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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Our communications team informs me that back in 1894, the Cedarville College Board of Trustees approved the institution's first scholarship. They offered these scholarships to the top students from high schools in the local communities surrounding Cedarville. The amount will surprise you. A full tuition scholarship for the entire 1894–1895 academic year equated to \$20. Even so, a full scholarship transforms the lives of anyone who receives them. Two of those students — William Iliffe and Clarence Young — were among the 13 who graduated as part of the college's fourth commencement in 1900.

Today, we help thousands of students each year achieve their goal of a transformative education through grants, merit-based scholarships, and donor-funded scholarships. Through the intentional discipleship, Bible minor, daily chapel, biblical worldview in every classroom, authentic Christian community, academic excellence, and everything else that Cedarville offers, God is transforming the lives of our students. These students then graduate to impact their churches, workplaces, and communities.

In this issue, we ask you to consider partnering with us for scholarships and helping us prepare for the day when we may be forced to walk away from federal funding in order to be true to our biblical convictions. God has blessed Cedarville with 15 consecutive years of record enrollment. The need for Cedarville to grow its financial aid is greater than ever. We want every student who desires an excellent education marked by intentional discipleship in submission to biblical authority to have that opportunity. We don't want a few thousand dollars to create a barrier to further impact for the Kingdom of God.

You will read about students who have benefited from generous financial aid packages. You will hear how the University is trying to keep costs low through programs like dual enrollment and streamlined bachelor's-to-master's programs as well as our general fund.

In these pages, you will also meet an amazing family that is all-in when it comes to supporting scholarships, with 19 families with 21 alumni represented so far contributing to a named scholarship honoring a great-grandfather and great-grandmother. And you'll discover the "why" behind our donors' faithfulness to support Cedarville.

You'll also read the powerful testimonies of five current students who are here because of the generosity of donors. You could become one of these donors who impact students in the future. These students share the amazing ways the Lord has matured them spiritually at Cedarville and altered the eternal trajectory of their lives.

As we reflect on the overwhelming generosity of our partners in this ministry, we are humbled and overwhelmed at the stewardship God has given us. We have the privilege of preparing the next generation to influence culture and change our world for King Jesus. We pray this issue of *Cedarville Magazine* will encourage you to consider joining us in this stewardship with your gifts and prayers.

In Christ,

Thomas White, President

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And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

FEATURES

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THOMAS WHITE Cedarville changes lives, and we want every student who desires to attend Cedarville to be able to enroll and be prepared for career success and lifelong impact for the Gospel. Scholarships make a transformative Cedarville education affordable and accessible.



4 | TRANSFORMATION STORIES: THE IMPACT OF RECEIVING

Enjoy these first-person stories from current students who share how God provided for them to be at Cedarville and the powerful ways their lives have changed because they were here.



10 | AFFORDABILITY WITHIN REACH

How do we make 1,000 days affordable and accessible? This graphical feature shows how families of differing financial ability can afford a transformative Cedarville education through grants, scholarships, loans, and helpful cost-cutting options, such as dual enrollment, bachelor's-to-master's degree combinations, and AP and CLEP tests.



12 | EVERYONE ON BOARD

JEFF GILBERT '87 When the Kirby family made a commitment to establish the Charles and Florence Kirby Family Scholarship, it wasn't just two or three who got on board. To date, 19 family members have contributed. This endowed fund, which just awarded its first scholarship, has become a common cause for the entire Kirby clan. Find out why.



14 | WHY WE GIVE

HEIDIE RAINE '23 The Cedarville family gives to scholarships for many reasons: alumni grateful for the education they received, parents whose children have been changed at Cedarville, faculty who desire that many more young people will experience what God is doing here. Why do you give?



18 | A WORTHWHILE INVESTMENT

ANGELA FARLOW '20 Scholarships, hard work, and a grandpa's incentive were key to this alumna's journey to affording Cedarville and repaying her debt.



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The Case for **SCHOLARSHIPS**

BY THOMAS WHITE



Cedarville University transforms lives through excellent education and intentional discipleship in submission to biblical authority. In other words, we equip students to live excellent lives while standing for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ wherever God may call them to serve. This is our why: lives transformed to the glory of God.

Scholarships make this life transformation possible. Every day matters. Every student matters. Every gift matters. Any size gift can make the difference between a student receiving an education delivered from a biblical worldview, a Bible minor, chapel five days a week, authentic Christian community, faculty members seeking to grow and disciple them for Christ or a secular humanist worldview seeking to undermine universal truth and pushing ungodly agendas. Four years ... 1,000 days of intentional God-glorifying discipleship instead of the same amount of time having their faith undermined and questioned by faculty members with advanced degrees placed in authority over them.

Even if a student survives secular humanistic education, they may never learn what they missed. You don't know what you don't know. Surviving anatomy from an evolutionary perspective is one thing. Learning anatomy from a Psalm 139 perspective helps us glorify God in more powerful ways. For many students, even just \$2,000 makes all the difference between these two paths. And for many, being awarded these funds comes as an answer to prayer, which further increases their personal faith in God and walk with Him. Is God calling you to serve Him through a gift?

I plead with you to partner with us to train the next generation with excellence to glorify God.

Just recently, the federal government announced new Title IX rules that include protection for transgender students. I don't want to be an alarmist. We will claim exemption from these rules on grounds of our religious beliefs. But we all know it may not be long before schools like Cedarville must make a choice between receiving federal financial aid funds or remaining faithful to the biblical view of human sexuality. I have every confidence that Cedarville will stand firm with compassionate conviction. That stand will have consequences on our students, faculty, and staff.

We must plan now to be ready for the potential day when we walk away from federal funding. We need to build our endowed scholarships to offset the loss of federal funds. God is doing something special in these cornfields of southwest Ohio, and I'm sure the devil doesn't like it. You can help by establishing an endowed scholarship that you give to regularly to increase the amount over time, or you can give to annually expendable scholarships. Every gift matters. We currently receive about \$3 million in Pell Grants that we would need to replace. Over time working together, we can replace these dollars with endowed scholarships.

Would you pray about giving a legacy estate gift to an endowed scholarship at

Cedarville? This would help ensure the long-term future of Cedarville. A gift from your estate would not affect your current assets and would provide you with certain estate tax advantages. If you are willing to consider this further, our Advancement team can provide you with resources to learn more about legacy gifts.

Your gift literally impacts eternity. Gifts to scholarships impact students and everyone they will serve throughout the rest of their lives. Our students graduate and go to the ends of the earth serving God and others. You can be part of their story as we all work together to further God's Kingdom.

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In the remainder of this magazine, you will read the stories of a few amazing students who represent so many others. As you read them, would you pray about providing a scholarship for a similar future student?

God is on the move at Cedarville, and we invite you to join the movement! Why can't we be the generation that sees a mighty revival like the ones we have read about in the history books? I've read about the haystack revival, and I'm praying for the cornfield revival. Join us as we stand firm for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ!

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Thomas White is President of Cedarville University. He earned his Ph.D. in systematic theology from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

TRANSFORMATION STORIES | THE IMPACT OF RECEIVING

Lives transformed by the Gospel, for the glory of God, in every area of life. Young people are changed forever by faculty mentorship, loving and supportive community, a biblical worldview in every class, and vocational preparation that emphasizes career as a platform for the Gospel. And generous scholarships, provided by the faithful support of donors, are helping make this kind of life transformation available for thousands of students every year. We pray you are inspired and encouraged by the Transformation Stories of our amazing students and the way your gifts have made a Cedarville education possible for them.



FROM HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD

BY RUFUS MATHEW '22

After hearing that I come from Bahrain, a small island in the Arabian Gulf, off the coast of Saudi Arabia, the very next question people ask is: “How did you hear about Cedarville?”

I love this question, because I love sharing my heart about how Cedarville has transformed me and how the Lord has used my time at Cedarville to challenge and equip me for His glory as I prepare for life after college.

When I was in the college hunt process, my mom kept getting emails from Cedarville that were full of Scripture. How she signed up for these emails,

I do not know. I was pursuing 157 colleges spanning nine countries all over the world, and my mom would bring up Cedarville every now and then because the mission of the University stood out to her: “For the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ.”

I began to look into Cedarville and realized it has one of the top undergraduate engineering schools in the United States, and its cybersecurity program is recognized by the National Security Agency. This stood out to me, but as I began to look more into the school, it was ultimately the central focus on Scripture and the Gospel that challenged me to apply.

Once I had applied and been accepted, I began to receive wonderful scholarships from Cedarville. These included the Warren G. Elliot Scholarship, the Cedarville Excellence Award, International Chancellor's Excellence Scholarship, International Student Grant, David and Edith Clark Scholarship, Reynolds & Reynolds Scholarship, Cedarville University Endowment, and Give Hope Scholarship. I tell people I chose Cedarville because of its focus on Christ, top engineering school with a solid cybersecurity and computer science program, and scholarships!

