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CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- A Cedarville University nursing major winning a scholarship from the Red Cross has resulted in at least a hundred lives impacted from the donations of blood, just because she took the risk to apply.

Cylie Aronsohn, senior nursing student from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is the Red Cross Blood Drive coordinator for Cedarville's Student Nurses Association (SNA). She won a Red Cross Scholarship her junior year, which requires the winner to put on four blood drives for the Red Cross at their college or university, one for each semester of their remaining two years. As a result of winning this scholarship, Aronsohn also spent two weeks in Washington, D.C., the location of the Red Cross headquarters, all expenses paid.

Cedarville's SNA will host a blood drive open to students and the community on April 7 from 11-5 p.m. in the Stevens Student Center event rooms.

This event will be Aronsohn's final blood drive at Cedarville. "The blood drives are a lot more successful than I thought they would be," Aronsohn said. "I always get nervous, but we always raise over 100% of our goal."

Her first blood drive took place November 1, 2018, with the goal of raising 35 units. They collected 46. The second and third blood drives had similar results, with far more blood collected than the target goal. One unit of blood can save up to three patient lives.

Coordinating the blood drives allowed Aronsohn to build her leadership skills and improve skills for community nursing. "Since one of our clinical rotations is community health nursing, I've been able to count some of my hours for that clinical," Aronsohn said. "Working as a nurse you see the blood in the hospital, but to see the process of how it gets there is fun."

Emily Greenhouse, sophomore nursing student from Danville, California, helped Aronsohn run the blood drive and is also applying for the Red Cross Scholarship with the hope of taking over as coordinator for Cedarville's blood drives.

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