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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Schools are constantly being ranked on student satisfaction, the beauty of a campus, or the success of its alumni. These elements have merit but in a recent ranking of the “600 Smartest Colleges in America,” Cedarville University was ranked 196—tied with the University of Dayton. The survey was conducted by Business Insider.

The ranking is based on the intelligence of the student body and is based on the average SAT/ACT score. According to Business Insider, the test score measures cognitive ability and it believes this is a true reflection of academic excellence. Business Insider included all national universities, liberal arts colleges, regional universities and regional colleges in the survey.

California Institute of Technology gained the top slot but Ohio schools fared well in the ranking. Among the top 200 universities, Oberlin College is the highest ranked Ohio institution at #48. It is followed by Ohio State University (91), the University of Dayton and Cedarville University (196).

The top five overall universities included California Institute of Technology; University of Chicago; Princeton University; Harvard; and Yale University.


Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,620 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than
100 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 leading student satisfaction ratings.