

graduation

ALWAYS A SPECIAL TIME OF YEAR

221 graduates awarded diplomas during commencement on Sunday, May 4



Journalist and author Maria Hinojosa was the featured speaker as graduates were awarded diplomas on the Colonnade Green. Graduating senior Erby Lopez (*second picture down, right side*) was recognized with the bronze Pilgrim Medal, and faculty members Dr. Kenneth Christiansen and Professor Frank Sanders were bestowed with the rank of professor emeritus.



Hinojosa told the audience that she was inspired by Defiance College. "You have taught me that you do understand and own your power. You own it in the service that you do, and through it you inspire and you bring change. It is your power that has moved you to action. And to me, that is the greatest lesson. Who would have thought that a small college in northwestern Ohio ... this small college could break all of the molds? That's why, wherever I go, I will talk about being here at Defiance, and what I have seen in the students." ♦

