Alumni often tell me their friends say, “Don’t go to alumni events — all they do is ask for money!” I can tell you after more than six years as Director of Alumni Relations that we rarely ask for money at our alumni events. The purpose of these events is to help you stay connected to your Cedarville family. I never want pressure to give to keep people from coming to our events.

However, it is important to realize that Cedarville does depend on gifts from our alumni! Every university asks its alumni for gifts to help keep costs down for students. If we received a quality education, if we made lifelong friends, and if we grew in our relationship with God at Cedarville … why wouldn’t we want to give back? On May 15, our alumni DID give back. In fact, they blew us away! As a University, we set a goal to ask 515 members of the Cedarville family to contribute $51,500 through a one-day social media campaign. Reaching this goal would attract an additional $25,000 match. By the end of the day, nearly 700 people gave more than $129,000. Wow! Thanks to everyone who gave.

I loved my time at Cedarville, but I don’t like being asked for cash all the time.

What part of “2.7 GPA in broadcasting” makes it seem like I have any money?

I know some in our class are still paying off their own student loans, let alone those alumni who graduated less than five years ago. Maybe it would be better to only “hard sell” alumni after their 15- or 20-year reunions.

Or, maybe hard sell the premed and engineering students, but certainly us communications, education, and ministry majors just don’t have the extra money.

Perhaps we have done a poor job communicating to our alumni about not only why but also how they can give. We will never ask you to jeopardize your family’s financial health for the sake of giving to the University. It has never been about giving thousands, or even hundreds, each year. If all of our alumni would give just $10 a year, that would be nearly $300,000 in gifts. This alone would increase current alumni giving substantially. If even half of us could commit to $10 a month, we could pump nearly $2 million into student scholarships every year. We know not everyone can give at the same level, and we know not everyone wants to give. But we don’t know who wants to give — or how much they are able to give — until we ask.

Recently, my pastor, Craig Miller ’79, shared a post on giving to the church. The New Testament calls us to give regularly (Paul spoke of every first day of the week for the Corinthians), sacrificially (it should cost you something), proportionally (as the Lord gives you more, you can give more), and cheerfully (God loves this). Cedarville is not a church, and giving to Cedarville should never be a substitute for regular giving to your local church, but these are still helpful guidelines to consider. In the New Testament, giving is one of the measures of both spiritual vitality and genuine love and commitment to each other and the Lord.

The overwhelming response to the 5/15 challenge could not have happened without all kinds of cheerful givers. If you haven’t yet, I invite you to give in honor of your favorite professor. Give to encourage an MIS team. Give to keep your academic program strong. Give to help a struggling student finish her degree. Visit cedarville.edu/giving to support anything you care about with a gift of any size.

I look forward to seeing you in October for Homecoming 2014: We Are Jackets!

Jeff Beste ’87
Director of Alumni Relations

share your news
Sherry (Chamblin) Pearson ’77 has had her book A New Life published. A work of Christian fiction, this book is especially meaningful as it chronicles the growth and development of the preborn. The book is available online through the America Star Books Bookstore. Sherry and her husband, Steve, live in Maine and keep busy working on projects around their home and in their local church.

Deborah (Howard) Knisley ’89 earned a master’s degree in education from Wilkes University. As a Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) survivor, she attended graduate school online and is excited about new technology in education and opportunities to teach remotely. Deborah and her husband, Sid, live in Westerville, Ohio.

Lauralyn (Hackney) Davis ’92 has written a book titled In Pursuit of Happiness — Stewarding Freedom as a Modern Christian Woman. The dedication of the book reads: “To my Printy Sisters from Cedarville University. Life is harder and more wondrous than we thought it would be.” The book is a 10-week Bible study that challenges Christian women to evaluate their pursuits in light of God’s purposes. Laury and her husband, Chad ’92, reside in Memphis, Tennessee, and are the parents of three teenagers. Laury is involved in her church and has also been published in various magazines and publications for Standard Publishing and Focus on the Family, among others.

