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Cedarville's Norman Nominated for Female Paralympic Athlete of the Year

CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Cedarville University sophomore Grace Norman is in the running for Team USA Female Paralympic Athlete of the Year.

Norman is among five women nominated for the honor. Voters have until Monday, Oct. 30, to register their choice at <u>awards.teamusa.org/vote</u>.

Norman defended her ITU Paratriathlon Championship this July in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, coming in first in the PT5 class with a time of 1:10:44. In March, she defended her PT5 championship at the Sarasota CAMTRI Paratriathlon American Championships.

Norman is the reigning Paralympic gold medalist in the PT4 classification, winning at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro games. She is a nursing major at Cedarville, and a member of the Cedarville University cross country and track and field teams.

Norman was born without her left foot and ankle and her right big toe due to an amniotic band disorder. "If I would have not been born like this, I probably wouldn't have been given these opportunities to compete on a world stage and share my faith with others," she said. "God had this plan for my life all along."

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,963 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and leading student satisfaction ratings. For more information about the University, visit <u>www.cedarville.edu</u>.