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CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- The 2018 class of Cedarville University Doctor of Pharmacy graduates has achieved a 96.77 percent pass rate on the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX), exceeding the national average.

Cedarville's 2018 pharmacy class consisted of 34 students. Three graduated with distinction (a GPA of 3.9 or higher) and six with high distinction (a GPA of 3.95 or higher).

Passing the NAPLEX is a prerequisite for becoming a licensed pharmacist.

The goal of NAPLEX is to measure a pharmacy candidate's knowledge and skill as accurately as possible. The Cedarville University School of Pharmacy prepares its students for this national test by providing a rigorous, four-year doctoral curriculum followed by a review session before graduation.

"Learning that I had passed the NAPLEX provided a small semblance of the relief that Israel must have felt after crossing the Red sea," said Dr. Neal Fox, 2018 pharmacy graduate from Beavercreek, Ohio. "To pass over and to have the way shut behind, never to have to return."

"I am very pleased with the performance of our graduates," said Dr. Marc Sweeney, founding dean of the school of pharmacy. "As a new pharmacy program, it's encouraging to see those statistics. Prospective students can see that we prepare our graduates well. This is one piece in producing high-quality pharmacists."

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,193 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.