



Dr. Richanne C. Mankey officially began her presidency at Defiance College on Jan. 1. In the 165-year history of the College, she is the 19th president and the first woman to be elected to the position.

She graduated cum laude in psychology from Ohio Northern University; received her master's degree in social agency counseling from the University of Dayton; and earned her doctorate in adult education from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York. Her career as a leader in independent higher education spans nearly three decades.

Before taking the presidency at Defiance College, Dr. Mankey was vice president for institutional advancement at Daemen College in Amherst, N.Y. She began her career at Ohio Northern University where she held progressively more responsible positions and was the youngest named vice president.

Now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, the McMaster School for Advancing Humanity at Defiance College continues to give students incredible opportunities to conduct research and service in specially designed projects around the world. During this academic year, students and faculty are collaborating with partners in Cambodia, Belize, Tanzania and Panama.

Some of the ongoing research and service initiatives in these countries include water quality monitoring, enhancing educational resources and increasing literacy, teaching water safety and CPR, and empowering women to start their own businesses.

Defiance College is in its second year of the path-breaking ASD Affinity Program of comprehensive support services for college students on the autism spectrum. ASD Affinity is a part of the very successful Hench Autism Studies Program at DC that includes a program for high school students with ASD and an academic minor in autism studies.

During homecoming 2015, Schauffler Legacy Awards were presented to DC alumni Jim Clark and Marie Wenner. This award recognizes individuals associated with the former Schauffler College, Schauffler at Defiance, and others who are part of the extended Schauffler family of alumni, faculty and supporters and are living out the Schauffler legacy. Jim Clark is president and CEO of Daniel Memorial and founder of the Jacksonville (Fla.) Kids Coalition. He was inducted in 2011 into the Ohio State Social Work Hall of Fame. Marie Wenner and her husband, Nelson, started a church in rural Pennsylvania, and she has been a volunteer for many years with the UCC Synod.