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## **Cedarville Alumnus Named Teacher of the Year**

**CEDARVILLE, OHIO** – Mark Peters has been named the 2016 Brevard County Teacher of the Year and the Space Coast Teacher of the Year. Peters works as a physical education and health teacher at Port Malabar Elementary in Palm Bay, Florida, where he has spent all 32 years of his career.

Peters graduated from Troy High School and Cedarville University (1981).

Peters was selected from a list of 89 teachers in the county who were nominated and measured based on criteria including teaching methods, leadership, professional development and parental engagement.

Fellow teachers at Port Malabar said they were not surprised that Peters won the award; throughout his tenure at the school he has integrated himself into the community and established positive relationships with students, families and other teachers.

For Peters, the acknowledgement was appreciated but not expected. His primary focus is on preparing students for success and developing their character, not gaining personal achievements or higher professional status.

The motivation for Peters is to positively impact each student he teaches. He believes that in order to teach well, it's important to care about students as individuals rather than just focusing on one particular behavior or issue. He strives to be authentic with students and in return has earned their appreciation and respect.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,760 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).