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## **COVID-19 Changing Higher Education: Cedarville Pivots to Online Teaching**

**CEDARVILLE, OHIO** -- The COVID-19 worldwide pandemic is presenting unprecedented challenges to modern societies. Social distancing has become a household word as individuals have adopted ways of interacting that limit the spread of this highly infectious disease. With that in view, on March 16, Cedarville University shifted all of its face-to-face classes to online, an unparalleled pivot in the history of the 133-year-old private Baptist university.

On March 12, Cedarville's president, Dr. Thomas White, made the announcement in Cedarville's daily chapel that classes would be canceled March 13-14 while professors transitioned their courses to an online video platform called Zoom, which allows teachers to still teach, and students to still learn and interact.

To see how this transition has taken place (and for TV B-Roll), click the following below: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qmy8Xddjzhm0B31UCfsEkLaiz5-SVuHC/view>. If you prefer the branded version of video with music, click here: [https://www.cedarville.edu/Media/Video.aspx?videoID=HR\\_d4dM-IUeaE8E6LnokBw](https://www.cedarville.edu/Media/Video.aspx?videoID=HR_d4dM-IUeaE8E6LnokBw)

Students and parents alike have been thankful for the change. Undergrads are still able to complete classes and stay on track for graduation. Parents know that their students are still receiving exceptional Cedarville instruction.

"Big shout out to Cedarville and Dr. Thomas White for working so hard to make the best of our COVID-19 long-distance learning experience," said senior Carter Miedema from Hudsonville, Michigan, on Twitter.

"Grateful for sweet time with 'Mama' Porter this morning," noted senior Kaitlin Kohler from Elyria, Ohio, on Instagram, referring to her online instruction Wednesday with Beth Porter, associate professor of vocal music. Porter is affectionately referred to as "Mama" by students. "I'm grateful for professors who continue to teach and pray for us."

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,380 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 high student engagement ranking. For more information about the University, visit [www.cedarville.edu](http://www.cedarville.edu).