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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – The stakes were high for Cedarville University's computer science students, but their ability surpassed the pressure. Thirty teams from six schools competed in the online Taylor University Programming Contest, and the Cedarville students won in all three divisions.

The Taylor University Programming Contest, held April 9, included student teams from Taylor University (Upland, Indiana), Bob Jones University (Greenville, South Carolina), Calvin College (Grand Rapids, Michigan), George Fox University (Newberg, Oregon), Indiana Wesleyan University (Marion, Indiana) and Cedarville University.

Teams of three students were tasked with solving nine computer programming problems.

The open category computer programming problems were for any computer science student. The Cedarville open student team winners were Tim Smith, Blake Lasky and Phillip White.

The introductory category programming problems were for upperclassmen participants who had not previously competed in a contest with other schools. The Cedarville team that won that category included Bert LaChance, Daschel Fortner and Elliot Jenks.

The novice category was limited to freshmen who had no more than one semester of programming coursework training. The Cedarville champion team of the novice category included Jackson Bishop, Noah Duncan and Grant Linville.

"I was very happy with the results of the contest. I was excited by how many students participated and how enthusiastic they were," said Dr. David Gallagher, professor of computer science. "It was great that we performed well in all categories of the contest. I was particularly glad to see how well our freshmen did; that bodes well for the future. I'm really proud of all of our students!"

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,963 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 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.