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THINK GRAD SCHOOL, THINK CEDARVILLE

by Thomas White



Last May, nearly 800 graduates walked across the commencement stage at Cedarville University. They graduated unashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, headed into the world on mission to stand for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ. Many of them entered into secular graduate programs where their biblical worldview will be challenged by an opposing humanistic worldview. We welcome that exchange, believing our graduates are ready to face those and even more fierce challenges.

Even so, it's not a fear of losing the battle, but the lost opportunity that poses a bigger concern. Few options exist for academic training in graduate and doctoral programs that include a commitment to a biblical worldview. What if that weren't the case? What if at the highest level of education, experts trained students to deepen their thinking of how God's truth intersects with their discipline? The best thinkers using their God-given ability with excellence, in submission to scriptural authority, training others to articulate and defend truth. What would happen if Christian universities permeated the educational enterprise at the highest level with a commitment to the Word of God? What if every realm of learning embraced the supremacy of Jesus Christ? We believe the resulting throng of ambassadors would build platforms of excellence to fill the world with embassies of truth.

In our University vision statement, we state that we aim for intentional discipleship that transforms lives for godly service, vocational distinction, and cultural engagement. This is true for undergraduate and graduate students alike. We are committed to providing education at the highest possible levels, influencing the influencers through vocational distinction while creating God-honoring culture and unleashing truth on a world filled with Satan's deceptive, destructive myths.

Of course, Cedarville has already been engaged in this endeavor for several years. However, in our newly developed strategic plan, we have made graduate programs an area of special emphasis. Over the next five years, we will continue to expand our graduate program offerings in obedience to the Great Commandment — to love God with all of our minds, learning about Him, His creation, and His truth that shapes our existence. To love



God with all of our minds as a University means that we train students at the highest levels with crystal-clear thinking and pinpoint articulation to impact the minds and hearts of the next generation with truth.

Moreover, to love our neighbor as ourselves, we must first and foremost share the Gospel with them. We recognize that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). However, part of loving our neighbor also requires us to unleash eternal truth upon the weaknesses of modern culture. Such special worldview warfare requires special forces trained for the task at hand.

We have begun the task, but we have a long way to go. Included among our

graduates this past May were the first students who earned our fully accredited Doctor of Pharmacy. For years, we have trained students through our Master of Education and, more recently, through the Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Nursing. Additionally, this fall we have launched the Master of Divinity along with a redesigned Master of Ministry.


What unites these graduates and the degree programs through which they were educated is the reality that Cedarville University has always stood for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ. We have demonstrated this at the undergraduate level with a Bible minor for every undergraduate major. We will continue this commitment at the graduate level with biblical integration in every discipline and by offering graduate programs in advanced Christian studies available alongside other programs. By having the proper faculty member to teach in these areas and the students preparing at this level interacting with the remainder of campus, we raise the theological and spiritual emphasis across the University, thereby bolstering our mission.

In the pages of this magazine, you will read more about many of these programs and, in days to come, you just might hear of new ones. As you do, would you pray for us? Ultimately, our desire isn't merely to grant degrees. Rather, it's to create sustainable, marketable, quality degrees that fit with our mission. Most importantly, we desire to engage culture at the highest level with the cause of truth. In the days to come, we hope that when you think graduate programs, you think Cedarville University.

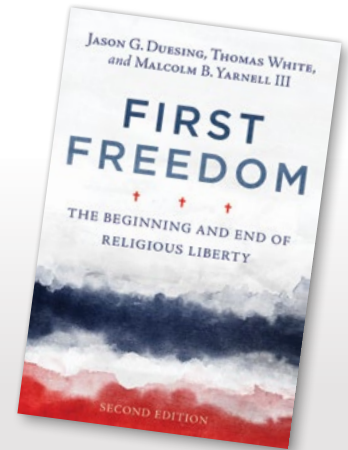
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THOMAS WHITE'S LATEST BOOK: *FIRST FREEDOM*

First Freedom: The Beginning and End of Religion Freedom (B&H Academic) is the latest title from Cedarville President Thomas White. Released October 15, the new title sold out its first printing within a week. This thoroughly revised second edition explores the challenges to religious liberty resulting from the conflict of historical Christianity and a new, secular orthodoxy. In addition to editing *First Freedom*, White wrote the chapters titled "Religious Liberty and the Christian University" and "The Defense of Religious Liberty by the Anabaptists and the English Baptists." He and co-editors Jason G. Duesing and Malcolm B. Yarnell III developed *First Freedom* to equip churches, pastors, and Christian citizens to uphold this First Amendment freedom. Available at bhacademic.com.

"It is difficult to exaggerate the historical importance of the Baptist witness to religious liberty....The spiritual ancestors of the contributors to the volume would be as proud of them as I am grateful to them for placing their impressive intellectual gifts at the service of our first freedom."

Robert P. George
McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence
Princeton University

B.A.+M.DIV. MOVES STUDENTS INTO MINISTRY MORE QUICKLY

by Clem Boyd

Frank Punzi '18 heard the rumors last spring. He prayed they were true.

"I knew it would be a blessing, not just to me, but to all students at Cedarville," he said.

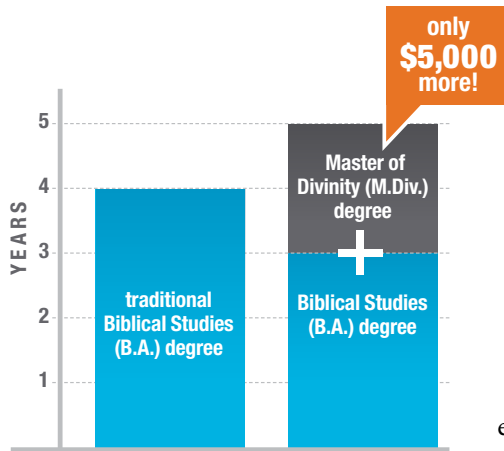
NATURAL PROGRESSION

Punzi plans to serve as an associate or senior pastor someday. Until last spring, that would have meant finishing

his bachelor's degree in biblical studies at Cedarville in the spring of 2018, then enrolling at a seminary to pursue his Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree.

But the whisperings he heard around campus turned into confirmed good news this March: Cedarville would offer its own M.Div. program, including a new Accelerated B.A.+M.Div. program.

The accelerated program allows students to complete



their bachelor's degree in biblical studies and M.Div. in just five years. The added cost for students is only about \$5,000 for the extra year of school, yet graduates will leave Cedarville with two degrees.

"The M.Div. is the accepted, professional degree for ministers, whether it's as a senior pastor, on the missions field, or as a chaplain," noted Randy McKinion, Associate Professor of Old Testament and Director of the M.Div. program. "Cedarville has always had a solid niche in the undergraduate preparation for biblical studies. With the M.Div., our students will be prepared for everything they might face — teaching, preaching, counseling, and ministering."

GREATER DEPTH

The Cedarville M.Div. will be rigorous, just like the undergrad, and will deepen students' understanding of biblical languages, the Old (OT) and New Testament (NT), and theology. Students are required to take 12 hours (four three-hour classes) in both OT and NT, and 12 hours more in theology.

"We did a lot of benchmarking with other schools," McKinion noted. "Other schools offer a couple of OT and NT classes and the content is very broad, while we're being very intentional and doing a more thorough coverage of each. Same with theology."

For students like Punzi, the opportunity to continue learning from faculty who had already revolutionized his understanding of the Bible was a huge draw.

"The professors are very good at expressing themselves," Punzi said. "It's easy to catch on. And my spiritual walk has improved being in class with them."

EASY DECISION

The Cedarville program takes what would normally be a seven-year process — four years undergraduate and three years graduate school — and shrinks it into five.

"From a cost perspective, it's money well spent," said Punzi. "When you leave college, you have to pay off those loans, then you have new ones as well [for an M.Div.]. This way you don't have to worry about paying off two different degrees; it's just one extra year. Plus, after college, it can be hard to convince yourself to go back to school. This way you only have one extra year, and you don't have to get out of the routine of going to classes and doing homework."

