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**CEDARVILLE, OHIO** -- The Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education ([SOCHE](#)) has presented Cedarville University's [Kim Ahlgrim](#), director of [The Cove](#) academic enrichment center, with a [Staff Excellence Award](#) for January 2022.

The award is reserved for university-nominated staff members who demonstrate excellence in student success, service and assessment. Ahlgrim is among six January honorees.

"I am honored to receive the SOCHE Excellence Award," said Ahlgrim. "I also realize that any accolades I receive are founded on the teamwork and professionalism of each faculty and staff member of The Cove. I believe this award is a result of a combination of the teams' vision and action to create, develop and assess courses and programs for Cedarville University students."

SOCHE commended Ahlgrim for her ability to assess, adjust to and meet student needs, propelling Cedarville University to high graduation and retention rates.

"To work with Kim is a privilege," said Tara Winter, disability services manager. "Kim values and cares deeply for each and every one of our team members. She exudes kindness, empathy and compassion for all. She is creative and serves with excellence in all that she does."

Ahlgrim, who joined the university in 1989, transitioned into her role as director of The Cove in 2004. Since, she has facilitated valuable programs including student tutoring, disability services, learning and coaching.

SOCHE advances regional higher education through various collaborative initiatives and recognizes 48 faculty and staff members each year from its 21 member institutions.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,715 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is one of the largest private universities in Ohio, 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 [cedarville.edu](http://cedarville.edu).

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