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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Bigger doesn't always mean better. That is certainly true in higher education in Ohio, where many smaller universities have big reputations for helping students graduate and gain meaningful employment so they can make a difference in the world. Cedarville University, a school of 3,700 undergraduate and graduate students in southwestern Ohio, fits that mold according to Pittsburgh-based research firm Niche.com.

In a recent survey by Niche.com, Cedarville University is ranked No. 15 among all Ohio public and private universities, regardless of size.

Top 15 Universities in Ohio (bold denotes Southwestern Ohio universities)

1. Ohio State University
2. Case Western Reserve University
3. Kenyon College
4. Oberlin College
5. **University of Dayton**
6. **Miami University**
7. **University of Cincinnati**
8. College of Wooster
9. **Xavier University**
10. Marietta College
11. Denison University
12. John Carroll University
13. Ohio University
14. Ohio Wesleyan University
15. **Cedarville University**

The ranking is based on a comprehensive assessment of total quality of the education and experience provided by each college. The research considers strength of the academic program, aptitude of professors, quality of campus amenities, general character of student life as well as student reviews in an attempt to measure the overall excellence of the college experience.

Niche.com's research supports Cedarville's 97.2 percent career placement rate. The most recent national average is 90.2 percent.

Additional Rankings

In a separate rankings, Niche.com ranked Cedarville University as the No. 1 “most drug-free campus” in Ohio and No. 7 nationally in this category. Cedarville also is ranked No. 5 in Ohio for having the “best college residence halls,” No. 8 for having the “smartest students in Ohio” and No. 11 for having the “best food on campus.”

About Cedarville University

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,711 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. For more information about the University, visit www.cedarville.edu.