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The 121st Annual
COMMENCEMENT
of
Cedarville University

CLASS *of* **2017**

SATURDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN
AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

DODEN FIELD HOUSE
CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY
CEDARVILLE, OHIO

*"... always in every prayer of mine for you all making
my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the
gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of
this, that he who began a good work in you will bring
it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."*

Philippians 1:4–6 ESV

WELCOME TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CLASS OF 2017

Today is the 121st commencement of Cedarville University. While all commencements are special occasions, this one is particularly so. When I arrived four years ago, this class was here to start the journey with me. Over the past four years, it has been my privilege to see these students mature in Christ through their one thousand days here made up of chapel, a Bible minor, Alt nights, many, many meals at Chuck's, all alongside a faculty and staff that care deeply for them.

It is fitting that we have been considering what it means to have a steadfast faith in chapel this year, as we have walked through James' letter. The fact that these students are here in their caps and gowns not only proves their steadfast commitment to take seriously the calling God has placed on their lives, but also yours as family and friends who have devoted their lives to these young men and women. My fervent hope and prayer for these students and for us all is that on that great day when our Savior returns we would all be found steadfast in Him, as James writes:



"Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him." (James 1:12)

Joy and I, along with the Cedarville family, congratulate the class of 2017. We pray God's blessings upon you as you embark upon the mission to which you have been called, for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ.

Steadfast in Christ,

A handwritten signature in gold ink that reads "Thomas White". The script is fluid and cursive.

Thomas White, Ph.D.
President, Cedarville University

THOMAS WHITE BIOGRAPHY

Thomas White became President of Cedarville University on July 1, 2013. His desire is to lead Cedarville University in training students to love the Word of God and have a passion for fulfilling the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

A systematic theologian by training with a focus on the doctrine of the Church, Dr. White has served in many roles in the local church, preached itinerantly, and owned and operated multiple karate schools in South Carolina. He earned Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Divinity degrees from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, and Bachelor of Arts and Associate of Arts degrees from Anderson University in Anderson, South Carolina.

Prior to coming to Cedarville, Dr. White served as Vice President for Student Services and Communications, as well as Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He is the author and editor of numerous publications, including his most recent, *First Freedom: The Beginning and End of Religious Freedom*.

Dr. White is married to Joy (Martin) White, who earned a Master of Divinity degree in women's studies and a Master of Theology degree in systematic theology from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. She has authored a commentary on Acts and served as the Women's Studies Coordinator at Southeastern Seminary. The Whites have two children, Rachel and Samuel, and enjoy their dog.



CLASS SONG

Forever

Verse 1

The moon and stars they wept
The morning sun was dead
The Savior of the world was fallen
His body on the cross
His blood poured out for us
The weight of every curse upon Him

Verse 2

One final breath He gave
As heaven looked away
The Son of God was laid in darkness
A battle in the grave
The war on death was waged
The power of hell forever broken

Verse 3

The ground began to shake
The stone was rolled away
His perfect love could not be overcome
Now death where is your sting?
Our resurrected King
Has rendered you defeated

Chorus

Forever He is glorified
Forever He is lifted high
Forever He is risen
He is alive, He is alive

Bridge

We sing hallelujah
We sing hallelujah
We sing hallelujah
The Lamb has overcome

Forever, words and music by Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford, Gabriel Wilson, Jenn Johnson, Joel Taylor, Kari Jobe

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Prelude

Call of the Brass Ring
Lyric Fanfare

Andrew Wolfe
Sean Kisch

Brass Choir
Chester Jenkins, M.M., conductor
Interim Director of Bands

*Processional

Pomp and Circumstance
Brass Choir

Edward Elgar

*Invocation

Rev. William Bernhard, Jr., M.Div.
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Welcome Address

Loren Reno, M.S.
Vice President for Academics and Chief Academic Officer

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:4–6
Rebecca Baker, M.A.
Associate Professor of Theatre

Commencement Address

Thomas White, Ph.D.
President

Presentation of Class Gift

Jonathan Lyons
Class President

Acceptance of Gift

Thomas White, Ph.D.

Class Song

Forever
Ansen Lancaster
Worship Leader

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Presentation of Candidates
Loren Reno, M.S.

**Conferral of Degrees
Thomas White, Ph.D.

Presentation of Awards
Thomas White, Ph.D.

