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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – The Cedarville University School of Pharmacy will recognize 45 Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) graduates during its annual hooding ceremony on Friday, May 5, at 11:30 a.m. in the James T. Jeremiah Chapel at Cedarville University.

The doctoral candidates are the second class to graduate from the school of pharmacy, and part of the 796 students receiving degrees at the university's 121st commencement on Saturday, May 6. Last year 48 students earned Doctor of Pharmacy degrees. At Friday's event, all 2017 graduates will receive their doctoral hood in formal recognition of obtaining a terminal degree.

Currently there are 290 students enrolled in Cedarville University's doctoral and undergraduate pharmacy programs. The hooding ceremony is a traditional celebration for pharmacy programs.

"I am very proud of our second graduating class because they have demonstrated incredible professionalism, strong work ethic and a desire to serve Christ throughout our entire program," said Dr. Marc Sweeney, dean of the school of pharmacy. "

Sweeney's pride stems back to the founding of the program eight years ago, and includes the success of last year's inaugural graduating class. All of last year's graduates secured residency positions and full-time jobs, including at the Cleveland Clinic, Summa Health System, Nationwide Children's Hospital and the Mayo Clinic.

The majority of this year's graduates have already accepted positions as full-time pharmacists. Joseph Newman will work as a pharmacist for CVS in his hometown of Visalia, California.

"Cedarville has prepared us to be practitioners who focus on the patient, which includes engaging our patients in a culturally competent way," said Newman. "They have taught us that hard work matters, not only for our benefit and the patient's benefit, but because it is honoring to God to do our jobs well."

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.