



INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS

Defiance College offers incoming full-time freshmen a unique opportunity through its DC Global program to get a guaranteed international experience in their junior or senior years. But what many people don't realize is that DC students are also benefiting from exposure to international experts as soon as students set foot on campus, as more and more Defiance College classes use technology to link students with networks and expertise around the globe.

"We are pleased that with today's technology we can now pipe experts from around the world into our classrooms on a regular basis," said Defiance College president Mark C. Gordon. "This is another way in which our students at Defiance College get all the benefits of a small college with a world of opportunities at the same time."

For example, students in classes taught by Elcin Haskollar, assistant professor and director of Global Studies, are hearing directly from expert international speakers while sitting in their DC classroom. Students are learning and engaging in discussions on topics such as the Arab Spring, terrorism, human trafficking, and refugees and resettlement.

According to Haskollar, being able to incorporate international speakers and their personal experiences into her classroom meshes well with the College's vision by bridging theory with practice.

Classes that feature speakers range from an introductory course to an upper-level seminar. Introduction to International and Global Studies gives an overview of the social, political, economic and cultural forces that have created global connections among people and regions of the world and how these connections shape domestic politics and policy. The Seminar in International and



Professor Binneh Minteh spoke to the class about his experiences as a refugee from Gambia.

Global Studies examines current hotspots and conflicts around the world with the goal of providing a global understanding of issues confronting the world's policy makers and populations.

Speaking to the Introduction to IGS class was Kira Jumet from Cairo, Egypt, who is a Boren Fellow and doctoral researcher at Rutgers University. She addressed the topic "Social Networking and Traditional Media: Socio-Political Mobilization and Youth Revolt in Egypt."

Also speaking was Envera Selimovic who is the representative of the United Nations Department of Information to Baku, Azerbaijan. She talked about issues currently facing Azerbaijan, the role of international organizations, and her experiences as a journalist in Bosnia.

Seminar in International and Global Studies students heard from four different speakers.

Michael F. Toomey, a native of Ireland, is a visiting scholar at Central European University in Budapest, Hungary. He discussed "Right-Wing Extremism and Terrorism."

The myths and realities of sex trafficking in Thailand was examined by Natalie Jesionka, a reporter and human rights activist. She is a former Fulbright Fellow in Thailand.

Binneh Minteh, a refugee from Gambia, discussed refugees and the challenges of resettlement. He is currently a professor at New Jersey City University.

Also speaking was former Fulbright Fellow Elena Lesley Rozen, editor at Tunisia Live, the only English newspaper in Tunisia. She talked about Tunisia and the Arab Spring.

The Global Studies major at Defiance College offers students an interdisciplinary program that examines the world from multiple perspectives and enables them to compete successfully for careers in the international arena. Its interdisciplinary curriculum links history, sociology, geography, non-western literature, intercultural communications, management, economics, and natural science. ◆

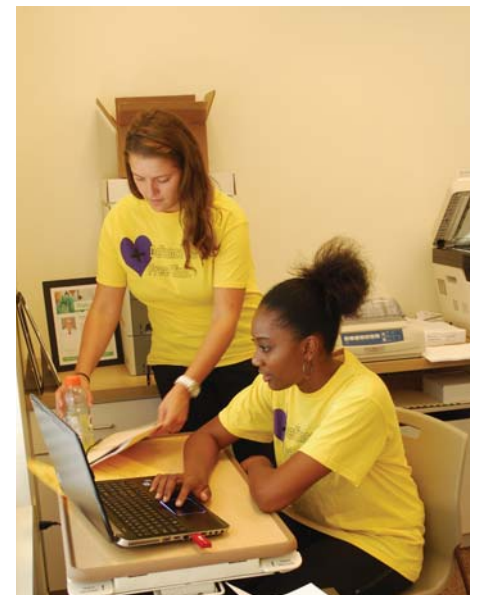


DC CARES FREE CLINIC CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARY

Defiance College students and community partners are celebrating the second anniversary of the DC Cares Free Clinic. The successful partnership between Defiance College, ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital, Mercy Hospital of Defiance, and Mercy Clinic has enabled the clinic to serve more than 250 patients since it opened in 2011.

Under the initiative, ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital, Mercy Hospital of Defiance and Mercy Clinic provide physicians, nurses, equipment and medical expertise to jointly host and operate the primary health care clinic. Defiance College students, working through DC's student-run non-profit, Project 701, welcome patients, assist medical professionals in recording patients' income eligibility and medical histories, offer referral information for additional community services, and coordinate marketing and outreach.

The clinic is held on the third Saturday of every month, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Defiance County residents who are uninsured or otherwise in need of medical care are eligible for medical services at the Medical Office located in North Pointe Commons, 1018 Ralston Ave., Suite 102, in Defiance.



In top photo, Dr. Tricia VanDehey and registered nurse Deb Bowers talk with students at a recent DC Cares free clinic.

In bottom photo, students Kirsten Frissora and Cheryl-Ann Francis staff the office during a fall clinic.