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President's Perspective

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Paul Dixon served as Cedarville University's president for 25 years and has now been our chancellor for almost 20 years. Along with the song *Christ Is All I Need* and his annual dandelion speech urging people to keep off the grass, he is best known for the statement, "Anything done in the name of Christ should have quality stamped all over it." This phrase is still repeated by faculty and staff today and has set an enduring standard for Cedarville to pursue quality and excellence in everything we do.

Some secular academics contend that you cannot have an excellent academic university simultaneously committed to biblical truth. We disagree!

At Cedarville, our biblical convictions provide a deeper and higher motivation to seek excellence in education — the nature and character of our Creator and the biblical standard that we hold dear. In this edition of *Cedarville Magazine*, I have written an article outlining why Christians should pursue excellence and, specifically, why Cedarville does.

You will also find articles about academic achievements, and you will learn more about a few members of our world-class faculty for whom we are truly grateful.

I continue to be amazed at the men and women whom God calls to serve King Jesus at Cedarville. We have the best students in the world. These students receive an education second to none. Content consistent with a biblical worldview is presented in every classroom. Our academic excellence is higher than it has ever been. You can rest assured that quality continues to be stamped all over everything we do. It must be. Reflecting the nature and character of God while standing for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ demands the pursuit of excellence in all we do.

As alumni and friends of Cedarville University, please carefully read the pages of this magazine. We hope you will join us in praising the Lord for what He is doing in these cornfields that is spreading throughout the world.

In Christ,

Thomas White, President

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On the Cover: Called to Excellence in the Nation's Capital

Mark Caleb Smith, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for Political Studies, initiated Cedarville's D.C. Semester program in 2008, which occurs every fall semester in Washington, D.C. The admissions process is competitive, with students submitting a written application and undergoing a formal interview. Accepted students attend classes twice a week in the evening and participate in field-related internships during the day. Participants have interned for the White House, the Department of Homeland Security, the Secret Service, the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, law offices, and think tanks. D.C. semester is one more example of how our students are called to excellence wherever God takes them.