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ALUMNOTES

VANTAGE POINT

For this issue, we welcome Jeff Reep, Director of Career Services, to Vantage Point. One great way you can stay engaged with Cedarville University is through Career Services. They are available to serve you at any stage of your career!

Cedarville University's Career Services is equipped to serve alumni with all the resources that are provided to current students. Many universities are unable to support alumni, while others charge alumni for their services. The office has a Certified Professional Career Coach as well as a Certified Professional Resume Writer holding two certifications.

Here are some of the ways Career Services is able to assist alumni:

- **Resume Review:** There is not an opportunity to have a second first impression. Resumes should be specifically tailored to the position for which the candidate is applying and should be strategically organized so that the employer can easily determine whether the individual is a good match for the position.
- **Interview Preparation:** It's important to approach an interview with a strategy that articulates what is important to the employer. Many employers are moving to behavioral interviews, which are based on a belief that an individual's past behavior is a good predictor of their future behavior. Preparation is key.
- **LinkedIn Assistance:** A LinkedIn profile is extremely important in today's job search. Your profile tells your story and brings your accomplishments to life. LinkedIn has over 200 million job postings and is used by more than 90% of recruiters. Connect with over 16,000 Cedarville alumni on LinkedIn.
- **Job Searching Strategies:** It's important to have a game plan. Just applying for positions and waiting for the phone to ring isn't a winning strategy.
- **Jobs4Jackets:** Jobs4Jackets powered by Handshake (cedarville.joinhandshake.com) connects students and alumni with employers. You can upload your resume and view and apply to thousands of jobs and internships around the world.
- **Career Assessment:** Whether you're choosing a major, planning ahead for your first career, or thinking about making a career change, MyPlan can help you explore options and bring clarity and insight into figuring out what's right for you.

Studies show that 65–85% of Americans say they are dissatisfied with their job. It's important to have a Christian worldview of work.

1. Work is your **service or worship** to the Lord, which was instituted by God as a gift before the fall of man.
2. The purpose of work is to **glorify God** regardless of task, title, success, or audience.
3. Your diligence and competency in the workplace provides a platform of **influence for Christ**.



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NEWS

1 Todd Fogle '92 was recently promoted to Brigadier General after 27 years in the United States Air Force. He and **Johanna (Burtis) '90** live in Northern Virginia.

2 Diane (Davison) Hannay '92, M.Ed. '15, has recently published *What Is God's Plan For Me?*, a Gospel-focused book for children ages 5 to 10 years old. *What Is God's Plan For Me?* covers 13 Gospel topics using language that is biblical and age-appropriate. The book may be ordered through Diane's

website, dianehannay.org, Amazon, or Barnes and Noble.

3 Christine (Compton) Bennett '00, a National Board-Certified Teacher, was recently named a Certified Professional Human Capital Leader in Education (pHCLE). Christine is a district administrator and the head recruiter for Wayne-Finger Lakes Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) in the Human Resources Department. She resides in Webster, New York, with her two sons.

NEW ADDITIONS

Samuel Mantravadi '99 and his wife, Amy, welcomed their first child, Thomas Jaideep, on February 12, 2020.

4 Stephen Sharp '05 and his wife, Laurin, welcomed Sydney Grace in August 2020. The family lives in Chicago, Illinois.

5 Jamie (Ralston) Montie '06 and her husband, Steven, announce the birth of their second child, Colin Gary, born June 25, 2020. Colin was enthusiastically welcomed by big sister Cora. They reside in Silver Spring, Maryland.

6 Becky (Hornbrook) Peppers '06 and her husband, Josh, announce the birth of Madalynn Jean on July 18, 2020.

Madalynn was welcomed by her proud big brother, Micah. The Peppers reside in Bluffton, Indiana, where Josh is a process engineer for Valero and Becky stays home with the children.

7 Hannah (Laswell) Risch '10 and her husband, Chad, announce the birth of their son, Landon Jeffrey, on May 27, 2020. Big sister Paisley couldn't be more thrilled!

8 Peter '13 and Brittany (Smith) Voland '14 are happy to announce the birth of their son, Ryan James, on November 24, 2020.

