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Cedarville University Sixth in Midwest**

CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Cedarville University, known for its rigorous academic standards from a Christian worldview, is ranked sixth in the Midwest according to U.S. News & World Report’s 2015 Best Regional Colleges ranking released today.

“At Cedarville University, we focus on equipping students to pursue excellence with a Gospel mission,” said Thomas White, president. “Seeing that U.S. News & World Report has listed Cedarville as one of the premier universities in the Midwest is gratifying to our faculty, students, and alumni.”

Cedarville is the second highest-ranked college in Ohio, trailing Ohio Northern University. It is the highest ranked among all universities in southwestern Ohio.

The high ranking is based on indicators of excellence. These factors include graduation and student retention rates, peer assessment, financial resources and alumni giving. According to U.S. News & World Report, Cedarville’s 85% freshman retention rate and 73% graduation rate were key contributors to this year’s ranking. Only Taylor University (88%), College of the Ozarks (87%) and Ohio Northern University (86 %) listed a higher freshman-to-sophomore retention rate.

In addition, the University has experienced eight consecutive record enrollments, including this year with 3,620 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The average grade point average of incoming freshmen is 3.6. According to current 2014 enrollment data, Cedarville’s

freshman-to-sophomore retention rate climbed to 88 percent--three percentage points higher than the 85 percent reported in U.S. News & World Report.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,620 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 100 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.