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# PROGRAM EXCELLENCE AND FACILITIES TO MATCH

BY WILL SMALLWOOD



For 135 years, academic excellence has been a defining hallmark of Cedarville University. Its early founders desired an institution that integrated faith with every area of knowledge. Today, we see this dream realized through more than 30,000 alumni worldwide living lives of service and Gospel advance as educators, doctors, lawyers, artists, musicians, missionaries, pastors, entrepreneurs, writers, poets, actors, and economists.

The demanding curriculum found at Cedarville, which includes a Bible minor for every student, recognizes that

education must be more than simply moving through a prescribed set of courses to prepare for a career. Thus, a Cedarville education is rooted in biblical truth and built around a liberal arts core, seeking to educate the whole

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student and prepare graduates to engage a diverse world with critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and problem-solving skills combined with the ability to communicate effectively. Add in an outstanding faculty recognized nationally for its intentional student engagement, the result is graduates who are well-equipped for leadership in their disciplines.

Encompassed in *One Thousand Days Transformed: The Campaign for Cedarville* is a strategic focus on advancing the quality of our academic programs. We must ensure that the excellence of our faculty and programs is matched by the quality and appearance of our facilities and classrooms.

Through the faithful support of alumni and friends, Cedarville is building unparalleled facilities that match the excellence of our academic programs.

Civil engineering students are already engaged in hands-on, kinesthetic learning in the new Civil Engineering Center.

Later this semester, athletic training students, and in 2023, PA (physician assistant) students, will enjoy a new space as part of the Callan expansion. This fall, construction of the new 65,000-square-foot Scharnberg Business Center, future home to the exceptional business and communication programs, as well as the Center for the Advancement of Cybersecurity, will begin. In the coming years, Cedarville will invest resources in a stately facility at the entrance of campus that will serve as a welcome center and home to many of Cedarville's liberal arts programs.

Investment in academic programming and facilities assists the University in recruiting and retaining world-class faculty. Faculty at Cedarville University hold the highest degrees in their disciplines from some of the most prestigious institutions of higher education around the globe. These outstanding scholars could serve as professors anywhere in the world. Yet they choose to serve at Cedarville University because of the call God has placed on their lives to serve at a distinctively Christian institution with a robust academic community.

## As we make these kingdom and financial investments, will you join us?

As we make these kingdom and financial investments, will you join us in our mission to transform student lives through excellent academics and intentional discipleship in submission to biblical authority? Now more than ever, our world needs Cedarville alumni, educated and prepared through the integration of faith and discipline, serving as transformative servant-leaders and agents of change in their families, churches, and workplaces for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ.

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