In my time at Cedarville, there have been many semesters where I did not know if I could return and finish my education.



College is expensive, and I was having to pay for it mostly on my own. My family supported me financially whenever they could, but I had to bear a lot of the financial burden. It was

in these moments that all I could do was pray and trust in the Lord. I knew that God had called me to Cedarville, and I knew that He was going to provide a way for me to stay. Scholarships and extra financial help from relatives somehow always came through, and I can attribute this to the Lord's hand at work in my life. I have felt the Lord's provision so much since being in college. My

faith has truly grown as I see the Lord's faithfulness on display to me.

I have been able to dive deeply into service and leadership on campus, as I have worked in many different offices and departments at Cedarville. From working in IT to the dining hall, Residence Life, Admissions, the bookstore, and as Student Government

Association President, I have been impacted by so many people. I can say that the people around me have pushed me closer to

Christ continually, and motivated me not just academically and professionally, but spiritually, too. The training at Cedarville has equipped me to start life after college strong because I have the academic and spiritual foundation that will be unwavering amid a turbulent culture.

With the Lord's blessing, the future of Cedarville is looking bright, and my hope is to be able to give back to a school that has richly blessed me over the last 1,000 days.

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Rufus Mathew '22 graduated in May with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

BY ANNALYSE DISSINGER '23

When I first visited Cedarville, I cried when I realized that I could never afford to attend. While I was disheartened by the cost, I recognized its value as a Christ-centered school with a focus on training me toward being a Christian educator. This focus would better equip me for the missions field than any of the other colleges I had looked at. I went home and decided not to make any decisions for at least two weeks. I believed in



letting the excitement of school tours wear off. Free T-shirts and complimentary thermoses, the best that the dining hall could offer, and residence hall tours, while providing a glimpse into the life of a college student, create an allure that distracts from the weightier decision. Emotional decisions do not leave room for much-needed prayers and wisdom.

Thanks to Cedarville's scholarships — the President's Ministry Impact Scholarship, the Cedarville Fund Scholarship, the Founders Scholarship, the Cedarville Excellence Award, and the Pastor's Recommendation Scholarship, to name a few — attending Cedarville became more feasible. I continued to pray for answers.

The week of the decision deadline, I had my choice narrowed down to Cedarville and another college. Of the other Christian colleges other than option No. 2, Cedarville's

scholarships had made it the most affordable for me. In the end, I chose Cedarville for its authentic focus on training students to be Christ-followers in whatever career path they choose to pursue.

In addition to scholarships, I have been blessed with many opportunities to work, allowing me to earn the remainder of my tuition costs through unexpected jobs. One semester, my uncle invited me on a trip to lay felt for a landfill for an extra \$1,500. Another semester, my boss offered me extra hours doing alterations at home. Between the generous scholarships gifted to me by donors through Cedarville and my church and the 60-hour work weeks over the summers working for a furniture store, a sewing store, and a construction company, I am now in my junior year at Cedarville as an adolescent/young adult language arts education major without any debt. On paper, there is never any way I can cover tuition, but God provided each semester, and I have always had just the right amount in time for the semester. I do not question God's ability to help me the rest of the way through college, if that is His plan.

Since choosing Cedarville, I have wrestled with my understanding of what it means to truly love and serve God. Transforming my sinful nature of self-centeredness into a focus on loving God and others more whole-heartedly requires a daily struggle against self, but it has been refreshing to understand my worth in the context of my relationship with God. This understanding has allowed me to serve

others better. I currently serve as the Vice President of Alpha Kappa Delta, Cedarville's English honors organization, and as the Secretary of the Society of Engineers Aiding Missions. Cedarville has given me the opportunity to grow as a leader and form friendships with people

across a wide range of fields. I am thankful that I have had this opportunity to grow, so I can be ready to serve in whatever capacity God calls me to after my time at Cedarville.

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Annalyse Dissinger '23 is an adolescent and young adult language arts education major.

LITTLE HOPE TO HOPE OVERFLOWING

BY EZRA SHIMABENGA '23

After high school, my family and I moved to a different town, where my father worked as an evangelist for the Evangelical Mission Baptist Church of Zambia. I was applying to a university in Zambia when I heard of opportunities to apply to universities abroad. The first time I heard about Cedarville University was from Mrs. [Rachel (Mayo)] Chambers '78 who, together with her husband, [Jim Chambers '78], had attended Cedarville before becoming missionaries to Zambia through Grace Baptist. I mentioned to her my intention to apply to schools mainly in India, Australia, and the United Kingdom, and she mentioned Cedarville University. I remember her saying, "I wish there was a way you could go there."

Months later, a family from the United States came to visit the Chambers and while conversing over dinner, Mrs. Chambers brought up the idea of me attending Cedarville University. I don't quite remember the details of the discussion, but the next day I was sitting in the dining room filling out the first page of the application. To be honest, I had little hope it would amount to anything because everyone I knew thought getting into a university in the U.S. was nearly impossible, so I poured all my attention into my other applications. Unfortunately, all of them fell through. I remember sitting in the small office at the Chambers' house thinking everything was over. And then, I opened my email and there was a message confirming my admission to Cedarville University.

We did not know where the finances would come from, but we trusted and prayed. However, as time went by, my faith began to dwindle. I accepted the fact that I wasn't going to be able to attend Cedarville. Sometime later I got the admission packet from the University, and in it was a certificate for the International Student Grant; later I received an email informing me I had been offered another scholarship: the International Faculty Excellence Scholarship. For the first time in my life, I felt like I didn't have control over my affairs. I sat and watched God provide over and over again. In the following weeks, additional funds came in and before long, everything was set.

I came to Cedarville in the fall of 2019. My first year here was probably one of the toughest times of my life. I was no longer in Zambia, and everything here was different. The people were different. The language was different. For a long



while, I felt distant from God. Then one day I was listening to a sermon in chapel, and the speaker was preaching on Psalm 13. The message was about trusting God. I remember feeling convicted because I knew I had not fully trusted God in my situation. I had let myself think my hardships were bigger than Him when they were not. I prayed a genuine prayer that night: that God would free me from my desire to control my life. Afterward, I felt like a heavy load had been lifted as I realized for the first time in my life that things are better when God is in control.

In my sophomore year I lost my father. If it wasn't for the support I got from people around me, I don't think I would still be here. During that rough time, I received so much encouragement. The community here is unlike anything I have ever experienced. At Cedarville University, help is never far away. I don't know how many times I have visited the financial aid office, but each time they are always willing to help. I am a testimony to the generosity of so many people who are willing to give for students like me to attend Cedarville University. Words cannot express how appreciative I am.

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Ezra Shimabenga '23 is a molecular biology major.

GOD'S AMAZING PROVISION

BY LILLY ANDERSON '23

Through prayer and the generous financial support offered by Cedarville, I've been able to continue my education.

I grew up in Da Nang, a city in the central region of Vietnam. I was raised in a Buddhist family but found Jesus and accepted Him as my Lord and Savior when I was 16. My aunt, mother,

grandmother, sister, and I are first-generation Christians. I met my husband when he came to Vietnam to serve with a mission organization. After dating for several years, we were married and lived in Da Nang for two years before

moving to the U.S. Our hearts' desire was for me to attend a Christian college to learn more about the Lord, study the Bible, and pursue a degree in the healthcare field, where I have always felt called to serve.

It was a rough beginning when my husband and I started our new life in the U.S. I worked full time to support him as he finished his nursing degree. When he graduated, we were blessed with our first child, and even though it seemed hopeless, I never stopped praying for a way to study at a Christian college. When my daughter was 3 years old, I started the application process at Cedarville University on a

from proving to me that nothing is impossible for Him.

Not knowing where to start, I called the financial aid office and immediately connected with a wonderful team. They always responded quickly and came alongside me to walk through the entire process. When I was discouraged, my counselor listened and prayed with me. It was a truly wonderful experience. I started my first year as an undergraduate with wide-open doors from God financially. Besides helping me navigate and obtain government loans, Cedarville provided grants, awards, and scholarships that covered my entire tuition, allowing me to finally start my journey.

I am now a junior in the allied health program. At the beginning of every school year, I always question, "What will happen now? Am I able to study this semester? How do I afford this?" I seem to always struggle with faith, even though I know that God is in control of my life and all I need to do is trust Him. The verse I hold onto is, "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19, NIV).

And, yes, God has supplied repeatedly. He's miraculously provided Cedarville grants, a Cedarville Excellence Award, a Side by Side Scholarship, the Give Hope Scholarship, the Kyle Memorial Scholarship, the Troyer Academic Scholarship, the Warren G. Elliot Scholarship, the Alvin & June Perry Scholarship, and the Wickerham Memorial Scholarship. Each gift I've received means the world to me.

