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**CEDARVILLE, OHIO** -- The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) recognized Cedarville University civil engineering students for their dedication to professional development, awarding them an official certificate that identifies them as an official ASCE student chapter.

On April 20, ASCE's regional Ohio Governor, Michael Pniewski, awarded Cedarville's new student chapter, CUASCE, with its official certificate of membership, an incredible accomplishment for a civil engineering program still in its fifth year of existence.

"This will provide a ton of enrichment to the whole student experience," said Mackenzie Booth, instructor of civil engineering. "This is another way for our program to become more robust, preparing our engineers well to go out and impact the world."

The ASCE is a national professional society dedicated to facilitating the advancement of technology and connections between those in the discipline. CUASCE matches this mission by allowing students to gain professional development hours by attending conferences and events.

"We want students to start developing as professionals early in their career," said Booth. "Our goals are for them to understand service in the context of Christianity and our major, as well as connect with professionals in their field."

Civil engineering freshmen are highly encouraged to join the chapter, and 76 of 83 civil engineering students at Cedarville have joined the chapter. Elected student officers organize and lead service projects and events that are well-attended by the member

"One of our favorite events is our Adopt-A-Highway service project," said Booth. "We pick a highway to take care of, making sure it stays clean and clear. We also love to host guest speakers from the profession. We often enjoy hearing professional contacts share about their daily lives as civil engineers."

Cedarville's civil engineering program heavily emphasizes hands-on learning, featuring nine different lab spaces and a requirement for professional development education, which can be fulfilled by membership in CUASCE. The civil engineering program also trains students to become service-minded, culminating in the completion of an international service senior design project.

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, 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](http://cedarville.edu).

Written by Alex Boesch

Photo captions:

1- CU ASCE Group Photo

2- From L to R: Mackenzie Booth (faculty advisor), Taylor Beigle (Secretary), Jack Stipe (Treasurer), Brianna Pacecca (Vice President), Annabelle Novak (President), Mike Pniewski (ASCE Regional Ohio Governor)

Photos by Caleb Booth