Loretta (Stephen) Dickson ’95 has written an original play, Tug of War, featuring music by Chris Tomlin. This play will be performed at Bayside Baptist Church in Harrison, Tennessee, where Loretta has served as a theatrical director in the worship ministry for 14 years. This is her second original play to be produced there.


Celia Short ’03 was recently recognized by the Georgia Press Association for her education coverage for The Newnan Times-Herald. She received third place in her division in the Association’s 2014 Better Newspaper Contest. Celia joined the paper in June 2013 and covers education and the city of Newnan.

Brock Bahler ’04 successfully defended his dissertation in philosophy at Duquesne University on May 21, 2014. He now works as a Visiting Assistant Professor in Religious Studies at the University of Pittsburgh.

Libby Shortt ’05 was featured in a newsleader.com story for her work as the archivist at the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library. After graduating from Cedarville with a degree in English, she went on to earn her master’s degree in library science from the University of Kentucky.

Nora Chasnov ’10 has written a book titled Outstanding Debt – Living Indebted to Infinite Love, which was published in April by Tate Publishing. The book calls God’s children to love Him by loving others, living mindfully that they are indebted to God’s love. Nora currently lives in Clifton, Ohio.

Katie Entner ’13 began serving in January 2014 with Operation Mobilization, a ministry that sends missionaries by ship to fulfill needs and bring the Gospel to ports around the world. Katie will travel aboard the Logos Hope until February 2016.
Jennifer Grubert ’01 and David Fuller were married on May 18, 2013. David is an orthopedic trauma surgeon and Resident Director of Orthopedics at Cooper University Hospital. Jenn is a guidance counselor and is working on her biblical counseling certification. They live in Haddonfield, New Jersey.

Laura Castle ’06 and David Gauntt were married January 19, 2014, at the Rose Bank Winery in Newtown, Pennsylvania. Laura is a technical writer, and David works for Comcast in technical support. The couple resides in Philadelphia and looks forward to traveling together and starting a family.

Andrew Tripp ’07 and Cristy Thompson ’07 were married on October 27, 2013. They reside in Dover, New Hampshire, where Andrew works at a high school and is completing his teaching certification in general special education. Cristy currently works in a pharmacy and is pursuing a career in professional Christian counseling.

Kevin Stockdale ’13 and Hannah Wallace ’14 were married on May 24, 2014.
Alexander Beaujean ’99 and his wife, Christine, announce the birth of Susanna Pearl and Aleisa Luci on June 18, 2013. The family resides in Waco, Texas, where Alex and Christine are faculty members at Baylor University.

Wayne Fannon ‘05 and his wife, Emily, announce the birth of Luke David on February 12, 2013. Luke was welcomed to the family by big brother Micah (2). They reside in Smithville, Ohio.

Ben ’03 and Sandy (Wilhelm) Johnson ’03 announce the birth of Norah Susanne on October 4, 2013. Ben is the IT Assistant at Lakeland Christian School (LCS). Sandy serves as the Communication Specialist at LCS and is an adjunct professor in the communications department at Southeastern University.

Greg ’05 and Julie (Roth) Schwab ’04 announce the birth of Claire Nicole on April 9, 2014. She was welcomed home by sister Addison (4) and brother Cooper (3). Greg works as a pastor at City Church in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where they currently reside. Julie is a stay-at-home mom.

Rachel (Bowers) Belt ’10 and her husband, Nathan, announce the birth of Walker Bradley on August 8, 2013.

Nikki (Overly) Bender ’10 and her husband, Jesse, announce the birth of Steven Josiah on March 21, 2014. The family resides in Quarryville, Pennsylvania, where Nikki works for Solanco School District and Jesse works for the Department of Defense.

