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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Cedars, the student newspaper at Cedarville University, won awards in eight categories to accumulate enough points to win the Frank E. Deaner Award for Excellence in Collegiate Journalism. Cedars took first for best website and best multimedia package. Cedars redesigned its website at the end of this past summer and placed in that category for the first time.

Division B is for papers that publish fewer than three times a week. Newspapers and websites from 10 schools submitted entries in the contest’s 10 categories. The Independent Collegian at the University of Toledo placed second overall. The contest awards first, second and third place in each category.

Cedars’ first-place multimedia package was for coverage of a feature story and video of fire breather V Scites, written and produced by Kate Norman, Nathan Pilling and Madison Sternberg. Cedars also placed second in the multimedia category for coverage of Pastor Bob Rohm’s special recognition chapel. That story was covered by Pilling, Zack Anderson and Lauren Eissler.

Cedars placed second in four other categories:

In-depth reporting for a report on the costs of accreditation, written by Eissler, Emily Finlay and Madison Troyer.
Arts and entertainment writing for three articles: Norman’s story on Scites; Emily Paul’s story about renovations at Little Art Theatre in Yellow Springs; an editors’ picks feature.

Sports coverage: Anderson’s story on the school mascot; Beau Michaud’s story on the club swim team; Greg Johnson’s feature on runner Matt Brooker’s recovery from an auto accident.


Cedars photographers Sternberg, Pilling and Jillian Philyaw combined to place third in the photojournalism category.