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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Cedarville University chemistry and biology students can now conduct experiments and tests in a state-of-the-art chemistry center. The $5 million expansion project was completed in time for the start of the 2015-16 academic year. Classes began on Wednesday, Aug. 19, and the first lab classes took place today, August 24.

The new facility, located along the southwest edge of campus, has six new laboratories: two for biology, two for chemistry, one for general chemistry and a research lab. The labs have the greatest hood capabilities available, providing better air quality in the facility.

While the students will reap the immediate benefit of the new building, Dennis Flentge, Ph.D., chair of the department of science and mathematics and senior professor of chemistry, expects the chemistry building will have a broader appeal on Cedarville’s 400-acre campus.

The new facility further enhances the quality of education students receive, and Flentge believes it will help with student recruitment, while also preparing students for medical or graduate school.

“This new facility will positively impact every aspect of programs in the sciences, engineering and mathematics,” said Flentge. “But I also believe it will turn heads when prospective students visit campus. This will be one of the finest laboratories for a university the size of Cedarville University. It’s first class.”

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.