I am a full-time mom and student. Because English is my second language, I spend double the time studying and completing my coursework compared to my peers. My husband is a full-time nurse with severe cervicogenic headaches. He has had multiple surgeries trying to improve his condition. In addition, he was furloughed as an operating room nurse when the pandemic hit. Despite all this, the Lord has been faithful. Through prayer and the generous financial support offered by Cedarville, I've been able to continue my education. The future is bright, and God willing, I'll fulfill my calling to serve the Lord as a physician assistant. My prayer is that when I get there, I'll be able to give back and support students who may find themselves in my situation.

leap of faith. One of my "God answers prayer" moments was when the Cedarville Admissions called, informing me that I was accepted. I immediately burst into tears. I was happy that I would be able to study at a great Christian university, yet I had no idea how we would afford it. There seemed to be so many obstacles. However, my little faith did not stop God



Lilly Anderson '23 is an allied health major.

GOD IS FAITHFUL

BY SEAN BEVERLY '22

“God is faithful; you can trust Him.” I have written this statement on various sticky notes time and time again as God has provided for me at Cedarville. Growing up as a pastor’s kid, I always knew that I would have to find funding for college. Part of the reason I was able to come to Cedarville is the academic scholarships offered to me freshman year. However, my freshman year in engineering did not go smoothly.

Because of my GPA, I lost my largest scholarship.

I remember having to swallow my pride and tell my parents about what happened. I felt like I had wasted my opportunity and, even worse, I may have completely ruined my chances of getting a college degree.

I contemplated transferring schools that summer after freshman year, but something kept pulling me back to Cedarville. Even though I had no plans for how to pay for the next year, I decided to return for sophomore year after being awarded a small scholarship during the summer. I also asked my parents if they would take out a loan. I hated having to resort to this because I never wanted to place the burden of my education on them. Beginning spring semester, I vowed to figure it out, or I would have to leave.

When I returned in January 2020, the Spring Missions Conference was kicking off. They collected an offering for one of their selected missions, but during this time I was pinching pennies, waiting on my financial aid meeting the next day to find out if I needed to pay for a ride home or not. The plate kept getting closer and the weight on my shoulders kept getting heavier. I remember breaking down in my seat and praying, “God, if this is where you want me to be, I need



you to pay for it.” As the plate reached my row, I grabbed a \$20 bill from the last \$60 in my wallet and threw it in. I felt that if I expected God to work, I needed to trust Him.

That next day, I walked to financial aid fully prepared to hear there was nothing they could do. Thankfully, it went much differently; they found \$8,000 for me! I was at a complete loss for words. I still had nearly \$7,000 left to pay, but I was positive that God would provide.

Despite seeing God work, I avoided looking at my leftover school bill. Eventually, my

sister talked me into looking at it and, to my surprise, all that was left to pay after government assistance and some reimbursements was \$20. I quickly paid for it and excitedly ran upstairs to tell my parents the great news.

This has not been an isolated event in my time here at Cedarville. God has provided all my funding for every semester since. Some semesters I even had money left over in my student account that helped cover a summer class. The Lord has provided 14 different scholarships through Cedarville. In all of this, I keep thinking about Dr. White’s chapel series from sophomore year and remembering, “God is faithful; you can trust Him.”

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Sean Beverly '22 graduated in May with a Bachelor of Science in management.



AFFORDABILITY WITHIN REACH

How do you make 1,000 days of Cedarville’s life-transforming undergraduate education affordable? Let me count the ways!

The financial pathways that enable a student to navigate successfully from Getting Started to commencement are as diverse as the students and families who choose Cedarville. No two stories are alike! Family income, college savings plans, academic awards, need-based grants, government aid, athletic scholarships, anonymous gifts, generous donors, campus employment, summer jobs, church support, and low-interest student loans are just a sampling of the ways God provides. We should not be surprised that His provision is endlessly creative.

In the end, we trust a faithful God to provide what is needed for each student He has called to attend Cedarville, graduate with the least amount of debt possible, and be equipped to enter their field job-ready and on mission for Jesus Christ. That’s an investment worth making and a goal that is well within reach!

COUNTING THE COST

Cedarville’s undergraduate tuition is competitive, while scholarships are generous. Room and board rates remain the lowest at any university in the state of Ohio, due to the priority we place on the residential experience and the intentional discipleship that takes place within the residence hall setting. Fees are also kept intentionally low.

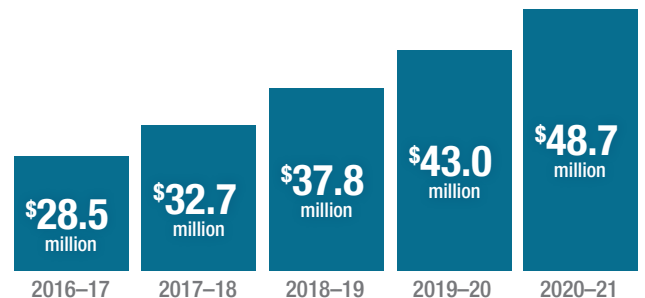
	2022–23 Costs (before financial aid)
Block Tuition (12–17 credits per semester)	\$34,498
Room	\$4,786
Board	\$3,614
Student Fee	\$200
Total	\$43,098

INVESTING IN SCHOLARSHIPS

On first glance, does that total cost seem daunting? That is just half the story — literally!

The average freshman financial aid offer is **\$20,150**, not including loans — reducing the total by nearly 50%! And, **100%** of freshmen students receive scholarships.

Thanks to the generosity of donors and a commitment in the University’s annual budget, Cedarville has increased its investment in scholarships by **70%** in the past five years.



FUNDING THE BALANCE

After scholarships and grants (also known as gift aid because they do not have to be repaid) are applied to a student's account, students cover the balance through many sources. For **56%** of last year's graduating class, that included federal student loans, averaging \$20,939.

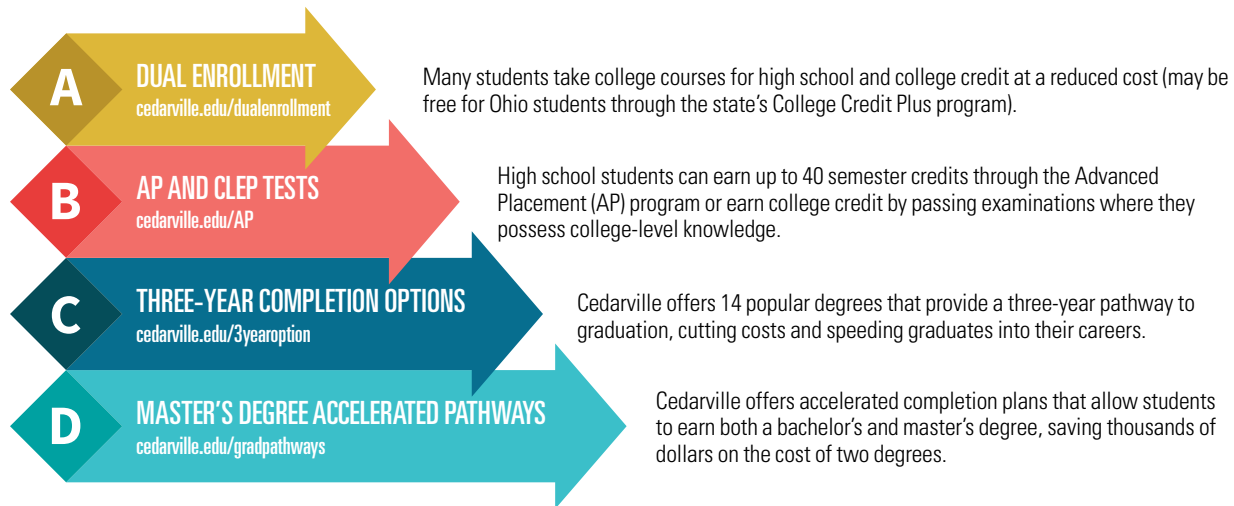
Loans must be considered carefully. The answers to "Should I take out a loan?" or "How much college debt is wise?" will be unique to each student and should reflect careful thought and prayer along with an understanding of future career plans and anticipated earnings. One rule of thumb we share with

families is to borrow no more than you expect to earn the first year after graduation. Other financial experts recommend limiting total student borrowing to an amount that will keep loan payments below 8 to 10% of pretax income.

Here's what we know to be true: With one of the lowest default rates in the U.S. (**1.7%**) and career placement rates well ahead of national averages (**98.4%** last year), Cedarville graduates appear to be wisely managing their financial obligations.

SAVING CREATIVELY

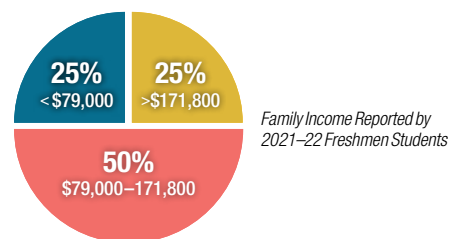
Beyond financial aid, Cedarville parents and students have many options for reducing the total cost of a Cedarville education. Consider these creative options, and remember our helpful admissions counselors are here to help you find the best solution for you and your family.



