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## **Cedars Named Best Student Newspaper in Ohio**

**CEDARVILLE, OHIO** – [Cedars](#), the award-winning student newspaper at [Cedarville University](#), has earned the Frank E. Deaner Award for Excellence in College Journalism for the fourth consecutive year.

The award is given to the top college newspaper in Ohio by the Ohio Newspaper Association. Cedars finished as the top publication in Division B, which includes institutions with fewer than 10,000 students.

In addition to being named as the top student paper overall, Cedars took home first-place awards for design, photojournalism, headline writing, multimedia packaging and website. It also placed second in arts and entertainment and third in opinion writing.

Papers were awarded based on their submissions from work done during the 2014-15 academic year. Jeff Gilbert, M.A, assistant professor of journalism and faculty adviser for Cedars, credits strong student leadership for guiding Cedars to award-winning content.

“We’ve had very strong leadership that has led to producing good student journalism,” said Gilbert. “Lauren Eissler did a great job as editor last year during her senior year, continuing the tradition of pushing the staff to do sophisticated stories that exceed what I think most people expect of student newspapers.”

Anna Dembowski, a senior journalism major from East Bethany, New York and Cedars’ current editor-in-chief, sees the paper as a stepping stone for her future career in journalism.

“Employers are looking for students who are familiar with Adobe, graphic design, interviewing, editing and experience in writing,” said Dembowski. “Through Cedars, I have been able to grow and gain skills in each of those areas.”

Cedars is a monthly publication, with its website updated regularly. The paper employs a staff of nine students and accepts freelance submissions from students across all academic programs.

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](http://www.cedarville.edu).