside in Lima.

**Jeremy Ball '04**, manager of corporate philanthropy at Big Lots Inc., has been named to the board of directors of the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio, an organization that provides free furniture to area families struggling with poverty and other life challenges. In his position with Big Lots, Jeremy has been very involved with the Furniture Bank and oversees BIGHearts, an annual fundraising event which has raised more than \$5 million for the Furniture Bank over the past seven years. Jeremy resides in Columbus, where he is active in the community, including the City Year Columbus Advisory Board.



**Michael Moorman '04** and **Jayne (Zehringer) Moorman '04** announce the birth of their second child, Madsen Anthony, on Nov. 30, 2013. Madsen was welcomed home by his 2 ½ year old brother, Maddox. The Moormans reside in Coldwater, Mich. Jayme is a loan officer at Dynamic Federal Credit Union, and Mike is co-owner of McSober's Saloon along with fellow DC alumnus, **Trent Boeckman '03**.

**Jeremy Deken '05** and his wife, Diana, welcomed a baby boy to their family on Nov. 11, 2013. Asher Robert Deken weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. The Dekens live in Continental, Ohio.

**Eric Nicely '06** of Defiance was sworn in as a patrolman on the Defiance Police Department in December.

**Rachel Baker '08** is employed as marketing strategy specialist with the Department of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering at Penn State, and resides in State College, Pa.

**Carrie Cleland Bussing '08** is employed as a first grade teacher at Edgerton Local Schools. Bussing received her Master of Education degree in Special Education in August 2013. She resides in Hicksville, Ohio, with her husband, David.

**Hans Vetter '08** and **Abby Kolodziejczk Vetter '06** of Defiance announce the birth of their second son, Hayden Timothy, on Feb. 4, 2014. He was welcomed home by big brother, Hansie.



**Rachel Flad '10** of Canal Winchester, Ohio, is the channel coordinator for the Sterilization Monitoring Service at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry.

**Elizabeth Dickman '11** is now employed by the Richland County (South Carolina) Sheriff's Department as Emergency Protective Custody Coordinator. She works with other deputies in emergency protective custody situations by contacting social services, responding to the scene, transporting children and following cases through the courts. To this end, she is currently assigned to the Victims Services Division of the Sheriff's Department, located in Columbia, S.C. Elizabeth received her master's degree in social work from the University of South Carolina after graduating from DC.

**Jared Orzolek '11** was elected to a four-year term on the Defiance City Council. Orzolek had been previously appointed to fill a position vacated by another DC alumnus, **Darrell Handy '96**, who served on council for several years.

**Brian McDowell '13** of Defiance was recently recognized for saving an elderly man who collapsed in the snow this winter. McDowell, a UPS delivery driver, was honored with two awards, the Liberty Mutual Lifesaver Award and the UPS Lifesaver Award, for taking action on Jan. 21, rescuing a man who had fallen and injured his back outside his rural home. He waited for help for more than two hours before being discovered by McDowell.



## Needing a break from studying for exams,

this group of DC women began a tradition during their freshman year of visiting Santa. They weren't able to get together their first two years after graduation but have since made it a point to reconnect each winter for the Annual DC Girls' Christmas Reunion. This December marked their 10th visit with Saint Nick. It's hard to plan a weekend that works for everyone, but there are usually eight or nine alumnae who are able to attend. They come from places like Utica, Mich. and Springboro, Ohio, and Spring Hills, Fla. Pictured are, from left: top, Abby Kolodziejczyk Vetter and Amanda Wolfe White, middle, Kandice Hosko, Nicole Carter, Amanda Betzing and Katie Klear Dize; bottom, Nicole Smith Berg and Brianna Bolinger Dombusch. All are from the class of 2006.

## DEATHS

Delona Harmon Conkright Koithahn '48  
Sept. 30, 2013 - Breinigsville, Penn.

Donald Karr '50  
Jan. 31, 2014 - Defiance, Ohio

Edwin "Ted" Redlich '50  
March 4, 2014 - Hawley, Pa.