Cedarville's program is comparable to the premier seminaries in the country, McKinion affirmed. "We have top-tier professors, publishing in their field," he said. "Plus, we have faculty experienced in ministry. We have scholars and former pastors. And we've turned it into a five-year process. Cedarville students get the best of both worlds."

"The day I heard about the M.Div. in chapel, I went to Dr. McKinion and asked him what I needed to do to get ready for it," Punzi added. "Then I went to the registrar's office and switched from the biblical studies degree to the accelerated plan."

Clem Boyd is Managing Editor of Cedarville Magazine.

Program Highlights

B.A.+M.Div.

- **Faster path to ministry** by earning a B.A. in biblical studies and M.Div. in just five years
- **Save thousands** on educational costs and avoid the weight of debt; both degrees cost just \$5,000 more than the base price of the bachelor's degree alone
- **Theologically conservative** based on the importance, inerrancy, and sufficiency of the Word of God and the need to spread the Gospel to all
- Vibrant and comprehensive **Christian university setting**
- 19 **remarkable faculty**, including:

Jason Lee, Ph.D.

Author of *The Theology of John Smyth: Puritan, Separatist, Baptist, Mennonite*

Randy McKinion, Ph.D.

Translator for *Grammar of Biblical Hebrew*

Dan DeWitt, Ph.D.

Author of *Christ or Chaos*

Greg Couser, Ph.D.

Contributor to *Entrusted with the Gospel: Paul's Theology in the Pastoral Epistles*

Dan Estes, Ph.D.

Author of *Handbook on the Wisdom Books and Psalms*

"The Cedarville M.Div. is very, very affordable. I knew the faculty would not only challenge me academically but also care for me as a person and as a believer in Christ."

Joel Wasserstein '15, M.Div. '19



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Theology, Professors, Affordability Draw Alumnus to New M.Div.

by Clem Boyd

It is an affirmation of the quality of their undergraduate experience when alumni choose Cedarville for graduate education. Joel Wasserstein '15, M.Div. '19, Cedarville's first full-time Master of Divinity (M.Div.) student, gave that vote of confidence when he returned to campus to begin work on his M.Div. this fall. He continued a long legacy — and began a new chapter — in Cedarville's 130-year history of equipping students for vocational ministry.

What drew Wasserstein back to his alma mater for the new M.Div. program? The professors, the doctrinal integrity, and the program's affordability.

"From my experience as an undergrad, I knew Cedarville professors would challenge me academically and care for me as a person and believer in Christ," said Wasserstein, who earned his bachelor's in intercultural studies and missiology. "I knew I would experience more personal investment from the faculty."

Add to that Cedarville's solid stance on the authority and inerrancy of Scripture, and Wasserstein knew he would receive trustworthy instruction that would equip him for God-honoring service.

It was the affordability of Cedarville's three-year M.Div. that finalized the decision. Wasserstein actually

began his M.Div. at another well-known Midwestern seminary. The quality was right, but the price tag was prohibitive. At Cedarville he is able to pursue his goal of training pastors overseas and avoid incurring significant debt in the process.

"I wanted a school that was cost-effective, but also one that I agreed with doctrinally," he said. "The Cedarville M.Div. is very, very affordable compared to a lot of programs. I had respect for the professors, and I knew the quality of education I would receive."

He added, "I will be equipped not only through the content and class discussions, but also through practical experience in a local church. To train pastors overseas, I need the academic side, but just having knowledge is not enough; I need experience, too."

Wasserstein is excited about the balance of academics and practical ministry opportunities all informed by an inerrant view of Scripture. For the institution's part, Cedarville is privileged to invest a second time in this alumnus, equipping him for ministry through the new M.Div. program.

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Online M.Min. Prepares Graduates to Serve Well Whatever the Calling

by Clem Boyd

Cedarville's Master of Ministry (M.Min.) not only prepares Christians to serve well wherever God may call them, but the new online option makes it easy for them to take classes while continuing in their ministry roles — serving patients in a hospital, leading small-group ministry at church, or sharing truth with refugees.

"We've gone online to make it accessible to people unable to relocate to Cedarville," noted Jason Lee, Dean of the School of Biblical and Theological Studies. "Even for residential students, the online program gives them more course options. If they're working another job or have a ministry schedule, this provides a way for them to take a full slate where before they would have been limited to a couple of courses."

The online option could benefit an associate pastor serving in western New York, who's deeply connected to his church's ministry, and doesn't want to move, Lee explained. Or it might help a new Christian in a missions context who is being encouraged to seek greater biblical and theological depth.

Even the student who can only take one class that's part of the M.Min. program will benefit. And the free first class offered with the Cedarville M.Min. makes it possible for anyone who wants to learn more about the Bible to do so.

"It's amazing what one class can do," Lee said. "It may expose you to a group of readings or thought processes that hadn't dawned on you before. It can open your eyes to see what real-life ministry can look like. And later, maybe you'll take another course. But it's all about advancing what you can do in ministry to others."

The M.Min. prepares those in part-time or associate ministry positions, Lee explained, but it can help anyone who wants to enhance the ministry aspect of their particular job, whether it's a teacher, social worker, nurse, or communications professional. Due to the generous support of ministry-minded donors, the online M.Min. is a cost-effective means to enhance ministry knowledge and skills. And don't forget: the first class is free of charge.

Scott New, M.Min. '15 is currently an associate pastor. He benefited greatly from the Cedarville program. "I cannot imagine serving without first having the M.Min.," he said. "I would find it hard to believe that anyone interested in ministry would not find the degree useful. I use what I learned in the M.Min. program every day."

Rebecca Horn, M.Min. '16 first found her degree useful in small-group ministry with her local church. Now, she's using the knowledge and skills she developed to minister to Middle Eastern and North African refugees living in Austria.

"If you are intentional about living out practically what you learn online, you will benefit greatly from the program," commented Horn. "I use everything I learned during my studies."

"The M.Min. takes you deeper in your personal relationship with God and shows you how your entire life can be used for the purpose of ministering to others," she said. "You learn how to study the Bible and disciple others in your everyday life."

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Program Highlights

M.Min.

First class free if enrolled by spring 2017

- Perfect blend of **conservative theology** with practical application, leadership training and servant ministry, classroom discussion and real-world experience
- Fully **online or residential** format
- **Affordable** at \$399 per credit hour, with financial aid available
- 10 quality classes plus colloquium and internship can be completed in just **one year**
- **Flexible schedule** for vocational ministers and working professionals seeking biblical training
- **Open to anyone** who — regardless of age or career path — desires to grow in the Word of God

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Scott New, M.Min. '15



Learn more and apply:
cedarville.edu/MMin

LIVING OUT MICAH 6:8 AS A FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

by Marcia (Knaus) Williams '94, M.S.N. '13



My Cedarville Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) program prepared me to help offset the growing shortage of primary care providers. In the face of overwhelming need and minimal resources, I learned to display the heart of my Father in heaven. God refers to Himself as holy with a nature that is right and perfect. I am called to be an image bearer of that perfection and holiness I see in Him and conform to His nature as I care for my patients.

Training to become a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) at Cedarville was a natural progression from the strong Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Courses included theory, government policy, spiritual care, and health care research, along with specialty course instruction over two to three years and 640 clinical hours. These specialty classes included study of adult, pediatric, maternal, and older adult populations.

I researched poor health outcomes for a vulnerable population, collaborated with other disciplines (athletic training, nutrition, team physician, counseling); presented findings to Cedarville University Athletic Director Alan Geist '83, athletic trainers, and coaches; and implemented a screening policy for female athletes still in use at Cedarville. The M.S.N. program taught me how to develop diabetes programs, educational instruction for staff, and pediatric obesity screening, which I use in my women's and family medicine practice now.

With the demands of balancing full-time motherhood, employment, and student responsibilities, the guidance, support, and prayers that I received during my graduate studies from School of Nursing professors and staff were essential to completing my studies and thriving in my new role. By continuing to hold up high academic standards, gracefully portraying vision during times of uncertainty, and providing spiritual care to their students, the faculty modeled the type of care I now strive to provide for my patients.

I am practicing in a population in Dayton, Ohio, where health disparities such as diabetes, maternal and child mortality, obesity, cardiovascular disease, and cancers are prevalent. My M.S.N. program taught me that such need requires more than medical attention, but a Micah 6:8 mindset: to *do justice*, to *love kindness*, and to *walk humbly* with my God.