SUMMING IT UP

Thanks to a combination of Cedarville donor and institutionally funded scholarships, federal aid, and state grants — not to mention the diligent work and careful financial planning of Cedarville families, students from all income levels are finding Cedarville to be an affordable option.

Affordable for All Kinds of Families



Student and Family Contributions + **Donor and University-Provided Scholarships** + **For Some: Carefully Considered Loans** + **God's Unique Provision**

≡ A Life-Transforming Cedarville Education Within Reach



EVERYONE ON BOARD

WITH 21 CEDARVILLE ALUMNI, THIS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP RECEIVED BROAD FAMILY SUPPORT

BY JEFF GILBERT '87

Charles and Florence Kirby started their family in 1926. Three generations and 21 Cedarville graduates later, their descendants gave back with an endowed scholarship.

Verne Kirby '55 was the first Kirby to arrive at Cedarville in 1953, the same year Baptist Bible Institute relocated and became the new Cedarville College. He graduated two years later and began a career as a church planter for Baptist Mid-Missions serving in locations from Kentucky to Alaska to Hawaii.

Many family members followed — Verne's kids and grandkids, his brother Stanley's kids and grandkids — until the most recent one graduated in 2012. None of them have

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accumulated great wealth, but they are rich in the best kind of way: the Kirby family combined has contributed almost \$90,000 of God's blessings to start a unique endowed scholarship.

"Your faith has to enter in and trust the Lord that He knows what He's doing," Verne said. "We try to help in any way we can."

Nineteen branches of the Kirby family, representing 21 Cedarville alums, have funded the annual Charles and Florence Kirby Family Scholarship, named in honor of Verne and Stanley's parents. The scholarship will award

about \$3,750 annually to a student based on need. The only requirement is that the sophomore, junior, or senior, regardless of GPA, is a hard worker.

Stanley, the older of the two brothers, and his sons, Linden '74 and Mark '80, saw the potential of what could be accomplished with an endowed scholarship.

"When I realized how many of our family had connections to Cedarville," Linden said, "I said, 'We have to do something, and we have to do something that involves everyone or gives everybody the opportunity.'"

PROSPECT-TO-CEDARVILLE PIPELINE

Charles and Florence raised Stanley and Verne in Prospect, Ohio, a town of 1,000 people a little north of Columbus. The town, at least when Mark grew up there, was known for its Fourth of July celebration, Abe's Tastee Freez, and countless happy memories for Kirby kids.

Verne wanted to stay in Prospect and raise his family on a farm. But God had a different plan. A missionary visited his church and got him thinking about Bible college. Verne's travels began.

After two years at Piedmont Bible College in North Carolina, Verne and his wife, Helen '69, arrived in Cedarville. Verne graduated with a theology degree and began his missionary career.

All five of Verne's children attended Cedarville, as did Helen over two furloughs. Stanley went to Ohio Wesleyan, but four of his six kids came to Cedarville.

Stanley, who at 96 is three years older, is a veteran of World War II and returned to Prospect and made his life there. He was a rural mail carrier for 23 years, taught geometry, and coached the boys' basketball team at Marion Pleasant High School for 31 years. He won a state championship and is a member of the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.

"The money I spent on my kids going to Cedarville was beneficial," Stanley said. "I'm just hoping the money that I would give now will be beneficial to their future work and in support of God's Word."

GODLY HERITAGE

Linden and Mark grew up 100 yards from their grandparents Charles and Florence. Linden remembers that he would often sleep at their house and walk to elementary school the next morning. Grandma stood in the doorway, watched Linden walk to school, and prayed for him.

"She told me that more than once," he said. "And her prayers, I believe their prayers, made a difference in my spiritual life."

As the scholarship planning progressed, an obvious question was what to name it. Everyone agreed that the parents who first sent a Kirby to Cedarville should be honored.

"They were wonderful, solid Christian people who deeply impacted all our lives," Linden said. "Our family just loves Grandpa and Grandma and emulates them and realizes that their Christian example made the difference for us."

Linden and Mark's grandparents didn't live to see this day, but their dad and uncle have.

"It's an interesting thing that we can do that," Stanley said. "I haven't got too many more years to look back and say, 'I wish I'd done that.'"

FAMILY COMMITMENT

An endowed scholarship needs \$50,000 to start and begins paying out on the earned interest after three years. However, enough money in addition to the endowment fund was given and pledged to start awarding the scholarship now. The first scholarship, worth half the \$3,750 annual amount,

was awarded in January for the spring semester to Mackenzie Lord '22, a management major from Lone Tree, Colorado.

After the details of the scholarship were completed, Linden, who is a retired church planter and lives in Colorado, began contacting family members on his side and Verne's side. The response thrilled Linden. Kirbys who did not attend Cedarville contributed.

"I would like to emphasize the unity of the family and the cooperative effort," Linden said. "I don't even know the range of gifts, but it didn't matter to us. It's more than their relationship to Cedarville. It's their relationship



Vern and Stanley Kirby

to the family, and their relationship to Christ. And they're saying, 'We love our parents, we love our grandparents, we love our great-grandparents, we love the Lord, and we love Cedarville in the sense that the motto is for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ.'"

Mark has worked at the same Christian school in Lakeland, Florida, since he graduated from Cedarville in 1980. His children made it through Cedarville with lots of scholarship help from various sources.

"My own kids were more excited about doing this," he said. "They know how they got through was with scholarship help, so it was neat to think we can bond together as a family and make this happen for some others, too."

And because of that, students for years to come will benefit from the generosity of one family who went all in on the value of a Cedarville education. You have to suspect that Charles and Florence would be very proud.


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Jeff Gilbert '87 is an assistant professor of journalism and advisor to the student newspaper, Cedars.

Why We

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BY HEIDIE RAINE '23



Academic. Need-based. Memorial. Community Service. Legacy. Military. Athletic. These scholarships and more make an education at Cedarville University possible for all of its undergraduate students — 100% of whom receive financial aid.

Behind each scholarship is a donor — an alumnus, parent, grandparent, or friend — with a story. Some seek to honor a loved one. Some long to see specific academic programs flourish. Some want to give back to the institution that shaped them, their children, or their grandchildren. But one commonality between all of Cedarville’s donors is the desire to support the University’s students and mission.

“All of our donors have a heart of generosity,” Nancy Holmes Voorhies, Senior Regional Director of Development, said. “They want to help other people afford to come to Cedarville.”

And that generosity shines through in each donor’s explanation of why they give.

LOVE FOR CEDARVILLE

Charlotte Kuriger posthumously established the Roger and Charlotte Kuriger Scholarship Fund — Cedarville’s largest estate gift to date — in 2019 on behalf of herself and her husband after a lifetime of faithful but modest giving to the University.

Charlotte and Roger Kuriger divided their \$3.1 million estate gift into two endowed scholarships: 75% to the Master of Science in Nursing program and 25% to the Bachelor of Science in accounting program.

The Kurigers came to know and love Cedarville through Roger’s sister, Marie, and her husband, Dale Murphy, who served on the Board of Trustees

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for 47 years. Shortly after her husband’s death, Kuriger developed a friendship with Voorhies. Through that friendship, Kuriger’s knowledge of and affection for Cedarville’s biblical education grew, inspiring her to bequest the couple’s estate to the University.

“The nursing scholarship principal alone awards around \$150,000 a year,” Voorhies



Roger and Charlotte Kuriger

said. “The Graduate School of Nursing program has been transformed by that scholarship.”

PASSION FOR MINISTRY

Another scholarship transforming Cedarville students’ lives is the John Lutsi B.A./M.Div. Pastoral Ministry Scholarship. Lutsi established the scholarship in 2019 to assist undergraduate and graduate students on the pastoral ministry track; 18 students received this scholarship in the 2021–22 school year.

Lutsi learned about Cedarville through his granddaughter, Sophia Smith ’21; grew to love it with his wife, Ella; and felt moved to contribute to the University following Ella’s passing in 2020.

“Mr. Lutsi is passionate about youth garnering theological training to contribute as lay people at local churches,” Kate Cooper, Scholarship and Annual Giving Manager, said. “He’s thankful to Cedarville for building up his granddaughter’s faith, and his scholarship allows other students to be built up in the same way.”

SUPPORTING MKS

The Gershom Scholarship is named for Moses’ son from Exodus 2:22, whose name means “I have been a stranger in a

foreign land,” and is designated to assist children of full-time missionary families, particularly missionary kids from the Middle East, where the donors’ family lived for a time as “strangers in a foreign land.”

The Gershom Scholarship began in 2006 when a couple sent the first of three children — all Cedarville graduates — to the University. At the time, the husband’s company offered a three-to-one match for financial gifts to educational institutions. They began giving \$7,500 to Cedarville each year, which multiplied to \$30,000 with company matching.