Jack E. Slagle '51  
January 23, 2014 - Liberty Center, Ohio

Yvonne Feurer Harris '53  
Jan. 13, 2014 - Defiance, Ohio

Marjorie Enyart Treece '57  
December 22, 2013 - Ayersville, Ohio

Helen Riehle '58  
Feb. 11, 2014 - Edgerton, Ohio

Robert H. Boyle '61  
Jan. 5, 2014 - Decatur, Ind.

Ruth Ann Steffel Burkhart '61  
Jan. 18, 2014 - Defiance, Ohio

James H. Masonbrink '63  
Feb. 28, 2014 -- Vandalia, Ohio

Joseph Furko Jr. '65  
March 13, 2014 -- Canadohta Lake, Pa.

Mary Judith (Judy) Brown-Popowski '65  
September 30, 2013 - Columbus, Ohio

Caren Bridges Dean '67  
March 6, 2014 - Olmsted Falls, Ohio

Theresa Frank '70  
February 18, 2014 -- Defiance, Ohio

Janet McSherry Morton '70  
March 30, 2014 - Bradenton, Fla.

Beverly Mansfield Rettig '71  
Feb. 4, 2014 -- Arvada, Col.

Mary Jones Steyer '79  
Jan. 28, 2014 - Defiance, Ohio

Roberta M. Cole '83  
Jan. 26, 2014 - Defiance, Ohio

Jerry Foust '94  
Jan. 2, 2014 - Cecil, Ohio

# Award Nominations

Each year Defiance College recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers and their communities. Awards are also given to alumni for outstanding athletic achievement while at DC and those who have outstanding seasons as high school or college coaches at the varsity level. If you would like to nominate someone for any of these honors, fill out the form below and mail it to the Defiance College Alumni Office, 701 N. Clinton St., Defiance, OH 43512.

**ALUMNI CITATION FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

This award is presented annually to recognize Defiance College alumni who have contributed in significant ways to the world of scholarship and/or teaching during their years since graduation.

**ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

This award is presented annually to recognize Defiance College alumni for outstanding achievements in their chosen fields of endeavor, for exemplary service to their communities and society, and for loyalty to and support of Defiance College and the DC Alumni Association.

**YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Recognizing the achievements of young alumni whose lives exemplify high principles and who are outstanding leaders in their professions and their communities, bringing honor to Defiance College and demonstrating promise of further distinction. (*alumni who have graduated within 10 years*)

**HALL OF FAME** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

The Athletic Hall of Fame, sponsored by the Alumni Varsity D Club, recognizes DC alumni for outstanding athletic achievement while enrolled at the Defiance College, their accomplishments after graduation, and a continuing interest in the development of Defiance College.

**COACH OF THE YEAR** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

The candidate must be a graduate of Defiance College and be a varsity coach at the High School or College level. The candidate's team must have had an outstanding season. Additional post-season advancement and/or honors will be considered. He or she will be judged on current or previous season's record. This is not a reflection of their cumulative coaching record. Exemplary citizenship, character, and service will be considered.

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## Keep in Touch

We'd like to know about your new job, recent marriage, new member of the family, new address, or other happenings in your life. For photos, please send those of Defiance College people only, identify everyone, and label the back with your name and address. If you are moving, please send this form in with your new address.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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Alumni Office,  
Defiance College,  
701 N. Clinton St.,  
Defiance, OH 43512,  
or email your news to:  
[alumni@defiance.edu](mailto:alumni@defiance.edu).

This summer, wherever you go...

# TAKE FLAT BUZZ ALONG!!

CUT ME OUT AND TAKE ME ALONG!



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## NEW

DC ALUMNI WEBSITE!

[alumni.defiance.edu](http://alumni.defiance.edu)

The new DC Alumni Online Community is easy to join and fun to belong. At [alumni.defiance.edu](http://alumni.defiance.edu), you can:

Post your latest photos and news

Reconnect with classmates & friends

Get the latest campus news

Make your annual gift online securely

Register for Homecoming and events

Enjoy features like Alumni Spotlight, Photo of the Week, Trending at DC and Flat Buzz's travel photos.

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*DC students circa 1972*

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