Justice seeks health equality, researches modifiable risks, and lobbies for changes in policies that jeopardize the health of those I am called to serve. Modifiable risks include things that can be prevented or controlled, such as increasing exercise to 150 minutes per week and achieving a 7 percent weight reduction to control or delay diabetes progression. Looking at the context of the problem and the dynamics of its effect on the patient and family acknowledges God's ultimate control and provides an impetus for action on their behalf.

Kindness is shown in giving the most powerful resources at my disposal, including prayer, listening, and seeking to understand how the situation impacts the family unit. It motivates me to research a new health concern I have observed in practice when I would rather take a break. Studying the Bible allows me to know what God knows and says about health, the patient, and her environment.

Humility is required as I face a host of unknown heartaches and challenges that await me each day. The patient endurance I need comes as I walk with my Father and seek to show His love and care to those placed in my path and obey the discernment the Holy Spirit provides.

Some of my most successful days are when I hear from my patients, "I knew you would check my labs, refill my medications, and make sure I was doing OK, but I really came this morning because I knew you would pray with me." I am thankful for the opportunities to laugh, cry, celebrate, and walk alongside my patients during their difficult life journeys.

The qualities I hope to emulate in my practice — tireless compassion, steadfast hope amidst discouraging circumstances, and quality care to families — were imprinted on me at Cedarville. They were modeled through the faculty, developed during assignments, and continue to be lived out in me as a nurse leader who reflects the Great Commission to a needy world.

I learned to display the heart of my Father in heaven: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with my God.

Marcia (Knaus) Williams '94, M.S.N. '13 is a Certified Family Nurse Practitioner at Horizons Women's Healthcare in Dayton, Ohio.

M.S.N. Offers Online Options, Faster Tracks

by Sharon (Klopfenstein) Christman '92

We started educating Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) students in 2011 using a fully on-campus, face-to-face educational format. Over the next few years, we realized that the market demands were trending toward online education. We transitioned our M.S.N. Global Public Health Nursing track into a fully online program and developed a hybrid model (online and face-to-face) for our M.S.N. Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) track.

While we have had great success with these two programs, we find that it is now time to transition our FNP track into a fully online program. We are also reinstating our M.S.N. Nurse Educator track as a fully online program.

Other changes we have made to our M.S.N. program include:

- Overall credit hours reduced for all tracks
- FNP track shortened by one semester
- FNP track moved to primarily online with three on-campus intensive weeks over the course of the program
- Two-semester capstone research requirement revised to a one-semester course titled Applied Scholarship in Practice

If you are interested in pursuing your M.S.N. as a Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Educator, or Global Public Health Nurse, we encourage you to apply at cedarville.edu/msn. The Cedarville M.S.N. can be completed in five to eight semesters, depending on student preference. For Cedarville alumni, the program is shortened by three credit hours because the undergraduate Bible minor meets our M.S.N. Bible requirement.

We look forward to the continuing challenge of raising up professionally qualified, committed followers of Jesus to make a difference for Him in the ever-changing world of health care.

Sharon (Klopfenstein) Christman '92 serves as Assistant Dean of the School of Nursing and Professor of Nursing. She earned her Ph.D. from The Ohio State University.



Starting Locally, Thinking Globally as a Public Health Nurse

by Heather Hall, M.S.N. '15

Prior to starting graduate school, I looked at many advanced public health nursing programs and found Cedarville to be the only school with a Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) with a focus on global public health and a biblical emphasis on missions. These would both be key for a future in medical missions.

Class sizes were small. This facilitated vital access to mentorship and personal relationships with professors. I really wanted to explore God's plans for my career and knew I would benefit from one-on-one conversations with professors.

In my experience, Cedarville's rigorous academic standards were not only designed to equip me with competitive knowledge and skills, but to also bring out the best in me personally and professionally, so I would be able to advance the Kingdom in my everyday ministry and work. The professors encouraged me constantly to think outside the box, challenging me to understand fully my beliefs and practices so I could enter the working world with conviction and a firm foundation. For example, Sharon (Klopfenstein) Christman '92 encouraged us to develop our own biblical model of practice so we would have a framework specific to the context to which God was calling us as we entered into a higher level of nursing leadership.

The classes at Cedarville provided me with a structure that made me feel I was getting a broad and comprehensive exposure to the specialty of global public health nursing, but they also allowed me the creativity to

focus on specific areas of interest. From a concept analysis paper on sustainability to a thesis that explored the world of traditional medicine in Africa, I was encouraged to use my assignments in a way that built upon knowledge gained in preceding classes and demonstrated a theme reflective of the career focus I desired.

My practicum experiences ranged from participating in infection control at a local hospital to facilitating a workshop on female genital cutting in Kenya. Looking back, I can honestly say that my graduate experience at Cedarville completely lived up to my expectations. I had the freedom to tailor my experience to explore God's calling on my life.

Today, a year after graduating from Cedarville's M.S.N., I am in a job that I love, working in the U.S. with tuberculosis patients and with refugee and immigrant populations in Dayton, Ohio, full of vision for advancing the Kingdom overseas in the near future.

Heather Hall, M.S.N. '15 is a nurse at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. She plans to serve as a full-time medical missionary to East Africa.

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Program Highlights

M.S.N.

- Popular program tracks:
 - Family Nurse Practitioner
 - Global Public Health Nursing
 - Nurse Educator
- In-depth, professional, **advanced practice** study for nurses
- Nursing care informed by **Christian compassion** and Gospel mission
- Flexible** completion plan in five to eight semesters
- Course work almost exclusively **online**
- Graduates qualified to sit for **national certification** exams

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Marcia (Knaus) Williams '94, M.S.N. '13



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PHARM.D. GRADUATES EXCEED EXPECTATIONS

by Beth Ford

In May 2016, Cedarville University granted its first doctoral degrees to 48 individuals seeking to honor Christ and serve spiritual and physical needs in the field of pharmacy.

The doors of opportunity that have opened for the first School of Pharmacy graduating class are remarkable. Cedarville's pharmacy alumni have landed positions in highly competitive residency programs nationwide. They're working in respected chain pharmacies, hospital settings, and opening their own stores. They have far exceeded expectations.

"The inaugural class is an extremely ambitious, risk-taking group of students who will rise to leadership in their field very quickly," said Marc Sweeney, Dean of the School of Pharmacy.

FULFILLING A VISION

In 2006, Bill Brown, Cedarville's President, and his leadership team met to determine the feasibility of building a School of Pharmacy. Two years later, Cedarville recruited Sweeney, a Registered Pharmacist with a doctoral degree in pharmacy and a master's in divinity, to cast vision and create a plan for the new endeavor.

Determined to lay a biblical foundation rooted in leadership, character development, and ethics-based practice, the journey to develop a program began. "After a decade of planning and implementing a casted vision, the hope was to see students become pharmacists known for professional excellence, innovative solutions, and filled with Christlike compassion," said Sweeney.



So far, the vision is becoming reality. Of the 2016 graduates who pursued a residency, 79 percent were admitted to a program. The national average is 66 percent.

Kasandra Chambers '13, Pharm.D. '16 was chosen for a two-year program of postgraduate work (PGY2) as a health systems pharmacy administration resident at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. "Looking back at my time here, I can guarantee

The graduates are continuing to serve the underserved communities in their areas of practice, which is a strong focus of the school's curriculum.

I would not have become the bold, confident, Christian pharmacist that I am at any other program," said Chambers.

Josh Arnold '13, Pharm.D. '16 is completing Postgraduate Year 1 (PGY1) as a Pharmacy Practice resident at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. His wife, Melissa (McNicol) Arnold '13, Pharm.D. '16 was offered a position in the Mayo Clinic's clinical outpatient pharmacy. *U.S. News and World Report* ranked the Mayo Clinic as the No.1 hospital in the nation on its 2016–17 best hospitals honor roll.

"Our professors invested in us and wanted to see us succeed," Josh Arnold said. "They did an excellent job teaching us not just textbook information, but skills that will help us apply knowledge to care for our patients effectively and compassionately."

