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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Students select colleges for many reasons, including strong academics, personal development, social life—and even quality residential living options. According to *Affordable Schools*, Cedarville University has some of the best—and affordable--residential facilities as it was ranked ninth nationally.

Affordable Schools is an online publication which helps students identify schools which offer top-quality education at affordable costs. The list was calculated by comparing an institution's room and board rate to the national average while also factoring in aesthetic appeal, amenities/facilities and each dorm's social scene.

In 2012-13, the national average for room and board at a private institution was \$10,540. Students at Cedarville University in 2015-16 will pay just \$6,542—approximately \$4,000 below the national average from four years ago.

“Affordability is obviously very important for students when they make the decision to come here,” said Jon Wood, vice president of student life and christian ministries. “But the main benefit of our housing is that it creates a very tight-knit, special community that is Christ-centered.

The Hill was highlighted by *Affordable Schools* as the best at Cedarville. Renovated in 2011, The Hill was praised for its glass-fronted exterior, community and study spaces and barbecue area.

It was also noted for its various social traditions such as the annual football game against Lawlor Hall. Overall, Cedarville received an A+ rating from *Niche.com* when it came to its living accommodations for students, which also factored in to its top 10 placement.

“Our on-campus housing allows the majority of the student body to live on campus, to be in close proximity and to enjoy the fun traditions that come from that such as the Lawlor-Hill Football Game, Printy Wars and Lawlorpalooza,” said Wood. “But the most important aspect of the residence halls is the opportunity they provide for discipleship.”

Cedarville University’s resident directors and advisors commit themselves to investing in the lives of students through bible studies, small group functions, individual mentoring and other extracurricular activities.

Cedarville University has 18 on-campus residential facilities including 16 residence halls and two townhouses.

Affordable Schools is one of the nation’s leading higher education resources designed to help students of all ages and backgrounds make informed decisions to obtain a high quality education while avoiding massive college debt.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville 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.