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CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- Representatives from Central State University (CSU) and Cedarville University met Tuesday, June 7, in the University Student Center at CSU to sign a postgraduate affiliation agreement.

The agreement will offer preferred status for CSU students who enroll in Cedarville's professional health care programs.

Signing the agreement were F. Erik Brooks, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs at Central State University, and Janice Supplee, Ph.D., vice president for marketing and communications and dean of graduate studies at Cedarville.

"Finding ways to enhance the education of students has long been our focus at Central State University, and this partnership with Cedarville University is a clear expression of this commitment," said Brooks. "To have this partnership with Cedarville will prepare them for their professional career calling in the health profession."

Cedarville provides professional health care master's- and doctoral-level degree programs that are delivered with academic excellence and a biblical worldview. The programs are regionally and professionally accredited and are offered in flexible and accelerated formats. Cedarville's graduate school offers the following health care programs: Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) including the Pharm.D and M.B.A. dual-degree option; Master of Athletic Training (M.A.T.); Master of Medical Science in PA Studies (M.M.Sc.-PA)*; and the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.), with concentrations in family nurse practitioner, nursing leadership, nurse educator and pediatric nurse practitioner. The M.S.N. also offers the M.S.N. and M.B.A. dual track.

"Cedarville University has enjoyed a long-standing relationship with Central State University that goes back decades, and today's agreement advances that relationship in new ways as we educate future healthcare practitioners and leaders," said Supplee. "We are thankful for the leadership at Central State and their vision to partner in this endeavor."

Central State students will be guaranteed an interview for the Doctor of Pharmacy, Master of Athletic Training and Master of Medical Science in PA Studies programs. Preferred admission review is offered to students interested in the Master of Science in Nursing programs.

In the Pharm.D. program, Cedarville's school of pharmacy will reserve three spots in each available cohort (until April 1) for candidates from CSU who meet published admission criteria. Admitted students will also receive a \$10,000 scholarship.

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, including the Master of Medical Science in PA Studies, 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.

* Starting May 2023, pending ARC-PA approval

Photo Cutlines:

1. Official Signing -- Dr. Janice Supplee, Dean of Graduate Studies at Cedarville University, and Dr. F. Erik Brooks, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, officially sign the Postgraduate Affiliation Agreement between Cedarville and Central State University. (Photo by Mark D. Weinstein, Cedarville University)

2. A Collaborative Group -- Attending the Postgraduate Affiliation Agreement signing are, standing from left, Dr. Jeff Bates, Dean of the School of Pharmacy at Cedarville University, Dr. Michelle Corley, Dean and Director of CESTA/1890 Land-Grant Programs at Central State University, Sidney Williams, Esq., Director of Health and Legal Pre-Professional Program at Central State, Dr. Ibrahim Katampe, Chair of the Department of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Central State, Dr. Misti Grumson, Medical Director for Cedarville's PA Program, Faye Hodgins, Director of Clinical Education for Cedarville's PA program, and Dave Ormsbee, Associate Director of Graduate Recruitment at Cedarville University. (Photo by Mark D. Weinstein, Cedarville University).