Three graduates were chosen for PGY1 residency programs at the two largest hospital systems in the Dayton, Ohio, area. Premier Health Network chose Ashley (Benjamin) Scherreik '13, Pharm.D. '16 and Kettering Health Network is home to Jon Wilkie '13, Pharm.D. '16 and Bethany Sibbitt '07, '13, Pharm.D. '16.

"It is so exciting to see how well the class of 2016 did during the rigorous residency match process," said Aleda Chen, Assistant Dean of the School of Pharmacy. "I am proud of their hard work and accomplishments, and I am thrilled to see what God has in store for their futures."

FINDING JOBS

Chain pharmacies in the Dayton, Ohio, area, such as Rite Aid, CVS, and Walgreens, along with a host of Ohio hospital systems, offered positions to nearly 40 percent of Cedarville professional pharmacy graduates. Others are serving the profession throughout the United States, including in Pennsylvania, Minnesota, and Michigan.

As many advance in their newly minted careers, another graduate, Kacey Adams, Pharm.D., M.B.A. '16, has moved back to her hometown of DeGraff, Ohio, to establish her own independent, specialty pharmacy. While Adams pursued her Pharm.D. and M.B.A. (online) dual degree at Cedarville, she always knew she wanted to return home to offer her community something it was lacking when she left. She also is working part time as the Pharmacy Operations Manager at Mary Rutan Hospital in Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Juanita Draime '13, Pharm.D. '16 is the first recipient of the School of Pharmacy's new academic fellowship. During this two-year fellowship, Draime will serve as an Instructor of Pharmacy Practice while conducting research and working in the clinical setting. "I knew that I wanted to be able to teach and continue to do research, which involved doing a residency or a fellowship," said Draime. "However, due to family requirements, I was limited to the local area for residency possibilities, which was a small field, and the Lord opened the door for me to pursue Cedarville University's first-ever fellowship offering. It was an answer to prayer."

FOLLOWING CHRIST

The graduates are continuing to serve the underserved communities in their areas of practice, which is a strong focus of the school's curriculum. They are practicing in free clinics in Columbus, Cincinnati, and Dayton. Paul Srnis, Pharm.D., M.B.A. '16 and Draime have relaunched the Miami Valley Pharmacist Association, which focuses on pharmacy and public-related issues, being a voice for pharmacy in the local arena.

"I believe this first class truly desires to glorify God with their skills," noted Sweeney. "They see their profession as more than just a way to make a living, but to make a difference for the Kingdom of God. They inspire me with the choices they're making."

Beth Ford is the Director of Community Engagement for the Cedarville University School of Pharmacy.

School of Pharmacy Receives Full Accreditation Status

This summer, Cedarville University's School of Pharmacy received full accreditation status from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The official notification, received July 11, makes Cedarville just one of 130 professional pharmacy schools in the nation.

"This is a significant achievement for Cedarville University," said Marc Sweeney, Dean of the School of Pharmacy. "Launching and establishing an accredited Doctor of Pharmacy program is challenging and requires a significant amount of resources and expertise."

The accrediting organization cited many reasons for the strong accreditation statement, including that the pharmacy students are "the strength of the program," are "game-changers," and are professional, articulate, motivated, and passionate about the program. ACPE commended Cedarville's School of Pharmacy for its mission of addressing needs of the underserved through service learning, including local and international missions.

"We believe that Christian pharmacists can play a significant role in serving people in the health care system because they are motivated beyond their own individual achievements," said Sweeney.

The ACPE evaluates schools using 30 different standards that address areas such as processes, outcomes, financial stability, infrastructure, and resources. The evaluation also included more than 100 interviews with students, preceptors, faculty, and staff.

"The process was lengthy and challenging, which sometimes affects the workload and morale of everyone involved," said Sweeney. "In our case, we have been very fortunate to have such a great group of faculty, staff, and students to carry us through to success."

"I particularly want to thank [former President] Dr. Bill Brown, the Trustees, and the leadership team, who had the vision to launch the School of Pharmacy," said Cedarville President Thomas White. "Dr.

Pharmacy students are "game-changers" ... professional, articulate, motivated, and passionate.

Marc Sweeney has provided insightful and steady leadership for eight years in bringing the school this significant recognition."

Currently there are 261 students enrolled in the pharmacy program at Cedarville University; 170 are in the professional program.

Program Highlights

Pharm.D.

- **Conservative biblical foundation** informs ethics, decision-making, and commitment
- Students develop a **patient-centered** philosophy that matches problem-solving with compassion to treat the whole person
- Medical doctors on faculty and classes taught with Cedarville's nursing school promote **collaborative** approach to health care
- Training in hospitals, local pharmacies, research labs, and other pharmacy settings in the U.S. and abroad ensures a balanced, **comprehensive** education
- Fully **accredited** with the program's strength commended by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education

"Looking back at my time here, I can guarantee I would not have become the bold, confident, Christian pharmacist that I am at any other program."

Kasandra Chambers '13, Pharm.D. '16



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Tina Jones, M.B.A. '15 wanted an M.B.A. with a distinctly Christian foundation.

M.B.A. OFFERS WEALTH OF BIBLICAL WISDOM

by Clem Boyd

While more than 100,000 Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degrees are conferred each year, Cedarville is one of the few universities where a biblical, God-honoring perspective is woven throughout each course. And that leads to real riches — a wealth of wisdom for developing a business career that goes beyond bottom-line impact to eternal significance.

“With a Cedarville M.B.A., you’re getting, for the same dollar as other M.B.A.s, the additional joy of having a biblical approach to life and your value system reinforced,” noted Dan Sterkenburg, Associate Professor of Business and Management and Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs.

“We are providing a much richer foundation and environment for learning.”

WISE BEHIND THE WHYS

The undergraduate program, while touching on theory, places a higher emphasis on the mechanics of business: how to compute net present value, how to compute a bond value, how to do market research. The M.B.A. program teaches mechanics as well, but devotes more time to understanding and applying the underlying theories and concepts of business.

“Since we are dealing with human behavior, we need to recognize God and man in their positions: God infallible, man fallible,” Sterkenburg explained. “For instance, why do we need accounting controls? Because we’re fallible, we make mistakes, we get tired or distracted, and oh, by the way, we actually purposefully try to sneak and cheat and deceive.”

It was exactly that foundation that brought Devin Robinson '03, M.B.A. '15 back to Cedarville for his M.B.A.

“I didn’t have much experience in business,” said Robinson, who served four years with the U.S. Air Force, then enlisted with the Maine Air National Guard. “I was thinking about moving into the corporate world, so I wanted to make sure I developed my business perspective through the lens of Christian business people.”

Tina Jones, M.B.A. '15, a Financial Aid Specialist with Clark State Community College in Springfield, Ohio, wanted to position herself for future job growth, but she also wanted to learn in a Christ-centered environment. She had a bachelor's degree in actuarial science from The Ohio State University but knew an M.B.A. would be a good move.

"I wanted that Christ-centered foundation," Jones explained. "That's what Cedarville is. They prepare you for the business world, but at the same time, they teach you principles of leadership and problem-solving that line up with the Bible and with Christ. That was one of the greatest takeaways for me."

PREPARATION FOR NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Because of his M.B.A., Robinson was positioned to make a move into his dream job.

"Out of the blue one day, a friend calls me and asks, 'If I was going to retire or leave, would you want my job?'" he recalled. "I responded, 'Oh my goodness, don't tell me this if you're not serious.' I had always been secretly jealous of him having that job. It was a real blessing from God."

So, with eight months still left in his M.B.A., Robinson moved from manager of a small ad agency with six employees to the Chief Marketing Officer for the Maine Veterans' Homes, a network of nursing and rehabilitation facilities with close to 2,000 employees serving nearly 700 veterans daily.

"It was a big step. I would not have been ready if not for the Cedarville M.B.A. program.

"Prior to this program I had never read anything on *Harvard Business Review* or in *Forbes*," he said. "Our CEO circulates a flyer that has snippets of business articles, and we're supposed to comment on them during a round table discussion. Because of the research and writing I did for the program, I can immediately latch onto concepts and then expound and debate about them, and I know where to find more information."

