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## **Top Graphic Design Awards Go to Cedarville Students**

**CEDARVILLE, OHIO** – A pair of Cedarville University students, Andrew Spencer and Derek Truninger, showcased their talents at the American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA) Portfolio Day in Cincinnati.

Spencer, a senior from Hudson, New Hampshire, took first place and received a \$1,000 scholarship as the overall winner. His classmate, Derek Truninger, a senior from Moon Township, Pennsylvania, finished second overall and earned a \$750 scholarship.

"These awards reinforce the excellence of the visual communication design program at Cedarville and highlight its standing as one of the top design programs in Ohio," said Spencer.

Competitors were allowed to display up to 12 pieces of their best graphic design work at the event that was held at the Art Academy of Cincinnati. The portfolios were judged by AIGA board members who represent some of the leading design firms in the region, including LPK Cincinnati, Creatives On Call and Curiosity.

"It is an honor for our program to be so well represented by these two students in a competition that features students from some of the top programs in the area," said Aaron Huffman, M.F.A., assistant professor of graphic design. The University of Cincinnati, Xavier University and the Art Academy of Cincinnati were three other local schools competing.

AIGA is a professional organization whose members practice all forms of communication design, including graphic design, typography, interaction design, branding and identity.

"Having my work recognized by a national organization such as AIGA represents a lot of hard work and speaks to the great preparation that Cedarville has given me," said Truninger. "With Cedarville taking the top two prizes, it gives great exposure and validation to our program here."

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).