Their eldest son, a 2010 alumnus, began working at the same company as his father after graduation, and he

has continued to take advantage of the company’s matching policy with regular gifts. The Gershom Scholarship’s market value is nearing \$1 million. It is the single largest endowment fund to which current gifts are being made.

“When the family lived overseas, they met missionaries there, and they wanted missionary kids to be able to come to Cedarville,” Voorhies shared. “They knew as full-time missionaries, those parents couldn’t afford to send their kids

as this couple could, so they wanted to do what they could to help,” Voorhies explained. “It’s obvious that they are faithfully following what the Lord has put on their hearts.”

“It’s beautiful to see people who want to give,” Cooper added. “There’s this thought that people don’t want to contribute to a cause, but our donors want to give to our students — to make Cedarville a possibility for them — and it’s truly what the Lord is doing. He’s moving in donors’ lives, and we get to be conduits in that.”

CONTINUING A LEGACY

Julie Deardorff, Director of Library Collection Services and Associate Professor of Library Science, serves as another example of such generosity as she honors the memory of her husband, beloved University professor Don Deardorff. Establishing the Don and Julie Deardorff English Scholarship

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Nancy Holmes Voorhies

following her husband's passing in October 2021, Deardorff hopes to honor their shared passion for humanities education.

"After Don died so unexpectedly, my sister asked me where I'd want donations to go," Deardorff explained. "It's important to me that he can continue to have an impact on English and language arts education majors at Cedarville."

The Deardorffs both studied English in their undergraduate programs, and they were blessed with scholarships that let them graduate debt-free.

"It gave us a great sense of financial freedom, allowed us to marry two weeks after I graduated, start graduate school shortly after, and ultimately find our way to Cedarville," she said.

The couple worked together at Cedarville for 25 years, during which they jointly invested in students and helped them navigate financial challenges.

"We felt torn," she explained. "How do you advise a student to come back when they're in such a difficult financial situation? This scholarship is our way of helping solve that problem by doing one final thing together."

"Compared to having a personal impact on students' lives, this scholarship looks like a small thing, but since that's not possible anymore, it becomes a big thing," Deardorff shared. "Don can still help students succeed and make it possible for them to major in English, which has so much value."

Rachel Rathbun '23 is the first recipient of the scholarship.

BURDENED BY THE NEED

Last year, an anonymous donor funded and established the God Provides Scholarship because they "just wanted to bless students who are hurting financially and wanted them to know that God provides for their needs," Voorhies shared.

Moved by this \$100,000 gift, another donor wanted to contribute, increasing the fund to \$138,000. This year, 37 students were blessed by the God Provides Scholarship.

"Many students send thank-you notes through the financial aid office, and their stories are very emotional," Cooper said. "We have students with sick family members, students who are in graduate studies and simultaneously supporting families, students affected by COVID, students losing jobs, and this scholarship is helping them complete their Cedarville education. It's a beautiful picture."



Don and Julie Deardorff. Don Deardorff passed away suddenly on October 22, 2021, having served Cedarville faithfully for 25 years.

GENEROSITY AND GOSPEL COMMUNITY

Each of these scholarships does exactly that — paints a beautiful picture of generosity and Gospel community.

"These donors believe in Cedarville, and with hearts of generosity, they desire to see as many students afford a Cedarville education as possible," Voorhies added.

Heidie Raine '23 is an English major at Cedarville University.



A WORTHWHILE INVESTMENT

SCHOLARSHIPS, HARD WORK, AND GRANDPA'S INCENTIVE KEY TO ALUMNA'S SUCCESS

BY ANGELA FARLOW '20

When I think about why I chose to attend Cedarville University, there isn't a specific event that comes to mind. I had always wanted to attend Cedarville, and looking back now, I see how it was a clear working of the Holy Spirit in my life. I knew that I wanted to learn more about God and experience the impact of a relationship with Him on my daily life.

The people whom I had looked to as examples for being a Christian had disappointed me, and I was just beginning to learn what a personal relationship looked like in my Christian walk separate from the role models I had seen. I knew that Cedarville would encourage me to learn even more and grow in my faith.

After I chose to attend Cedarville for my communication degree, my parents were unable to financially support me, leaving me completely on my own to fund

my undergraduate education. I had a high school job but still did not have a full understanding of the impact debt would have on my life. I am so thankful for my Grandpa Mickey, who loved me well and walked me through how to fund my education in a wise way that would allow me to work any job that I wanted in my future.

GRANDPA'S INCENTIVE

During my senior year of high school, I applied for every outside scholarship that I could. I was beyond thankful to receive several educational and volunteer scholarships that greatly helped me in my first year. In addition, my grandpa generously offered to match every dollar that I earned from my jobs.

This encouraged me to work hard in the summer and throughout my college career. I had several jobs on campus, including working for Admissions, Public Relations, and Human Resources. I also worked full-time jobs throughout my summer breaks. True to his word, Grandpa matched every

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dollar I made, which I put straight toward my education, doubling the money I was making.

I also applied for donor-funded scholarships during my time at Cedarville. I received the Miriam Maddox Speech Communication Scholarship and the Excellence in Applied Communication Scholarship in 2019–2020. The following year I received the Excellence in Applied Communication Scholarship again! I was honored to receive these scholarships, which helped me limit my debt and work toward financial stability.

WORTHWHILE INVESTMENT

When I stop and consider the investment I made to attend Cedarville, I sometimes ask myself if it was worth it. But every time I ask that question, my answer is quickly a definite “Yes!”

Attending Cedarville University was one of the most transformative experiences in my spiritual journey. Not only were my classes taught from a biblical worldview, but the people who surrounded and loved me taught me the beauty of following Christ and living a life honoring Him.

I was surrounded by professors who not only believed in God's Word but lived it out in every aspect of their lives. I was loved by people at my church and different families that welcomed me. I was also loved by my co-workers and bosses through my jobs. I grew and healed in incredible ways. My experience at Cedarville is something I would pay for and work just as hard for again.

PURSUING HER PASSION

After graduating from Cedarville, I was left with \$8,937 in unsubsidized government loans, which was a blessing in itself. I started to apply for jobs that matched my passion for advocating for youth and children and fit my skill set in communications and leadership. Knowing that I had minimal debt, which I felt confident I could pay off, allowed me to consider a wider range of job possibilities, some that paid less than others but still engaged the gifting, training, and passion the Lord had given me.

The Lord provided an amazing opportunity to work for a small international nonprofit organization called Chariots for Hope that manages children's homes in Kenya, Africa. Within three weeks of applying, I interviewed in person in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I was offered the job as a Communications Manager and took the bold step to move across the country away from family and friends.

My job has been stretching, and I have learned so much,

but I have been most amazed at how present the Lord was in leading me to this point. Because of generous people in my life and hard work, I paid off all my undergraduate debt in just one year. I am overwhelmed with gratitude to be debt-free and serving the Lord in a job that allows me to love children,

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donors, co-workers, and other friends of our organization with a love that only comes from understanding what Jesus did on the cross for us. I have had the opportunity to travel to Kenya, Africa, multiple times, and I am always humbled in the ways that I have been so generously blessed.

I am so thankful to be in a place where I can be generous toward others and toward the incredible people living in Kenya. What incredible joy comes from giving and what a significant difference it can make. Because of my grandpa and those who gave to Cedarville, I can experience the joy of a life lived for Him and serving others.

Angela Farlow '20 is *Communications Manager for Chariots for Hope, a Philadelphia-based nonprofit that cares for vulnerable and orphaned children through children's homes in Kenya.*



BUILDING A SECURE FUTURE



Cedarville Magazine spoke with Will Smallwood (WS), Vice President for Advancement, and Scott Van Loo '98 (SVL), Vice President for Enrollment Management, about the importance of scholarships in making a Cedarville education affordable and attainable for students. They also shared how supporters can help ensure the long-term strength and growth of the University.



How important are scholarships and other types of financial aid in making a Cedarville education accessible for our students?

SVL: One of the first questions prospective students and families ask is what scholarships are available. It's important for us to be able to respond that we have scholarships and financial aid available that will make Cedarville affordable. We address it in our Cedarville University Experience session when students and families visit. We share our total costs and the average financial need per student so they can start to get their minds around what it is going to cost to attend.

What is the heart behind financial aid?

SVL: We would love to be able to make a Cedarville education available to any student or family who feels God directing them our way. It's always difficult to walk alongside students who want to be here but are not able to make the financial part work. Our financial aid program and a growing endowment will help make those conversations easier with families and students.

What role do federal grants and loans play in students being able to attend Cedarville?

SVL: The federal (Pell) grants are dollars available to students who are in the most need. When a student completes the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), the university receives data on that student and their family's ability to afford an education.



