

# 2023-2024

## Local – Defiance County Health Department

### McMaster Fellow

Bridgette Winslow, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs - In the fall of 2023, the Defiance County Public Health Department partnered with Defiance College to create a local initiative to assess the needs of the east side community of Defiance and the overall state of wellness in Defiance County. Through an in-depth analysis of the Defiance County Health Department's Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan, students examined the social determinants of health and the role they play in the overall well-being of the Defiance County Community. Along with the analysis of the Health Departments' data, an in-depth literature review was completed. The findings of the research contribute to a deeper understanding of the state of well-being in Defiance County. This research is the foundation from which further research initiatives are being built.

### McMaster Scholars

Jazmine Hoffman, Freshman, Environmental Science and Biology

Abbie Spro, Freshman, Exercise Science

Rontonio Scott, Senior, Exercise Science

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