

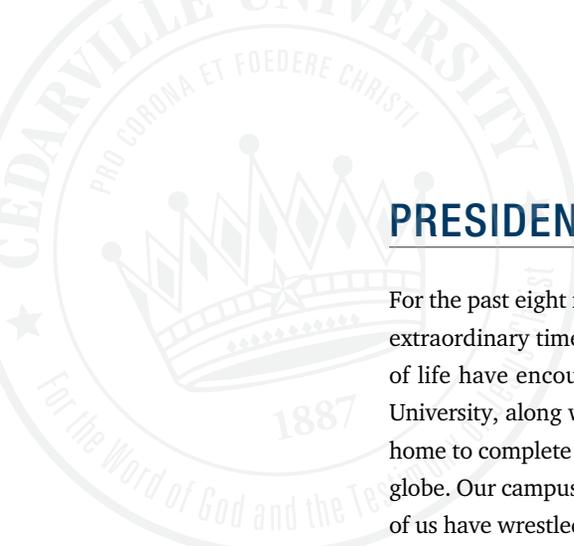
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President's Perspective

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

For the past eight months, we as a University, and as a nation, have faced extraordinary times. Our health system, our economy, and our very way of life have encountered unsettling challenges. Last spring, Cedarville University, along with most other colleges and universities, sent students home to complete studies online as a novel coronavirus spread across our globe. Our campus community missed special events and celebrations. All of us have wrestled with a sense of loss.

This fall, we have experienced the joys and uncertainties of welcoming students back to campus amid a pandemic. Together, we are navigating living out Cedarville's mission with courage, hope, and wisdom. We have learned that new challenges present new opportunities to put our faith in the Lord and honor Him.

We as a University have used these unprecedented days to uniquely live out our core value to love others. *Our Caring Well. Staying Well. COVID-19 Operating Plan*, guided by Philippians 2:3–4, encourages all of us, in humility, to consider others more significant than ourselves. You'll read more about this plan in the pages of this magazine. From masks in the classrooms to socially distanced lines in the dining hall, our Cedarville family is adjusting to a new normal with the mind of Christ. And they are doing so with a sense of unity that has been inspiring.

You'll also read about Cedarville alumni and students who have stepped up when called to make a difference during this season of COVID-19. Whether as a nurse, social worker, or leading a virtual Bible study, members of the Cedarville family are shining the light of Christ to a darkened world in need.

And, you'll learn about some of our expert faculty members who are using their God-given talents to speak truth into our current situation, offering much-needed perspective and encouragement.

Our world is desperately looking for hope. As believers, we know the only source of true hope is Jesus Christ. May we continue to honor Him in how we face this challenge and give Him all the glory as He leads us through it.

In Christ,

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