Will Smallwood



Scott Van Loo

If the family is seen by the federal government as not having the means, they will be eligible for the Pell as well as supplemental Pell dollars. Then if a student still needs to take out loans, if they are eligible for Pell, all student loan programs typically start with the federal loan program because it is one of the lowest interest rate programs available to students and families.

What challenges, if any, does the University face in participating in federal aid programs?

SVL: I'm not aware of any direct challenges that we face now, but there are societal pressures. Should there be lawsuits that would remove our tax-exempt status, then that would remove our ability to participate in the federal aid program. We make the program widely available to all our students so if it were to go away, we would need to fill in that gap for students.

How is the university preparing if it should have to step away from federal funding in the future?

WS: Two of the four priorities of *One Thousand Days Transformed: The Campaign for Cedarville* address the need for resources to continue providing an excellent education and intentional discipleship in submission to biblical authority for the next generations of students.

First, our challenge is making sure every student who desires a Cedarville education can afford to enroll and graduate unencumbered by excessive debt. Gifts provide an affordable and accessible pathway for students to be transformed by a Cedarville education. Second, institutional sustainability is a critical component of the campaign. Cedarville is committed to standing firm against cultural headwinds, and estate and planned gifts provide assurance that financial giving will continue well into the future.

Cedarville is on strong financial footing. How can donors ensure that this continues for the generations to come?

WS: The strong financial position of Cedarville is attributed wholly to the grace and mercy of God. We are simply stewards of His great generosity of sending students, providing world-class faculty and staff, and blessing us with incredible financial partners. And while Cedarville may be in a season

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Scott Van Loo

of unprecedented growth, we are in full reliance upon the Lord to provide donors who are committed to the mission and vision of the institution. As donors respond generously to the kingdom advancement taking

place at Cedarville, we will continue to steward every gift for the glory of God and the sustainability of the institution.

SVL: Adding to Dr. Smallwood's thoughts, I would say when donors give to scholarship funds that go directly to students through endowment, they're helping ensure financial stability. Endowments are funds that the university manages that bear interest, and as they bear interest, that interest is returned in scholarship dollars, and those scholarship dollars go directly to students, while the endowment continues to grow and is there for perpetuity. If Cedarville can grow its endowment, it would make a Cedarville education affordable and attainable for students even beyond where we are today.

How can donors support scholarships?

WS: There are three major initiatives at Cedarville University that provide scholarships for students.

- First, the Cedarville Fund allows us to keep tuition low and budget scholarships through annual gifts. These gifts provide immediate funds for pressing needs.
- Second, donor-funded annual scholarships provide resources to worthy students on a yearly basis. Pending their desire, donors can renew these gifts each year.
- Third, endowed scholarships provide consistent, reliable funding for students with financial need or who demonstrate academic excellence.

How can they start a scholarship?

WS: Starting a scholarship begins simply with a desire to make a transformative difference in the lives of students, and the scholarship types noted previously allow donors to jump in at any funding level. Once a commitment to assisting students has been made, the advancement team is available to assist in accomplishing your philanthropic goals. We will walk you through every step of the process from determining the type of scholarship to selecting the criteria for recipients. To learn more how you can establish a scholarship fund, contact Kate Cooper, Cedarville's scholarship and annual giving manager, at kcooper@cedarville.edu or call 937-766-3219.

As we wrap up, what would you like to share with supporters of Cedarville about the University and the direction God is taking us?

WS: First, I want to express our deep sense of gratitude for the generosity of Cedarville alumni and friends to invest in life transformation. To date, donors to the \$125 million *One Thousand Days Transformed* campaign have gifted nearly \$106 million to expand our capacity, reduce student debt, transform lives in and out of the classroom, and provide for the future of Cedarville University. Second, we count it as joy to have front row seats to all God is doing at Cedarville. In fact, one of our culture statements in Advancement speaks to this directly: We believe what God is doing at Cedarville is too amazing to miss.

SVL: It's an exciting time to be here, to see the growth in the university, not just in student numbers, but in the lives being transformed. Going back to our mission statement: We transform lives through excellent education and intentional discipleship in submission to biblical authority.

What's exciting for me in my role is to listen to families and students when you ask them, "Why are you considering Cedarville with all the colleges and universities out there?" I hear them answer in much the same way that I did when I decided to attend here in the fall of 1994: you sense the presence of God on this campus, you sense this is a place where you will be encouraged to grow in your faith, and you will be challenged through an excellent education that will prepare you for what God has next.

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Will Smallwood

Twenty-five years removed from graduating, I still hear students and families speak to those same values and the same qualities of Cedarville that were here when I attended. In a world that has shifted and changed, Cedarville has remained steadfast, and there are fewer and fewer institutions out there like that. God continues to bring students to Cedarville. We're just blessed to be part of what He is doing here.

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STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY

The following is an excerpt from a March 2, 2022, chapel presentation by Chip Bernhard. Listen to his full message at cedarville.edu/BernhardMar22.

Isaiah 40:28–31 talks about renewable energy, perpetual strength that's available. And it's possible for us to tap into His strength without diminishing a kilowatt of His incredible power.

Isaiah Chapter 40 was written to comfort the Jewish people as they were refugees in Babylon. They are trapped, wondering if they have a future. They've been slaves for 70 long years.

They needed to know that there was some unlimited supply of energy available to them. They needed strength, hope, motivation. They were weary and disheartened.

Many of us have read these passages in moments of loneliness and despair,

time of need, then you haven't come to grips with who God really is.

This text all comes down to one word. It's the Hebrew word *qavah*. It



faith, catch the updrafts of your circumstance, and lean into the promise of God.

Secondly, there's the picture of this unstoppable runner: "They will run and not grow weary." This power-giving presence of God is eagerly available to help us in our race of life, to renew our lives, and to keep us going.

The third picture is a hiker on a long journey: "They will walk and not faint." When you feel like you want to quit in the Christian walk, He gives us the strength and the perseverance because the journey is long.

You may be feeling overwhelmed academically. You may be disappointed by your own poor choices. Don't you give up. You keep going. Don't you stop.

You *qavah* in the Lord. You wait on Him. You lean into Him. You hope in Him. You look to God eagerly, expectantly. He will renew your strength and help you to the finish line.

You wait on Him. You lean into Him. You hope in Him.

wondering if God really cares. In this poem is a series of majestic images portrayed about a God who comes to us in our time of need.

The nation of Israel didn't feel like He cared. They were living on their feelings, and feelings over the long haul wear down. God answers that He is able to keep track of a billion galaxies. And if you don't think that kind of God is able to strengthen you during your

may be translated, "those who hope in the Lord." But it can also be translated, "those who wait on the Lord." Would you agree that there is a little bit of difference?

The Hebrew word *qavah* is difficult to define. First, *qavah* carries the idea of waiting. But this is an active, eager waiting.

The second meaning is to braid or to bind together, to weave tightly. I've described this meaning as to lean into God. You're drawing close to Him. This is about spending time alone with Him. It's weaving your life together with His.

His picture of strength is a soaring eagle. Stretch out the wings of your

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EARS TO HEAR



Listening to the Stories of Jesus

In his 2021–22 sermon series, Cedarville's President, Thomas White, walked us through the parables of Jesus, challenging us to have ears that hear, hearts that receive, and lives that obey. We invite you to enjoy this series that challenged the University family to make much of Jesus and His powerful words.

The Purpose of the Parables — Matthew 13:10–16; 34–35 (August 23, 2021)

The Parable of the Soils — Matthew 13:1–9; 18–23 (September 7, 2021)

The Kingdom Parables — Matthew 13:24–33; 36–50 (September 17, 2021)

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant — Matthew 18:21–35
(October 8, 2021)

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard — Matthew 20:1–16
(October 18, 2021)

The Parable of the Two Sons — Matthew 21:28–32 (October 25, 2021)

The Parable of the Talents — Matthew 25:14–30 (November 5, 2021)

The Parable of the Ten Virgins — Matthew 25:1–13 (November 15, 2021)

The Parable of the Fig Tree — Luke 13:6–9 and Matthew 7:15–20
(November 30, 2021)

The Parable of the Invited Guests and the Wedding Feast — Luke 14:7–14
(January 18, 2022)

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector — Luke 18:9–14
(January 27, 2022)

The Parable of the Rich Fool — Luke 12:13–21 (February 7, 2022)

The Parable of the Good Samaritan — Luke 10:25–37 (February 21, 2022)

The Parable of Forgiven Debts — Luke 7:36–50 (February 28, 2022)

The Parable of the Friend at Midnight — Luke 11:5–13 (March 18, 2022)

The Parables of the Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, and Lost Son — Luke 15:1–24
(March 25, 2022)

The Parable of the Forgiving Father — Luke 15:11–32 (April 4, 2022)

The Parable of the Tenants — Luke 20:9–19 (April 18, 2022)

The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders — Luke 6:46–49 (April 25, 2022)

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RECORD NUMBER OF DEGREES AWARDED



Cedarville University awarded a record number of undergraduate and graduate degrees during two commencement ceremonies held in the Doden Field House on May 7.

