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FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Promotions, awards, presentations, invitations, and seminars



MATT LYDUM, Assistant Professor of Education, received the Fred Wilt Award for Coaching Education presented recently by USA Track and Field at its annual meeting held in Virginia Beach.

The award is given to outstanding national leaders in the training of coaches. Lydum is director of the Instructor Training Course, the program that certifies new instructors for the Level 1 program. In 2010, he served as school director for the USATF Level 2 Youth Program and taught a number of Level 1 Schools throughout the country. In 2008, Lydum was project writer for the Human Kinetics text *Coaching Youth Track and Field*.



DR. DOUG KANE, Assistant Professor of Biology, presented on service-learning dealing with the Maumee River at the 54th Association of College and University Biology Educators (ACUBE) conference at Lourdes College in Sylvania. His presentation was titled "Making the Maumee River GLISTEN: Undergraduate Service Learning through Water Quality Monitoring at



Defiance College" and included co-authors Associate Professor of Biology **DR. SPIRO MAVROIDIS**, Biology undergraduate student Jessica Maxcy, and Sister Marya Czech, Assistant Professor of Biology at Lourdes College. For more information on the conference and the association please

visit <http://acube.org/>. Professors Mavroidis and Kane were featured in an article in *The (Defiance) Crescent-News* about a service-learning project they are working on dealing with Great Lakes' water quality. A number of classes and several student liaisons (Jessica Maxcy (Biology major) and Phoenix Golnick (Restoration Ecology major) have also been an important part of the GLISTEN (Great Lakes Stewardship Through Education Network) project that links colleges and universities with community groups.



DR. SOMNATH DUTTA, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, volunteered his time to perform demonstrations for young scientists at an event hosted by the American Chemical Society (ACS), the largest scientific organization in the world. ACS celebrated National Chemistry Week, Oct 23, at Imagination Station in downtown Toledo. The event was hosted by the Toledo section of ACS. Dr. Dutta demonstrated "Polymerization of Liquid Latex: Bouncy Balls." This is his second year of involvement with National Chemistry Week.



DR. SANDRA GOLDEN's First Year Seminar class collaborated with Citizens in Action (CIA) to collect food items and donations for Thanksgiving meals for families in need. The class hosted a Thanksgiving food/toy/cash drive at the Northtowne Mall. They also walked the campus neighborhood to collect donations and received a donation of \$500 from their involvement in the

Chief Supermarket's Make a Difference Day. The donation went toward purchasing Thanksgiving meals for families in need identified by Sara's House. The class also worked with CIA on Secret Santa Serves 4, a drive to collect new and gently used toys as well as a coin drive to help purchase clothing items. Both drives served families in Defiance County.

The First Year Seminar Class taught by



BRAD HARSHA '99 & '02 and **JENNIFER STARK '03** planned and hosted a Christmas Party for foster children in the Defiance County area.



The planning took place throughout the semester and involved making arrangements for food, entertainment, decorations, buying and wrapping gifts, and hosting the party. The class worked in conjunction with Amy Linebrink '99 from Job and

Family Services. In all, more than 85 people attended the event, and Santa delivered gifts to more than 35 children.



DR. ELIZABETH COLLARDEY and 13 service leaders and social work students from Defiance College recently traveled to Cleveland to work with Medworks, a free medical and dental

clinic. Medworks and its community partners provide more than 2,300 appointments and services to uninsured and underinsured patients. The students worked with staff

and patients to provide assistance in many different forms, including learning the medical procedures and providing a substantial portion of the discharge planning during their time at the clinic.

The event teamed the group with 2004 alumni Rebecca Sanford and Jessica (Potter) Demaline who also assisted at the clinic. Sanford currently serves as the president of the Ohio Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, and Demaline is the Region I director for the Ohio Chapter. Working with Sanford and Demaline gave students a chance to talk to the alums about their experiences as well as debrief and process the students' work at the clinic.



Retired Col. Julius Jackson, a pilot with the famed Tuskegee Airmen of World War II, stopped by the Defiance College campus recently and met with members of the Life in Society class taught by **DR. ELIZABETH COLLARDEY**. Col. Jackson, now 90, gave some memories of his days with the Tuskegee Airmen who were the first African American military aviators in the United States armed forces. He answered questions from the class, asked many of the students about their career plans, and shared some life lessons. He said that he considered his greatest accomplishment to have been a pilot serving his country. ♦

Campus Happenings



Defiance College's first pinning ceremony for nursing students in the RN to BSN program was held recently. According to Kathy Holloway, MSN, RN, director of the DC nursing program, pinning is a tradition in nursing which honors graduates entering the profession. Recognized in the ceremony were: Gloria Arps, Defiance; Judy Thrasher, Defiance (DC's director of the health center); Danielle Spring, Napoleon; Megan Fillman, Defiance; Christy Weiker, Weston; and Linda Burkholder, Wauseon.



Military veteran students on the DC campus now have a place to call their own, where they can relax or study between classes. On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, the campus observed the official opening of the Veterans Resource Center located in the lower level of Defiance Hall, rooms 11 A and B. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was followed by refreshments and an open house. After introductory remarks by Cathy Mikula '80 and Dean Tim Rickabaugh, veterans in attendance introduced themselves and offered comments about their own military service. Here, student and veteran Nathan Slough, Bryan, prepares to cut the ribbon for the center.