



### *Our Mission:*

*To Enhance, Enrich, Encourage, and Support the Defiance County Community*



We established the Melton Family First Generation Scholarship Fund with the hope that it will help, in some small way, a student to become the first in their family to graduate from college with the degree they need for their chosen career.

Ann and I were born and raised in Defiance, and in fact lived a half a block apart, although we really did not know each other until high school. Ann attended St. John's and I attended St. Mary's. We were married Ann's senior year in college and my graduate degree year. After college, three years of military service and six years living in Perrysburg

working for a "Big 8" accounting firm, we moved back to Defiance to be close to our families and raise our two children.

We both graduated from BGSU and we were both the first in our families, including extended families, to earn a four year college degree. Ann's mom and my dad graduated from high school. Ann's dad left high school after the 10<sup>th</sup> grade due to his father's death and my mom only attended school through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Never the less, both of our parents appreciated the value of education and encouraged us to keep learning.

Our degrees afforded us the opportunity to pursue our careers, Ann's as an elementary teacher and mine as a CPA. Teaching for 36 years in my hometown was an added blessing due to graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. While teaching and raising our children, I used the philosophy of "expectation motivation". By using positive individual expectations of each child they were motivated to do their best. Without our college degrees, neither career would have been possible. Over the years we have many times realized how fortunate we were to be able to attend college and how thankful we are that our parents encouraged us.

We certainly don't feel that everyone must attend college to have a meaningful and successful career or profession. However, for certain careers a college degree is a requirement. We established our scholarship fund to assist those who want to pursue the college degree they need to enter their dream career.

--Terry & Ann Melton

*"Obstacles are what you see when you  
take your eyes off the goal." Henry Ford*



Terry - Sadie Tuckerman - Ann

## The Defiance Area Foundation Current Scholarships

### SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Cletus Vetter Memorial Fund  
D.H.S. Bulldog Girl's Tennis  
Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce  
Foundation  
Defiance Metal Products Co.  
Fairview Football  
Erica J. Strausbaugh Culinary Arts

Melton Family First Generation  
Ayersville Education Foundation  
Defiance City School Foundation  
Defiance County 4-H Fund  
Fairview Schools Fund

### Scholarship Funds

An educational scholarship fund can be established for a specific interest or support any level of education.

#### How do I establish my scholarship Fund?

1. Define your goals and objectives. What causes do I care about? Who would want to benefit with my scholarship fund? How much would I like to gift annually?
2. Select a name for your fund and discuss which schools (City or Counties) will participate.
3. Connect with The Defiance Area Foundation to see how we can help to fulfill those goals. We can discuss options to best suit your individuals goals and objectives and determine a personalized approach to your dreams and passions.
4. Determine which asset or giving vehicle you would like to use to start your fund (cash, stocks, mutual funds, etc).

#### Message from Director:

The Defiance Area Foundation has awarded over \$176,000 from 12 scholarship funds since our inception. We are thankful to all of those donors and families to see the value in higher education and have established funds toward that purpose. Please contact me at (419) 782-3130 if we can assist your family in any way.

-Christine Yoder

613 West Third Street, Defiance, OH 43512 • 419-782-3130 • [www.defianceareafoundation.org](http://www.defianceareafoundation.org)  
[chris@defianceareafoundation.org](mailto:chris@defianceareafoundation.org) • [vicki@defianceareafoundation.org](mailto:vicki@defianceareafoundation.org)