This year, 774 undergraduate and 150 graduate degrees were awarded, both records. The double commencement was held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to accommodate the growing number of graduates and their guests.

In addition to awarding degrees, Cedarville also recognized this year's President's Trophy winners: Stacey Barker from Belmont, Michigan, and Kathryn DeVries from Ada, Michigan, both of whom earned their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, and William DeKryger, from Portage, Michigan, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in molecular biology.



Stacey Barker

Kathryn DeVries

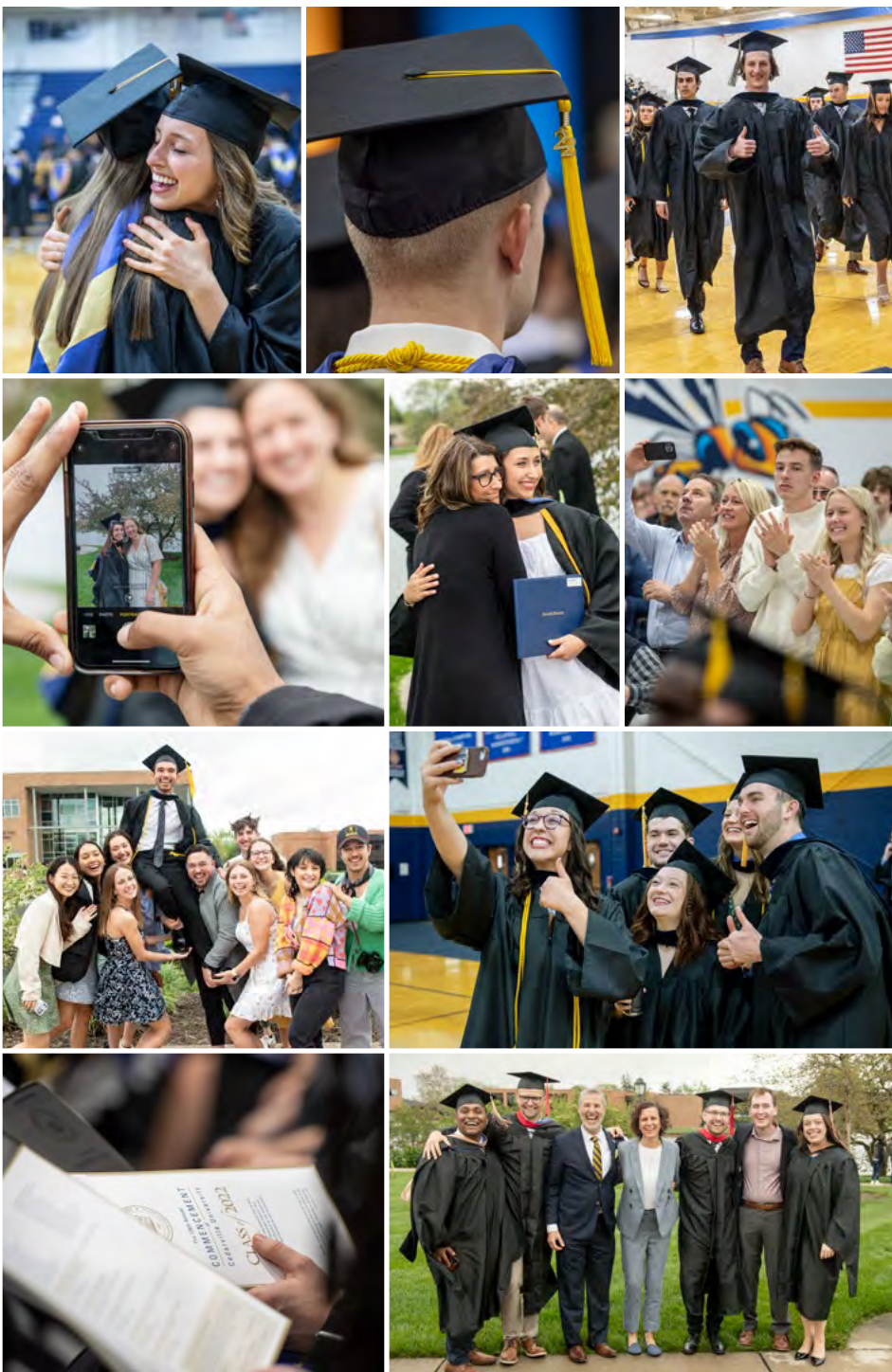
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- 19-21 Getting Started Weekend
- 22-25 Fall Bible Conference

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- 30 Homecoming

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- 1 Homecoming
- 20-23 Fall Break

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From May 11 to June 4, Cedarville University traveled coast to coast on a first-ever nationwide bus tour! After a sendoff in Cedarville on April 25, the Transformed Tour made its first stop on May 11 in Grand Rapids and concluded on June 4 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with Chicago; Milwaukee; Des Moines; Denver; San Diego; Dallas; Houston; Tampa; Raleigh; Washington, D.C.; and Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey, in between – 13 locations! Every event included vibrant worship led by HeartSong, a powerful message from God’s Word, an update of how God is blessing and transforming lives at Cedarville, and a scholarship drawing for high schoolers in attendance.



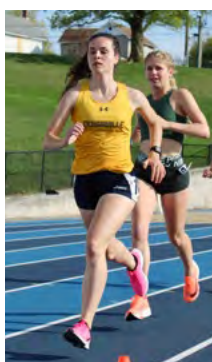


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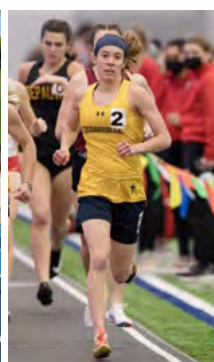
LADY JACKETS REWRITE THE TRACK & FIELD RECORD BOOK



Alexandra Brizzi



Bethany Sholl



Alayna Ackley



Rachel Sweeney-Bredeson

Cedarville University women's track & field athletes had a record-setting season in 2022, setting multiple school records, with several falling more than once.

Six marks fell during the indoor season beginning when Nora Hagan '25 made her collegiate debut setting a new standard in the 60-meter dash in 7.63 seconds.

She later snapped the 200 record with a sprint of 25.13 seconds in the G-MAC Championship.

Distance specialist Alayna Ackley '23 set records in the

3,000 (9:54.37) and 5,000 meters (16:57.04).

Britain Musick '24 ran to the G-MAC Indoor title in the 60-meter hurdles in 8.71 seconds and Emma Bailey '25 set a record in the shot put with a heave of 42-9.75 at the NCCAA Indoor.

The momentum resumed outdoors with four more records falling by the wayside. Alexandra Brizzi '24 crushed the 100-meter

dash mark lowering it to 11.78 seconds.

Rachel Sweeney-Bredeson '21, Pharm.D. '24 broke her own record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (10:36.10), Bethany Sholl '22 ran the first-ever sub-17 minute in the 5K (16:57.32), and Ackley became the first Lady Jacket to go below 35 minutes in the 10K (34:58.07).

Nine of the fastest 10 10K times in program history, as well as six of the top 10 in the 5K, were established this spring by Lady Jacket distance runners.

NEW FACES, SAME MISSION FOR ATHLETICS



Abbey Buettell



Zach Harris



Alyssa Beals

The trio includes Abbey Buettell, Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance and Senior Woman Administrator; Zach Harris '16, Assistant Athletic Director for Operations; and Alyssa Beals '19, M.B.A. '21, Director of Marketing and Sponsorships.

Each one brings experience and skills that will continue to advance the Yellow Jackets' mission to foster a distinctive culture in competitive athletics that commissions student-athletes to impact the world for Christ.

Cedarville University Athletic Director Chris Cross has announced three key additions to the leadership team in the athletic department.

COMPETING FOR CHRIST. CONTENDING FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

2021-22 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



- NCAA Presidents' Award for Academic Excellence for the ninth consecutive year. One of 43 Division II schools in the country and one of just three G-MAC schools to earn the honor.
- Teams qualified for the NCAA Division II Championships in men's cross country, women's cross country, men's soccer, women's soccer, and men's basketball.



BASKETBALL

- As the No. 6 seed in the Midwest, Yellow Jackets men's basketball earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Championship for the first time in school history.



SOCCER

- Men's soccer advanced to the NCAA Division II Super Region 3 tournament as the No. 8 seed, falling to the No. 1 seed in a second round contest.
- Top seed and defending NCAA Division II National Champion Grand Valley State required overtime to get by the No. 8 Lady Jackets soccer team in the first round of the Midwest Regional. The Lady Jackets made their second NCAA appearance in the program's history.