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SUPPORT BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

Sterkenburg himself wishes he could have taken the Cedarville M.B.A. when he was seeking a graduate program in the 1990s. "I really missed the biblical integration," he said. "I relied on fellow Christian students and Bible studies at work to provide that missing piece.

"We give students that Christian and biblical worldview, and the interaction with other students, which, even though it's online, can be based in faith," Sterkenburg added. "If they're struggling with something in the workplace, and it applies to something they just learned in class, they can share with colleagues quite freely."

Robinson appreciated that greatly. "There were a couple of guys who were older and had a lot of experience," he said. "In the online discussions, I found their insights really valuable. There was a multigenerational aspect to the conversations, paired with a strong thread of Christian worldview throughout the program, which was really valuable."

Jones found the support she received extremely beneficial. "When I was having trouble, I would call Mr. [Curtis] Cline [’90, Director of Online Student Success] and he'd give me advice, counsel me, offer Scriptures to think about, and pray for me," she said. "That was enough to encourage me to continue on. And it wasn't just one time, but several times. I've never received that type of support from another university."

Sterkenburg is proud of the Cedarville M.B.A.'s quality and academic rigor as it compares to other online programs. But what distinguishes the degree even more is the camaraderie among the students who are seeking to honor Christ in the business world. "This kind of environment is a real encouragement," he said. "We're fellow sojourners here on earth and getting our M.B.A.s."

Clem Boyd is Managing Editor of Cedarville Magazine.

Program Highlights

M.B.A.

- **Biblical worldview** and practical application in each course
- Seven-week terms provide **flexibility** for working professionals
- **Interactive** course websites optimized for multiple devices including computers, tablets, and smartphones
- **Affordable** tuition and available financial aid
- Dedicated program adviser ensures **support** while you pursue your degree and maintain other commitments
- Cohort-based approach builds **community and network** for Christian business professionals

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AWARD-WINNING TEACHER AIMS FOR ETERNAL IMPACT

Ryan Churchward '07, M.Ed. '16 Combines Tech Savvy With Love for Christ and Kids

by Michele (Cummings) Solomon '91



As a classroom teacher, Ryan Churchward '07, M.Ed. '16 has been recognized for his efforts using technology as a tool for learning. But it's his love for his students and servant's heart that really set him apart. He would quickly tell you that his greatest accomplishment is using his teaching as a tool to shine the light of Christ to a darkened world.

PATH ORDAINED

Churchward's path since he left Cedarville in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in secondary education has been varied, yet God-ordained. He began his career teaching social studies at Mexico City Christian Academy in Mexico City, Mexico. There he met his wife, Kathryn, a fellow teacher. The couple moved to Fort Worth, Texas, where Churchward began as a substitute teacher and eventually became an English/language arts teacher at Kerr Middle School.

For the past four years he has taught world cultures at Kerr, and last year he was recognized for his use of technology in the classroom. He received the 2016 Classroom Teacher of the Year award from the Texas

Computer Educators Association and was also honored as the Classroom Teacher of the Year from both Kerr and the Burleson Independent School District.

This fall, he began teaching global studies at the prestigious Trinity Valley School in Fort Worth. There, he is continuing to reach students not just through technology, but through his passion to make a difference wherever God places him. It's a passion that has its roots in Cedarville's Master of Education (M.Ed.) program.

CULTURE IMPACTED

"Our program is crafted in a way that improves our teachers' ability to facilitate learning to make an impact on the culture," explained Jeremy Ervin, Dean of

the School of Education. “And we do it with biblical integration that makes it for God’s impact and His glory.”

The M.Ed. was Cedarville’s first graduate program, introduced in spring 2000 under the direction of Stephen Gruber ’74, Professor of Education. Cedarville has awarded M.Ed. degrees since 2002, sending qualified, Christ-honoring educators across the country and around the globe.

According to Ruth Sylvester, Assistant Dean of the School of Education and Director of the M.Ed., Cedarville’s M.Ed. program trains Christian educators for service in all classroom environments — public, Christian, and international. “We equip our students to teach through the lens of God’s Word, in tandem with skills and pedagogy to increase their professional effectiveness,” said Sylvester. “We want to reach the diverse needs within the classroom and potentially change our nation’s schools.”

GOD GLORIFIED

It is this philosophy that helped form Churchward as an educator. “Living out your faith is important for all Christians living in the real world,” he explained. “But it’s even more important when you’re working with impressionable young people.

“My entire philosophy of education was crafted by the men and women who led me through the education program at Cedarville, both as an undergraduate and in the M.Ed.,” he shared. “I may not be allowed to outwardly share my Christian faith, but I am able to model how that looks through my actions, words, and motives.”

That’s exactly what Eddie Baumann, Senior Professor of Education, who teaches philosophy of education courses for both undergraduate and graduate students at Cedarville, hopes for each of Cedarville’s M.Ed. graduates. “I want our students to understand that you don’t have to leave your faith in the parking lot before you enter the school doors,” he explained. “We may not be able to teach the Bible in a public school setting, but we can certainly teach biblical concepts.” Baumann cites stewardship as an example. For a Christian, the idea of stewardship — using your time, talent, and resources for God’s glory — is rooted in

Scripture, but public school students can still be taught that they can use their time and talents wisely and for the good of others.

“We challenge our students to ask themselves, ‘How does my faith inform what I do in an environment that is sometimes hostile to Christians?’” he stated, “and then guide them to integrate Christian principles as they develop lessons, structure curriculum, and teach character traits.”

“Educators have an ideal platform to be change agents in our culture and share our faith, though primarily in a covert manner within a secular context,” Sylvester explained.

LIVES CHANGED

It’s a lesson Churchward learned well. “One of my strong suits is a service-driven desire to love others,” he explained. “Cedarville helped build that in me in a way that I can bring to the classroom and beyond. I attempt to bring that service mindset into my classroom every day.”

Churchward sees his educator role as more of a “facilitator of learning” rather than simply imparting knowledge. He thrives on those moments when he sees a student discover a love for the subject matter or when a student who previously struggled discovers a desire to learn. “I feel it is my duty to empower my students to explore, discover, and learn for themselves,” he said. “I look for those ‘a-ha’ moments every day.”

“I’m not in it for the money or the glory or the fame,” Churchward concluded. Rather, through modeling Christlike servanthood and love, he wants to help “create a better tomorrow by crafting students today who are motivated and respectful and who, above all, hold in high esteem the values of respect, care, and service to others.” As they engage these character qualities, he hopes they will be turned toward Christ as the source of that change.

That kind of transformative thinking makes high-tech learning a high calling.

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Michele (Cummings) Solomon ’91 is the Copy Editor for Cedarville University Marketing.

Program Highlights

M.Ed.

- **Biblical worldview**, experienced faculty, and practical approach
- Focused on enhancing classroom effectiveness, professional leadership, and **Kingdom influence**
- **Convenient** eight-week, **all-online classes**
- Program completion **flexibility** for part-time students
- **Supportive** advising team committed to your academic success
- Affordable tuition with **scholarships** for alumni and Christian school teachers

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Ryan Churchward ’07, M.Ed. ’16



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What Is the Church?

The following is an excerpt from a chapel presentation by Greg Gilbert on August 25, 2016, at the Fall Bible Conference. Listen to his remarks and other conference messages at cedarville.edu/chapel.



There is a whole generation of Christians who say the Church doesn't really matter. They think the Church is just one little piece of food on the great spiritual buffet in 21st-century America. A whole generation of Christians have decided that their spiritual lives are about their campus groups, their iPods, the blogs they frequent, and their Twitter accounts. That's how

I'm going to grow as a Christian.

That kind of thinking is just wholly wrong. Jesus created the Church; He owns it, and He loves it. His mind, above all, is on her, the Church.

I'm not just talking about the universal Church either. Jesus' attention and fierce affection is on the local church, on little groups of people scattered throughout the world, redeemed by His grace, organized as embassies of the eternal Kingdom, and given authority by the King to speak with His

Proclaim to the world that the King has re-invaded and will judge the world, but for now, the King's hand is extended in mercy. He will forgive you and save you.

voice in this fallen world. Because of that, your life as a Christian must be centered in service to the local church.

There are three things about the Church that I want to talk to you about today. They are its constitution, its charter, and its commission.

