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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Bestcolleges.com, a national organization that ranks colleges and universities throughout the United States, announced today the top 25 colleges in Ohio. With more than 130 colleges and universities statewide, coming up with its top 25 schools takes considerable data and time.

According to the 2015 list, six of the 25 universities on the list are from southwestern Ohio. The University of Dayton, ranked #6, and Cedarville University, ranked #7, are the highest ranked universities from the Miami Valley. Overall, the highest ranked college is Oberlin, followed by Kenyon College, Ohio State, Denison University, and Case Western Reserve.

To rank the schools, Bestcolleges.com uses graduation and retention rates, along with tuition costs for enrollment.

Cedarville University, with a cost of $22,648, has the second lowest tuition charge among universities in the top 10 (Baldwin-Wallace University’s cost is slightly less than $20,000). Cedarville’s most current graduation rate is 70.2% percent and its retention rate (freshmen to sophomore year) is 88.2 percent.

Other universities from southwestern Ohio in the top 25 include Xavier University (Cincinnati) at number 13, followed by Miami University (Oxford) #17; University of Cincinnati (Cincinnati) #18, and Wittenberg University (Springfield) #25.
Top 25 Universities in Ohio
1. Oberlin College
2. Kenyon College
3. Ohio State University (Columbus)
4. Denison University
5. Case Western Reserve University
6. University of Dayton
7. Cedarville University
8. Franciscan University of Steubenville
9. Baldwin-Wallace University
10. Ohio Northern University
11. College of Wooster
12. University of Findlay
13. Xavier University
14. John Carroll University
15. Mt. Vernon Nazarene University
16. Ashland University
17. Miami University
18. University of Cincinnati
19. Walsh University
20. Malone University
21. University of Mount Union
22. Ohio Wesleyan University
23. Otterbein University
24. Capital University
25. Wittenberg 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.