TRACK AND FIELD

- Individuals qualified for the NCAA Championships in women's indoor track & field and women's outdoor track & field.
- NCCAA Women's Indoor Track & Field Champions for the fourth straight time and ninth overall.
- Nora Hagan '25, NCCAA Women's Indoor Track Athlete of the Meet.
- NCCAA Men's Indoor Track & Field Champions for the second straight time and fourth overall.
- Cedarville University, NCCAA Men's and Women's Indoor Track & Field Coaching Staff of the Year.
- Rachel Sweeney-Bredeson '21, Pharm.D. '24, G-MAC Elite 25 Award in both indoor and outdoor track & field, recognizing the competing athlete with the highest grade point average.



CROSS COUNTRY

- G-MAC Women's Cross Country Champions.
- Jeff Bolender '91, G-MAC Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year.

CONTINUING EDUCATION EXPANDING

CU Enrich (enrich.cedarville.edu) is Cedarville's online platform for continuing education. New, more robust continuing education programs

CU Enrich

Cedarville University's Continuing Education Portal

and the recent hire of instructional technologist Jason Frieling, a former schoolteacher and educational technology trainer in Romeo, Michigan, have the University excited about its online impact.

One of the first CU Enrich initiatives is Cedarville's highly popular Bible minor classes.

Currently available on CU Enrich are Old Testament Literature, taught by Chris Miller; Theology 1, taught by Jeremy Kimble; and Theology 2, also taught by Kimble. Two other courses — The Bible and the Gospel and New Testament Literature — are slated to be added to CU Enrich.

The courses will be offered at no charge, and those successfully completing the classes will earn a certificate.

Prospective students can enjoy a free preview of Cedarville coursework through the CU in Class online modules. Single sessions of classes include Introduction to Adversarial Thinking for Cybersecurity, Ethics

and Its Relationship to Worldview, Managing Teams, among many others.

Other courses currently available on CU Enrich include a recently developed Accelerate Reading Program, a five-week video series designed to help learners increase both their reading rate and comprehension. Conceived as a course to help prospective students and incoming freshmen, anyone can benefit from the on-demand course, which is offered for a fee.

"We are growing online in a way we have never done before," noted Pam Johnson, Dean of Undergraduate Studies. "It's a big expansion of our footprint."

LONG-SERVING FACULTY REMEMBERED



Sue Baker passed away on October 10, 2021. Baker, Professor Emerita of Education, taught at Cedarville University from 1978 until her retirement in 2012. Baker was a beloved teacher and colleague, known for her no-nonsense approach. She left little doubt that her students were her priority.

An instrumental figure in the development of Cedarville's outstanding science programs, Daniel Wetzel passed away on October 9, 2021. Wetzel served as Professor of Physics and Mathematics from 1963–1989 and Department Chair and then Dean from 1989–2003. He stepped back into the classroom until his retirement in 2009. The Dr. Daniel Wetzel Alumni Scholarship Award in Science and Mathematics continues in his honor.



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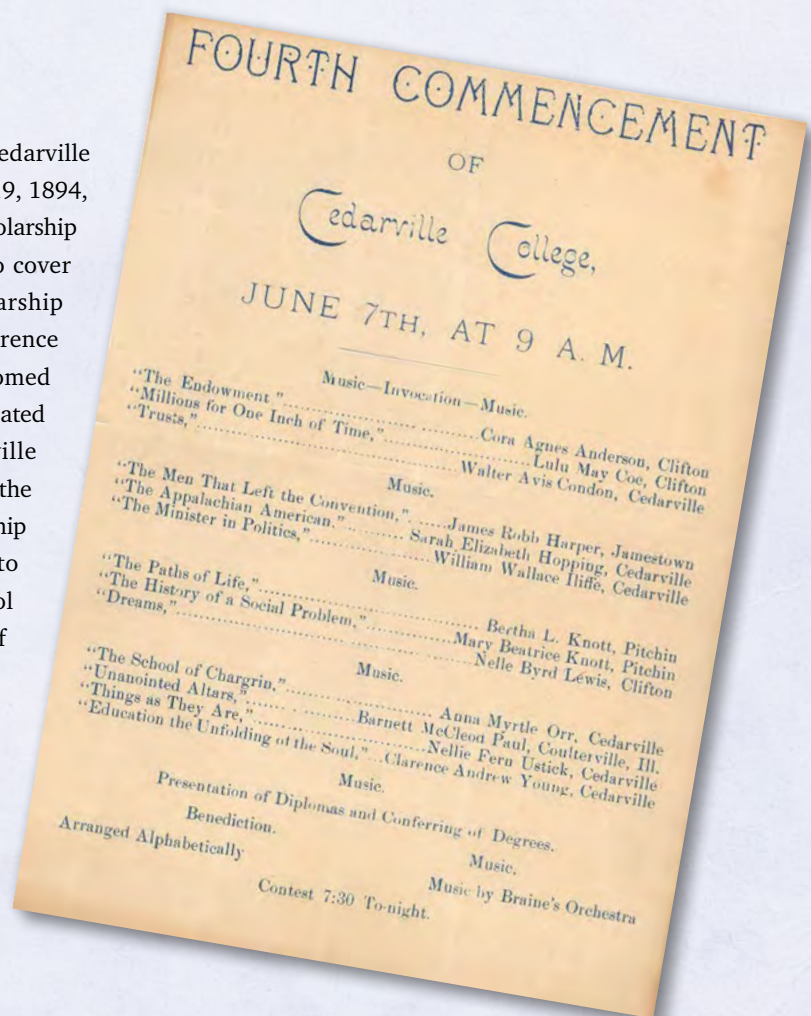


MOMENT

in Time

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS CIRCA 1894

Before classes officially started in 1894, Cedarville was awarding scholarships. On September 19, 1894, the Board of Trustees extended a “prize scholarship to every high school in Greene County” to cover the \$20 total yearly tuition. Two scholarship recipients that year, William Illiff and Clarence Young, both from Cedarville, gladly welcomed the financial assistance, enrolled, and graduated at the fourth commencement of Cedarville College in 1900. Their names are shown on the graduation program. From that \$20 scholarship offer in 1894 to \$51 million committed to financial assistance for the 2021–22 school year, helping students achieve their goal of a transformative Cedarville education has always been a priority.



YOUR GIFT CHANGES LIVES

It has been my privilege to serve as Director of Financial Aid at Cedarville University the last 10 years. I have had the honor of blessing thousands of students and their families with the good news of financial aid awards that made a Cedarville education more affordable for them.

In my time here, I have often been used of God in a more personal way to help students who were struggling financially.

I recall one student who came in at the end of her freshman year. She walked by my office, and she was crying, tears just streaming down her face. I didn't know this young woman previously but in the sovereignty of God, I did get to meet her, and I learned her story. She came from a large family, and one of her siblings had many health issues and was in and out of the hospital. Throughout her college career, there had been numerous emergency trips to the hospital and her family's finances were stretched.

When it came time for her to graduate, she owed quite a bit of money. She thought it would be several months or years even before she would be able to get her diploma and transcripts, but because of a generous gift from a donor, she was able to pay the balance of what she owed. The day before she was to graduate, she came into my office to thank me for our efforts and as she left, she was crying, as she did at the end of her freshman year. However, this time, her tears were of pure joy and a thankful spirit. I believe I cried with her.

I was invited to her wedding, and she gave me a hug and thanked me. To this day, when I see her, she thanks me.

And on social media, she recently made a comment when she paid off her student

loans, thanking those who helped her, adding, "You know who you are." That was very heartwarming.

This is just one of many, many stories. Finding resources for international students who are not eligible for the kind of financial aid available to

U.S. students. A young man who needed just that extra little bit of help, and when we awarded him \$400, you would have thought by his reaction he had received \$10,000.

From a small institutional grant to merit-based awards to donor-funded scholarships, every penny is making a difference in helping a student who longs for a Cedarville education to be here, and not just receive a degree, but to experience something that is at the core of our University: an excellent education and intentional discipleship in submission to biblical authority. This is life transformation.

Thank you for being part of the life transformation of students through your financial support of Cedarville University. Thank you for your prayers and gifts that enable us to make a difference in the lives of these students, who then go from here to have a Kingdom impact on their workplaces, neighborhoods, churches, and communities. Because of you, I am able to say to a student wondering if she can finish her degree, "Relax, we can help you; God has provided through the Cedarville family."

Kim Jenerette '83 is Executive Director of Financial Aid.



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Center for the Advancement of Cybersecurity	\$3,000,000
Auditorium	\$3,000,000

Construction on the Scharnberg Business Center is set to begin this fall. This beautiful lakeside facility will feature classrooms, labs, collaboration spaces, a multipurpose auditorium, an Einstein Bros. Bagels, and office spaces for the School of Business, Department of Communication, and Center for the Advancement of Cybersecurity.

Opportunities are still available to be a part of this exciting Center that will be used to educate the growing number of students who desire a university that is faithful to Scripture and marked by academic excellence. Make a gift of any size today or talk to us about one of these naming opportunities.

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