When I say constitution, I mean the Church's beginning or creation. That happens in Matthew 16. Peter says Jesus is the Christ. Jesus responds and agrees with him, but He also says Peter is blessed. The King starts to move and says, "On this rock, I will build My Church."

The Church is not just some idea that a bunch of pastors had to keep their jobs. It's not just another social club or a campus group. Jesus Himself constituted it and created it as His embassy in the world.

In Matthew 18, Jesus gives the Church a charter of authority and essentially says, "You have the right to act in My name. So not only have I constituted you, but I'm going to charter you and give you a right to speak in My name."

We are an embassy of the high King of Heaven. It's not just a group of people who are unorganized, but it has structure and leadership. It has the ability to listen. It has the ability to act. It doesn't exist to give you an emotional spiritual high. It brings a real, tangible, powerful challenge to this world.

In Matthew 28, Jesus gives the Church a commission. "All authority has been given to Me," Jesus says. What's the mission? Be My witnesses and make disciples. Proclaim to the world that the King has re-invaded and will judge the world, but for now, the King's hand is extended in mercy. He will forgive you and save you.

So what does all of this mean for you, as a Christian? If you want to serve Jesus, that will mean a life spent in service to the local church. You cannot love Jesus and not care about His Church, because He is irrevocably united to them. If Jesus loves His Church, then it means you need to be a committed member of a church, even through your college years.

Greg Gilbert is Senior Pastor of Third Avenue Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky.

Join the University family in chapel each day via the live stream broadcast (cedarville.edu/chapellive) or Facebook Live (cedarville.edu/facebook). Past messages are also archived at cedarville.edu/chapel.

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Akron, Ohio

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Matt Mason
Senior Pastor of The Church at
Brook Hills
Birmingham, Alabama

Dec. 6-7 **Bryan Loritts**
Lead Pastor of Abundant Life
Christian Fellowship
Mountain View, California

Jan. 10-11 **Missions Conference**
Johnnie Moore
Founder and CEO of
The KAIROS Company
Glendale, California

Creation Beliefs Reveal a Deeper Problem

The following is an excerpt from a September 15, 2016, chapel presentation by Ken Ham, keynote speaker for the “In the Beginning: Creation and Your Biblical Worldview” conference on September 15–16. Listen to his full remarks at cedarville.edu/chapel and look for more about the creation conference in the winter issue of Cedarville Magazine.

This University takes a stand on six literal days of Creation. One of the things I’ve found as I’ve traveled across America and around the world the past 40 years – most Christians either don’t take a stand on six literal days, or they say it doesn’t matter, or they say we can’t know. So the question is, “Does it really matter? Is it really important for a place of higher learning like Cedarville University to take a stand on the six literal days of Creation?” Actually, in many ways, I believe it’s almost a litmus test, in a sense, on one’s stand on biblical authority. What we’re really talking about is “Does it matter what God’s Word says?” It’s an authority issue.

God has warned us about this authority problem. In 2 Corinthians 11:3, God has a warning for us through Paul: Beware lest somehow as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness that your mind should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. Let me paraphrase it for you: God’s telling us, “I want to warn you that the devil is going to use the same method on you as he did on Eve to get you into a position of not believing the things of God.” So let’s go back to Genesis and find out the method he used on Eve. The serpent came to Eve and said, “Did God really say?”

Most churches that preach the Gospel, if I was to say to them, “Where do you get the idea that Jesus rose from the dead or the virgin birth and so on?” they’d say, “The Bible.” Yet, when I go to most churches and most Christian colleges, and say, “Now in Genesis the Bible teaches that God created in six days; in Genesis, the Bible teaches there was male and female when God created man; the Bible teaches that man was made from dust and woman was made from his side; the Bible teaches that marriage is to be the male and female, Adam and Eve, the first marriage — a man and a woman; the Bible teaches that death came after sin; the Bible teaches that there was a global flood that covered the highest hills under the whole heaven,” you know what I hear? “Oh no, we can’t believe that!”

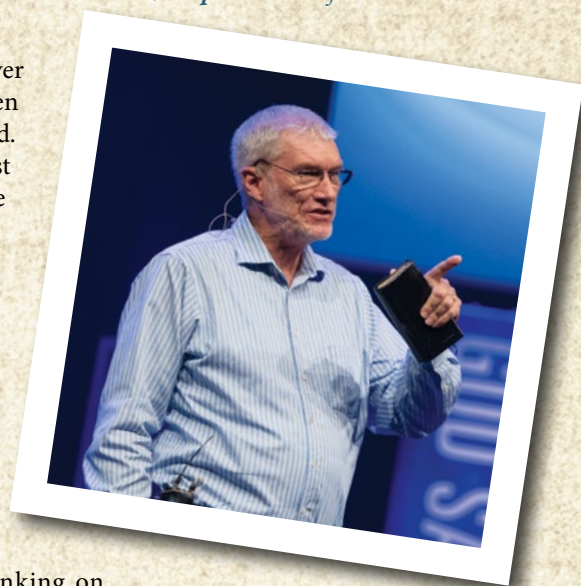
There’s been a battle ever since the beginning between God’s Word and man’s word. It started in Genesis 3, trust God or you become like God. It’s a battle between two worldviews: one’s based on the absolutes of God’s Word, the other’s based on man’s word, moral relativism. We see the collapse of Christian morality and increasing moral relativism. Why? Because we have generations that no longer build their thinking on God’s Word.

We need to raise up generations of people like you who will be able to go out into this culture, stand

God’s telling us, “I want to warn you that the devil is going to use the same method on you as he did on Eve to get you into a position of not believing the things of God.”

on the authority of the Word of God, emboldened to proclaim the truth of God’s Word, and equipped to defend the Christian faith against the secular attacks of our day. Then, in an uncompromising way, [you can] stand on the authority of the Word, proclaim the authority of the Word, preach the Gospel, see people saved, and won to the Lord Jesus Christ. That’s what we need to be doing.

Ken Ham is President and CEO of Answers in Genesis.



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Word of Life Bible Institute
Schroon Lake, New York

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Pastor of Preaching and Vision
The Austin Stone
Community Church
Austin, Texas

Jan. 20 CU Leadership Conference
Jay Strack
President and Founder of Student
Leadership University
Orlando, Florida

Passing the Donor-Funded Scholarship Torch

by Clem Boyd

When Peter Voland '13 and Brittany Smith '14 received the Autio Family Scholarship in 2013, an inspiring legacy of giving was beginning to unfold.

Clyde and Jean Autio established the Autio Family Scholarship in 2002 to help qualified junior students with significant financial need pursue careers in the fields of engineering, nursing, or education. They were eligible to receive the scholarship during their senior year as long as they maintained a GPA between 2.5 and 4.0, stayed with their major, and continued to show the personal qualities that had distinguished them for the award.

Peter earned the Autio Family Scholarship for both the 2011–12 and 2012–2013 academic years while working toward his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering. He is now an engineer for Ball Aerospace in Beavercreek, Ohio. His now-wife, Brittany, earned the scholarship for two years also, in 2012–2013 and 2013–2014, on her way to a bachelor's degree in nursing. She works for Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton.

While the extra money was critical, it was the Autios themselves who made the gift exceptional. "It was cool to see the people behind the scholarship," Peter explained. "I had received a couple of scholarships before, but this was completely different. The Autios invested in our lives, and we got to know them well."

Once each semester, the Autios took their scholarship winners to dinner and spent the evening with them. Clyde and Jean sent emails encouraging their scholarship recipients. "At Christmas, they would take us out for Chinese food, then we'd follow them back to their house," Peter said. "We would sit around the dining room table, eating dessert and sharing stories."

Part of that personal touch came from a home-state connection. "Jean was from Baraboo, Wisconsin, near the Wisconsin Dells, so she asked if we were Packers fans," Peter said. "My family used to camp at Devil's Lake, an extremely beautiful area near Baraboo, and we had been there many times over the years. Brit and I had also been to the Dells area on trips with our youth group."

When the Volands imagined founding their own scholarship, the Autios' example inspired them. "They got to know us and our stories. They invested in students," Peter said.