MARRIAGES

9 Laura Allen '17 married Joshua Brooks on April 18, 2020.

10 Joshua Garling '08 married Stephanie Leis on August 1, 2020, in Ansonia, Ohio. Joshua is a software engineer, and Stephanie works in communications. The couple resides in Columbus, Ohio.

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our condolences to the families and friends of these dear loved ones.

Joan (McSavane) Smith '46 of Columbus, Ohio, passed away on October 4, 2020.

Norma Nulph '60 of Cleveland, Ohio, passed away on October 22, 2020.

Loren H. Schenck '63 of Grove City, Ohio, passed away on November 17, 2020.

John R. Bigelow '64 of Cedarville, Ohio, passed away on December 3, 2020.

David E. Elmore '66 of Fairborn, Ohio, passed away on December 1, 2020.

Donna L. Blevins '68 of Crestline, Ohio, passed away on December 29, 2020.

Philip A. Sommerfeld '70 of Parrish, Florida, passed away on October 16, 2020.

Martha L. (Cox) Stringfield '70 of Brunswick, Georgia, passed away on November 7, 2020.

Douglas C. Hilleary '76 of Cumberland, Maryland, passed away on December 1, 2020.

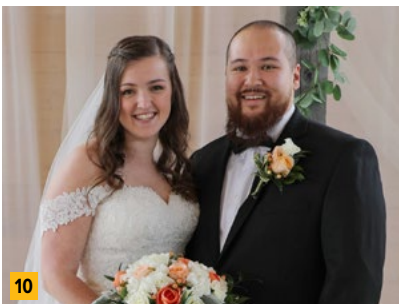
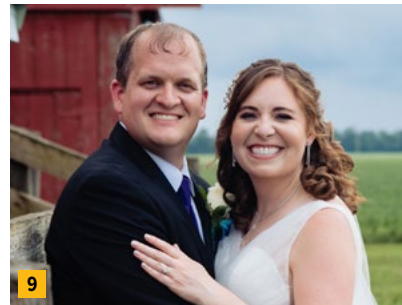
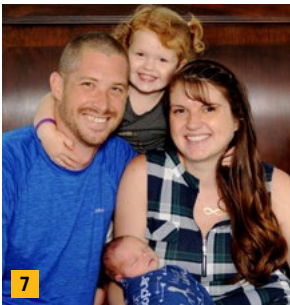
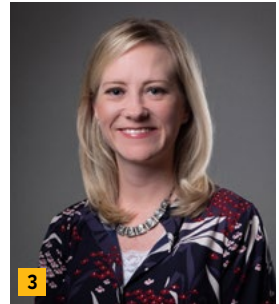
Ann I. Bratka '86 of West Liberty, Ohio, passed away on November 5, 2020.

Steven P. Walter '87 of Des Moines, Iowa, passed away on December 21, 2020.

Jeffrey W. Bergandine '88 of Wheaton, Illinois, passed away on December 10, 2020.

David V. Wenzel '03 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, passed away on July 4, 2020.

Jennifer M. (Lester) Riffle '10 of Monongahela, Pennsylvania, passed away on December 9, 2020.



Send us your news! Deadlines are April 15 for the summer issue, August 15 for the fall issue, and December 15 for the spring issue. The editorial staff has full discretion regarding submissions. Submit your updates to *Cedarville Magazine*, Cedarville University, 251 N. Main St., Cedarville, OH 45314, or cedarville.edu/magazine.

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If you have a desire to join Cedarville in our mission to transform students' lives through excellent education and intentional discipleship, we encourage you to consider returning to your alma mater as a faculty or staff member. We think you'll find that the same things that made Cedarville a great experience as a student — vibrant campus community and intentional Christ-centered focus — also make it a great place to work.

Consider one of these open positions for yourself, or **pass them along to someone you know who might be interested**. For a full list of open positions and descriptions, please visit cedarville.edu/job-openings.

- Director of Alumni Engagement
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Visual Communication Design
- Physician Assistant Program Director of Didactic Education
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Literature
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Civil Engineering
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Creative Writing, Composition/Rhetoric
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Interactive Design