Betty (Sickles) Hamman ’49 of Cedarville, Ohio, passed away April 11, 2014.
Homer Burton ’53 of Gallipolis, Ohio, passed away April 1, 2014.
Carol (Dykstra) Sheets ’65 of Punta Gorda, Florida, passed away December 15, 2013.
Bruce A. Hayes ’71 of Springfield, Ohio, passed away June 8, 2014.
Dianne (Davis) Nemitz ’87 of Charlotte, North Carolina, passed away March 24, 2014.
Kyle Ripperger ’13 of Maineville, Ohio, passed away June 20, 2014.
Cedarville's annual Honors Day chapel was held on April 15, 2014, recognizing students for their academic excellence. Each year, Cedarville alumni and friends fund two scholarships: the John W. Bickett Heritage Scholarship and the Alumni Scholarship. The John W. Bickett Heritage Scholarship was established by the Heritage Alumni of Cedarville College in 1982 in honor of the first Cedarville graduate, John W. Bickett. This year, it was awarded to four students preparing for pastoral or missionary service and planning to attend seminary or language school. The Alumni Scholarship, established by the Alumni Council, was given to one student from each of the 15 academic schools and departments. On behalf of the recipients, thank you to the generous donors who make these awards possible.

Alumni Scholarship Recipients

- Chandler J. Hull ’15, Department of Art, Design, and Theatre
- Andrew B. Gutberlet ’15, School of Biblical and Theological Studies
- Elia J. Peterson ’15, School of Business Administration
- Caleb W. Evans ’15, School of Education
- Spencer R. Helmick ’15, Department of Engineering and Computer Science
- Bethany J. Miller ’15, Department of English, Literature, and Modern Languages
- Daniel J. Hart ’15, Department of History and Government
- Nathaniel T. Hughes ’15, Department of Kinesiology and Allied Health
- Angela M. Schweinitz ’16, Department of Media and Applied Communications
- Carolyn S. Ticker ’16, Department of Music and Worship

John W. Bickett Heritage Alumni Scholarship Recipients

- Daniel A Gualtieri ’15
- Clayton A. Johnson ’15
- Andrew S. King ’15
- Kevin D. Madden ’15

Get to know the Colorado Chapter!

- Established: 2005
- Serving: 814 alumni and friends living in the state of Colorado or with an 82000 zip code
- Leadership: Jason Atwell ’98, Erica (Linafelter) Heddings ’03, Ken ’69 and Alice (Miller) McGhee ’70, Josh Kinnett ’13, Doug Filter ’90, and Mandy (Herd) Hutchinson ’03
- Fun Facts:
  - The United States Air Force Academy is located in Colorado Springs.
  - Colorado means “colored red,” and it is also known as the “Centennial State.”
  - Colorado hosted the world’s first rodeo on July 4, 1869, in Deer Trail.

About the Colorado Chapter Events: “It is so encouraging and refreshing to reconnect and meet people that have the same foundation and history as you.”

— Mandy (Herd) Hutchinson ’03

Get involved in an alumni chapter near you: cedarville.edu/alumchapters.
Register for an alumni event near you: cedarville.edu/alumnevents.

The Colorado Chapter enjoyed an alumni event at the U.S. Olympic Training Center on April 12, 2014.
The Alumni Association Extends a Warm Welcome to Our Newest Members

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**RETURN:** February 8, 2015, at 8 a.m.

**PORT OF DEPARTURE:** Tampa, Florida  
**PORTS OF CALL:** Roatan, Bay Islands, Honduras; Belize City, Belize; Costa Maya, Mexico; Cozumel, Mexico  
**PORT OF RETURN:** Tampa, Florida

In order to guarantee special group pricing, make your $250 cabin deposit before **November 4, 2014.** Call **1-877-416-9722**, ext. 4201, and use **Group ID: 2417830** or the **Group Name “Cedarville Friends for Life.”** Deposits are 100 percent refundable until November 18, 2014.

**FARE PER GUEST:** All cabin rates are per person based on double occupancy.  
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Visit [cedarville.edu/anchorsaway](http://cedarville.edu/anchorsaway) for more information. We look forward to cruising with you!
Once a Jacket, always a Jacket.

Save the Date: October 3–4, 2014