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in Christian Education**

CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Cedarville University’s School of Education and the Southern Baptist Association of Christian Schools (SBACS) are partnering to bridge the gap between Christian education in K-12 schools and higher education. As a result of the partnership, two qualified students will receive full tuition scholarships from Cedarville University.

Jeremy Ervin, Ph.D., dean of the School of Education, said there is often a disconnect between completing a Christian education in K-12 schools and continuing to a Christian university. “Transitions from elementary education into upper level schooling are strategically prepared by education systems,” said Ervin. “But the transition to a continuation of Christian higher education is not traditionally included in those plans.”

According to Ervin, part of the purpose of the new SBACS scholarship is to make a connection for qualified high school graduates to earn a college degree from an academically rigorous institution that is Christ-focused in its curriculum and teaching.

Offered for the first time this year, the scholarships’ awardees are Rachel Williams from High Point Christian Academy in High Point, N.C., and Victoria Stearns from First Baptist Academy in Naples, Fla.

The scholarships are available to high school seniors graduating from SBACS schools who enroll at Cedarville University in the fall. Applicants were required to answer essay questions about the benefits of their Christian education over secular education and the effects further Christian education would have on their future careers.

“We wanted them to see how a Christian education will impact them in their future occupations,” Ervin said. “It’s important for each student to see how a biblical worldview will impact academic study and future career and ministry opportunities.”

Cedarville University and the SBACS expect to continue this partnership, offering the scholarships to students every year.

“The School of Education is delighted to have the opportunity to select key high school graduates to come to Cedarville,” said Ervin. “To bring high-quality students who are seeking to follow God’s direction in their career and seeking to have a biblical perspective on life is exciting.”

Cedarville University, located east of Dayton, Ohio, has 3,459 students in more than 100 areas of study. A Baptist university of arts, sciences, professional and graduate programs, Cedarville is recognized nationally for rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and leading student satisfaction ratings. Visit the University online at www.cedarville.edu.