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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Cedarville University is one of 32 NCAA Division II member schools to earn the Presidents' Award for Academic Excellence.

The recognition honors institutions for achieving four-year Academic Success Rates (ASR) of 90 percent or higher. This is the seventh year of the program.

Cedarville finished tied for 14th out of 325 DII schools in the country with an ASR of 93 percent.

The ASR is the percentage of student-athletes who graduate within six years of initial collegiate enrollment and includes virtually all Division II student-athletes, including transfers and those not receiving athletics scholarships.

“Cedarville University is pleased to receive the NCAA President's Award for Academic Excellence again this year,” remarked Dr. Thomas Mach, Vice President for Academics.

“It represents the caliber of student-athlete in our programs, the support of coaches who encourage them to find the proper life balance, and the commitment of faculty to facilitate to the holistic impact of a well-rounded college experience.”

Two other Great Midwest Athletic Conference institutions - Hillsdale (96) and Findlay (90) - were also honored with ASR’s of at least 90 percent.

The Federal Graduation Rate (FGR) computes the percentage of student-athletes, who earned their degree in the six-year window from the 2010-11 academic year through 2015-16. CU is tied for 14th nationally in FGR at 76 percent.

“At Cedarville, we seek to honor the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ by pursuing excellence in the classroom, in the athletic arena, and in all of life,” Mach added. “I am particularly impressed by our students who put in the hours and exercise the discipline needed to represent Cedarville in their athletic and their academic pursuits.”

Highlights:

* CU student-athletes tied for 14th in the country in Academic Success Rate (93%) thus earning the Presidents' Award for Academic Excellence for the fifth straight year.

* Yellow Jacket student-athletes tied for 14th nationally among 325 Division II schools in Federal Graduation Rate (76%).

* Division II student-athletes continue to graduate at a higher rate than the general student body.
* While CU is at 76%, the federal rate for the 2010 entering class of student-athletes held steady at 56 percent compared with 50 percent for the general student body.