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CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- On Friday, Feb. 10, Cedarville University will host its first Theatre Preview Day for prospective students interested in Cedarville's [Bachelor of Arts in theatre](#).

Over the years, the theatre faculty found that students are hesitant to declare a theatre major as they fear it won't prepare them for a viable career. However, though enjoyable, the program isn't merely fun and games.

"The theatre major prepares students with a vast array of skills — such as interpersonal communication, creative writing and leadership — that are applicable to virtually any career field," said Stacey Stratton, professor of theatre and director of the university's performance of Eric Coble's stage adaptation of "The Giver" last fall.

Set to give students a taste of the advantages of the theatre program offered at Cedarville, a full day of activities is planned, including a visit to a theatre class, a backstage tour and a performance of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," which runs Feb. 2-12. Tickets to the show can be purchased [online](#) or at the information desk in the Stevens Student Center. The department will hold a talkback with the cast after the show on Feb. 10.

"Cedarville's theatre program specifically trains students to exercise their artistry from a biblical worldview while equipping them to lead the fight in reclaiming the arts for Christ," said Stratton.

There are currently about 21 students majoring in theatre, with about 30 more taking the minor. The experiences and opportunities that Cedarville's theatre program offers students are unique for other programs of a similar size, and the newly renovated facilities and small class sizes foster a practical atmosphere of growth for every student in the program.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 5,082 undergraduate, graduate, and dual enrolled high school students in more than 175 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 its [Bachelor of Arts in Theatre](#), high graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and the #4 national ranking by the Wall Street Journal for student engagement. For more information about the University, visit cedarville.edu.

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Caption (A): Stratton with the cast during a dress rehearsal in 2020