Prayer of Dedication
William Marsh, Ph.D., Class Adviser
Assistant Professor of Theology

*Alma Mater
The Spirit of This Place Chambers/Bethel
Lyle J. Anderson, Ph.D.
Director

*Let the spirit of this hallowed place
Be kindled from above,
And the joy of serving Christ our Lord
Increase in Christian love.
O, Cedarville, your call fulfill
And to our God be true!
Then we who truly seek His will
And come to you
May learn to shine for Him in all we do.*

*Benediction
Paul H. Dixon, D.D., LL.D., Ed.D.
Chancellor

Recessional
Fanfare and Flourishes James Curnow

Brass Choir

Postlude

*Please remain in place until the academic
procession has left the building.*

**Congregation standing*

***Please hold your displays of support until
all degrees have been conferred.*

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The following members of the class of 2017 received awards during the annual Honors Day Chapel.

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Faculty Senior Scholar Award

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Dr. Merlin and Ruth Ager Education
Award
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Jonathan R. Brown
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Mathematics Education

Philip J. Kauffmann
Creation Research Award –
Chemistry

Jonathan M. Lyons
Outstanding Future Music Teacher
Award

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Molecular /Cellular Biology

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Zondervan Theology Award

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Ralph Benjamin Reese
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Mathematics

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Environmental Science

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Scholarship

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Arline Littleton Autio Award

Aogu Suzuki
Daniel Award
Harold R. Green Christian
Ministries Award

Joshua L. Taylor
Daniel Award
Harold R. Green Christian
Ministries Award

THE ACADEMIC REGALIA

The colorful academic regalia dates from the first European universities in the Middle Ages. Academic costume has been in use in the United States since colonial times and is traditionally used for graduation convocations. The mortarboard is the standard cap. The tassel color, as established by an intercollegiate commission, indicates the subject field.

arts, history, letters, languages	white
business, commerce.....	drab
communication.....	silver gray
criminal justice.....	navy blue
education	light blue
engineering	orange
fine arts	dark brown
journalism	maroon
music	pink
nursing.....	apricot
philosophy	royal blue
physical education, allied health.....	sage green
religion.....	scarlet
science, mathematics, psychology.....	golden yellow
social work, political science, public administration.....	citron
doctor of arts.....	gold
doctor of education.....	gold
doctor of pharmacy.....	olive green
doctor of philosophy.....	gold
doctor of theology.....	gold

The length of the hood and the width of the velvet indicate the level of the degree. The doctor's hood is quite long, has two tails, and has five-inch-wide velvet. The master's hood is shorter than the doctor's and has three-inch-wide velvet. The bachelor's hood is shorter yet and has two-inch-wide velvet. The color of the velvet indicates the field of study. Blue indicates a doctoral degree. Dark brown indicates a Master of Arts degree. White indicates a Bachelor of Arts or a Master of Arts degree. Scarlet indicates a Bachelor of Divinity degree or a Master of Divinity degree. Yellow indicates a Bachelor of Science degree. The colors in the lining of the hood are the university colors.

The gown's traditional color is black. The distinguishing feature of the master's gown is the tippet sleeve. The doctor's gown has two distinguishing features. It is cut much fuller than the bachelor's or the master's gown and has velvet panels on the sleeves, around the neck, and down the front. These panels may be black or the color that symbolizes the subject field in which the degree was earned.

Some regalia represent academic awards that have been conferred from universities outside the United States, notably from Europe. Universities in Europe have not undergone the standardization in academic dress that was introduced in the United States. Each European university retains the right to design unique and distinctive regalia for its graduates. This results in a wide variety of hood and gown colors. The crest of the university may be woven into the hood or panels in the gown. Gowns are worn open, and formal attire is worn underneath the gown; women wear black skirts and white blouses, while men wear a formal suit or national costume.

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Also completing the Master of Business
Administration

GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION

Doctor of Pharmacy students graduating “with distinction” are wearing a gold stole. Those graduating “with high distinction” are wearing a gold stole with blue trim. A student who earns a grade point average of 3.90 or better is graduated “with distinction”; one who earns a grade point average of 3.95 or better is graduated “with high distinction.”

HONORS KEY

* with distinction

** with high distinction

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❖ Awarded to the student with the highest grade point average in the graduating class

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Adopted in 1894, the seal reflects the commitment of the first Board of Trustees to the cause of Christ. Prominently displayed on the seal are the words “PRO CORONA ET FOEDERE CHRISTI,” translated “For the Crown and the Covenant of Christ,” as well as a crown to signify His preeminence. The trustees desired to emphasize that Christ was the One for whom Cedarville College existed.

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