"The way they pursued building relationships with the students made us want to do the same thing," said Brittany.

The Voland Family Scholarship encourages students from the couple's home church, Calvary Bible Church in Neenah, Wisconsin, to attend Cedarville. In addition, students majoring in nursing or mechanical engineering may be considered for the financial award.



Jean and Clyde Autio were on hand for the nurse pinning ceremony of Brittany (Smith) Voland '14. Peter Voland '13 is at far right.

Not only does the Volands' scholarship signify a passing of the blessing, but also a passing of the torch. When Jean died April 2 of this year, Clyde requested that friends and family make a donation to the new Voland Family Scholarship in lieu of flowers for Jean's funeral.

"It was extremely humbling," noted Brittany. "We were both just completely surprised and touched. It was such a selfless thing for him to do at that time."

The Autio Family Scholarship was a difference-maker for both Peter and Brittany. "We both did pretty well in high school and earned general scholarships from Cedarville, but we also received about \$3,000 from private donors," Brittany said. "That made a really big difference. We both worked on campus, which helped, but we would have had to do a lot more to make up the difference that the donor-funded scholarships helped with."

"I can't imagine what it would have been like if we hadn't received those scholarships."

The Volands awarded their first annually funded scholarship for \$2,000 for one student at this year's Legacy Banquet on September 30, part of homecoming weekend festivities. They are also building an endowment that will allow them to award more scholarships in the future.

"We feel like Cedarville is doing a really good job of making this experience more personal," Brittany added. "It's not just about filling out an online form and watching your checking account get smaller. It's been a really neat experience that's helped us feel more connected to Cedarville."

"We had opportunities to grow in our faith at Cedarville that we had never experienced before," Peter said. "Cedarville was the culmination of this huge experience in our lives, and we want to make it available to other students."

"At Cedarville, I learned what it means to be in Christian community and how to work through hard times together," Brittany added. "The friendships we made, the opportunities to grow in our faith, the discipleship. You have an opportunity to grow in faith with the people around you. You don't get this at every Christian university, let alone at a public university. We received more value from Cedarville than can be measured."

To give to the Voland Family Scholarship, or other donor-funded scholarships, visit cedarville.edu/makeagift.

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COURSE COORDINATOR

John Delano

Associate Professor of Information Technology Management

DESCRIPTION

As part of the Master of Business Administration curriculum, students study statistical techniques to analyze and evaluate organizational data. This course emphasizes the practical application of statistical tools and techniques within an organizational context.

BIG IDEA

- Challenges students to make business decisions based on clear assessment, appropriate data, and analysis using the correct statistical tool, rather than on anecdotal assumptions or gut instinct.
- Stresses a Christ-centered mindset that gathers, analyzes, and presents data with excellence and without bias.

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"Managerial Data Analysis is an unbelievably well-designed course. I was surprised to not only enjoy the in-depth study of statistics, but because of the practical course design and helpful faculty, I was inspired to analyze how data analysis could inform my business decisions."

Jeff Evans '11, M.B.A. '16

New Cabinet Appointments Position Cedarville for Continued Enrollment Growth, Expanded Influence

Cedarville University has announced a new cabinet appointment and an organizational realignment designed to expand influence and continue enrollment growth while positioning the institution for future expansion in graduate, adult, and online programs. Scott Van Loo '98 has been named Vice President for Enrollment Management, and Janice (Warren) Supplee '86 has been named Vice President for Marketing and Communications.

Sharing the news with the campus community, President Thomas White said, "This is an exciting day for Cedarville and another step forward in the growth of the institution. I am thankful for God's clear leading and providential timing, bringing another quality member to the Cabinet team and positioning Cedarville for expanded influence. Above all, with these moves, our goal is to advance Cedarville for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ."

Van Loo will lead the Enrollment Management Division comprised of Undergraduate Admissions, Graduate Admissions, Financial Aid, and Enrollment Services. With 3,760 students enrolled this fall from 50 states and 61 countries, along with the recent full accreditation of its School of Pharmacy and new graduate programs in ministry, nursing, and business, Cedarville is poised for expansion.

Having previously served as Director of Admissions at the University until 2009, Van Loo returns to Cedarville after holding Cabinet-level positions at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and most recently, Ashland University in Ohio. During his tenure at Ashland, Van Loo served as Vice President of Administration and Strategic Planning, Executive Vice President, and Vice President for Enrollment Management



and Marketing, leading that institution to growth in transfer and freshmen students, reducing its institutional discount rate, and increasing graduate, adult, and online enrollment since 2014. Van Loo holds a master's degree from Wright State University and a Ph.D. in educational leadership from the University of Dayton.

"I am thrilled to return to my alma mater and for this opportunity to invest my skills and experience in an educational experience that advances Christ's Kingdom and equips students for professional excellence and

Gospel impact," said Van Loo.

The Marketing and Communications Division, under the leadership of Supplee, will include Public Relations, Web Services, and Marketing. The division is charged with helping the University achieve its enrollment, advancement, ministry, and visibility objectives through oversight of advertising, creative production, media relations, crisis communication, digital media, promotional events, internal and external communication, market research, and publications. Supplee joined Cedarville in 1995 and has served as Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing since 2009. She holds a B.A. in communication from Cedarville University, an M.B.A. from Wright State University, and a Ph.D. in educational leadership from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"This new role perfectly aligns with my professional experience and educational background," said Supplee. "I'm excited to serve alongside Dr. Van Loo as he leads the enrollment team to new levels of growth, while also having the opportunity to engage more closely with other areas of the campus community on strategic marketing and communications initiatives. It is a privilege to be a part of what God is doing at Cedarville University."

Named Gift Provides Debt-Free Residence Hall

Jenkins Hall, named in honor of Eleanor Gail (Sommerfeld) Jenkins, is scheduled for completion June 2017, continuing the Jenkins family's legacy of service to Cedarville. President Thomas White announced the naming of the hall during the Homecoming Chapel September 30.

The \$3.3 million, 64-bed facility will be located near the University's townhouses along the western edge of campus. The residence hall will have eight rooms per living unit, plus a common study room and fellowship room that will encourage friendships and spiritual growth. Jenkins Hall will replace Faith Hall, a 59-year-old former Army barrack that will be razed in 2017.

"This hall will be different than anything we have built before," noted Rodney Johnson '86, Associate Vice President for Operations. "It takes the unit concept of Lawlor and Printy and expands that into more spacious rooms and lounge spaces."

"Jenkins Hall will be a place where students will grow in spiritual maturity, academic study, and lifelong personal relationships, extending the legacy of the Jenkins family investment in Cedarville University," commented Jon Wood, Vice President for Student Life and Christian

Ministries. "Just as Faith Hall has been a place of community and growth for decades at Cedarville, its replacement in Jenkins Hall will likewise be an important home for students and a place of transformation."

Jenkins Hall will be the first residence hall in Cedarville history to be built without incurring debt. "Building the dorm debt free continues the legacy at Cedarville of student discipleship in residence halls with the best stewardship," said Wood.

Ellie, as she was known to friends, attended Cedarville before leaving to marry her husband, Warren Jenkins '72, whom she met at the University. They were married 43 years.

"She advocated on behalf of Cedarville University, encouraging many local students to attend Cedarville, one of which was our daughter, Heather (Jenkins) Smith '03," noted Jenkins, a University Trustee. "She was as encouraging as she was beautiful, and she was a one-in-a-million mom."

Ellie Jenkins went home to be with the Lord on October 24, 2015. She is survived by her husband, Warren; sons Jeremy (Carrie) and Jonathan (Shelley); daughter Heather (Brian); and nine grandchildren.



Upcoming Events

November

- 9-10 9Marks Pastors Conference
- 18 CU Friday

December

- 4 Community Christmas Celebration
- 10 Campus Christmas

January

- 10-12 Missions Conference
- 20-21 CU LEADership Conference
- 27-28 Worship 4:24

February

- 2-12 Spring Play: *The Music Man*
- 3 Communication Preview Day
- 3-4 Li'l Sibs Weekend
- 11 Engineering and Computer Science Preview Day
- 16-18 Music Showcase
- 20 CU Monday
- 24 Nursing Preview Day

March

- 17 All-Access Orientation
- 31 Education Preview Day

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Thomas White @DrThomasWhite · Sept 11
Congratulations to @Cedarville freshman Grace Norman for bringing home @TeamUSA's first #paratriathlon GOLD medal!

Jeremy Kimble @JeremyKimble · Sept 19
Awesome having @cedarville theology 2 students over to our house for dinner. Grateful for them.

Naomi Cookie @NAENAECOOKIE · Sept 20
Went to my first college volleyball game tonite with my team!! @cedarville GO JACKETS!!!

Meech @ohhhmichelle · Oct 16
We played @cedarville yesterday & the team prayed w/us! It was seriously the most uplifting thing out of my whole weekend.

Angela Schweinitz @NGENAngela · Sept 21
SO encouraged by what God is doing @cedarville through @ResoundRadio!! The next generation of radio with a purpose COMING FOR YA WORLD!!!

Kelli Worrall @KelliWorrall · Sept 23
Worshipping with the band from @cedarville at the @lakeanncamp Women's Retreat! So good.

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Your gifts have transformed the Jeremiah Chapel — new lighting, new sound system, new carpet, new seats — so that Cedarville students can be equipped and transformed to live for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ. In this photo, students enjoy spirited worship during the Fall Bible Conference, held August 22–25. Thank you so much for contributing your prayers and your financial resources to upgrade this amazing, life-changing venue.

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Paralympic Gold Medalist Testifies to God's Amazing Grace

by Clem Boyd

Grace Norman '20 headed to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in September for the international Paralympic Games and came back a gold medalist. Norman brought home the gold in the PT4 Triathlon, which she won September 11, and earned a bronze medal the following day in the 400-meter sprint, finishing in 1:01.83.

The Paralympics victories capped off a tremendous year for the Cedarville freshman, who also won the International Triathlon Union World Championships in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, this year. To win Paralympic gold, Norman swam 750 meters, biked 22 kilometers (about 13.5 miles), and ran 5 kilometers (3.1 miles), in a time of 1:10:39.

Norman, a two-time winner of the USA Paratriathlon National Championships, will run for the Yellow Jackets this winter and spring. She was a prep star for Xenia Christian High School (XCHS), making it to state twice in the 1,600 meters, placing eighth (5:14.09) as a junior and ninth (5:14.46) during her senior year. She also ran with the XCHS 4x800-meter relay team that placed sixth in the 2016 state meet with a time of 9:42.53. She is slated to run for the Yellow Jackets women's cross country team next fall.

Norman, a nursing student, holds two world records in the Paralympic T44 classification in track and field. She is the current record holder in the 800 meter with a 2:22.28 and the 1,500 with a 4:52.16. Norman is the American record holder in the 400 (1:01.83), 800, 1,500, and 3,200 (11:47.53).

While her previous achievements and accolades would be heady stuff for any athlete, getting to compete, and then succeed, in Rio was beyond memorable. "It was the biggest stage I've been on in my sports competitions," Norman said. "Whether it's high school or the Paralympics, I still get nervous for both. But winning the gold in Rio was a bigger accomplishment because of the long training process, and just how big the stage was."



Grace Norman '20 with her parents, Tim and Robin Norman.

According to Norman, the streets in Copacabana were lined with fans from all over the world during her triathlon competition, cheering her regardless their home country. "But it was very nice to see my fans and people from my team cheering really loudly, too," she added.

Norman's dad, Timothy, is a Professor of Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering at Cedarville and an Ironman competitor, while her mom, Robin, a former distance runner at Purdue University, coaches cross country for the former XCHS, now called Legacy Christian Academy (LCA).

"They have been very instrumental in my athletic career," Norman said. "They were coaches of mine throughout high school, and to see me run in college and fulfill those goals, they are so very proud of that. Plus, they will have two of their daughters running for the same school. They think that's cool."



JACKET SPORTS



Norman's older sister, Bethany '17, is a four-year member of the Lady Jacket distance running team. Her younger sister, Danielle, is a junior at LCA.

Norman was born without her left foot and ankle and her right big toe due to an amniotic band disorder. Due to the condition, fetal parts in the womb, such as fingers, toes, and limbs, are caught in fibrous bands and amputated.

"I'm very grateful for my prosthetic," Norman affirmed. "If I would have not been born like this, I probably wouldn't have been given these opportunities to compete on a world stage and share my faith with others. God had this plan for my life all along.

"There's a reason why I'm training so long and it's so hard," Norman said. "He has a reason and plan for me, and I have to trust that His plan is perfect for my life."



The next phase of that plan includes running winter indoor track for Cedarville. "I've looked forward to running for Cedarville most of my life," she shared. "To finally be on the team, it's very exciting. I hope to really strengthen myself athletically, get my best times in a lot of different distances, make varsity for all the teams, and improve all around."

And what about her counsel to young athletes? "I would tell them that if you make goals and put your mind to what you want to do, you can achieve more than you think," Norman said. "Dream big and really go after those goals. Don't let anything in life stop you, whether disabilities, or circumstances. God placed those in your

life to grow you and challenge you, not to stop you."

Clem Boyd is Managing Editor of Cedarville Magazine.

Carsyn Koch '18 Becomes First Cedarville Undergrad to Compete at Olympic Trials

Yellow Jacket Carsyn Koch '18 qualified for the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials, competing in the women's 800 meter on July 1 in Eugene, Oregon. She placed fifth in her preliminary heat in 2:05.57.

She was the only NCAA Division II athlete in the field of 38, which included more than a dozen professionals and eight runners from Division I institutions.

While multiple Cedarville University graduates have participated in the Olympic Trials, Koch became the first undergraduate to qualify. She did so with the 2:02.39 effort she turned in at the Stanford University Payton Jordan Invitational in Palo Alto, California, on May 1.

That mark is the fastest time in women's Division II outdoor history, breaking a record that stood for 26 years.

Koch, from Washburn, Maine, posted the No. 4 time of 2:03.48 in winning the NCAA Division II title on May 28 in Bradenton, Florida.



Her 2:03.58 performance at the Mt. SAC Relays in Norwalk, California, ranks No. 5.

During the winter season, she won the Division II indoor 800-meter championship in 2:05.12, setting meet and school records in the process.

More than a dozen print and electronic media outlets from across the country covered Koch in the months of May and June alone.

At least a hundred supporters showed up at the Callan Athletic Center for her send-off to the Trials on June 28, in addition to the buzz created by Yellow Jacket fans on social media.

"I am proud of all that Carsyn has accomplished in her first two years here at Cedarville," noted Jeff

Bolender '91, Cedarville's Director of Cross Country and Track and Field. "The Olympic trials competition was one that she will never forget. This experience will be invaluable for her as she seeks to compete in future high-level competitions."

DeWitt Leads Center for Biblical Apologetics and Public Christianity



Dan DeWitt joined the Cedarville faculty this summer as the inaugural Director of the Center for Biblical Apologetics and Public Christianity. *Cedarville Magazine* visited with DeWitt to learn more about him, his passion for apologetics, and his hopes for the new Center for Biblical Apologetics and Public Christianity.

What's something readers should know about you?

A: My wife, April, and I have four children: Isaiah, Micah, Josiah, and Addilynn Joy. Our kids have grown up in an academic setting, so they think it's very normal to spend most of their time with 18–22-year-olds. I want people to get to know my family, and we look forward to serving here in the community.

Tell us a little about your background.

A: I grew up in a conservative Baptist church, but rebelled from the Lord through middle school. My parents put me in a Christian high school, but that didn't go very well. Then I attended a LIFT youth camp in Miamisburg, Ohio, and I heard the Gospel in a very powerful way. The Lord opened my eyes to my need for Christ, and I was converted at age 15.

My dad moved out the day after I graduated high school, so that really affected my first year of college. I experienced a lot of doubts about my faith, and apologetics became a great tool for discipleship

in my life. Now I love apologetics, not just because it's a cool thing in Christian subculture, but because it has helped me grow in my faith.

Why are you so interested in worldview and culture?

A: I took an apologetics course my junior year of college and realized the Gospel is something to take into the broader community. It's not just about sharing with non-Christians for their conversion, but the Gospel sheds light on everything around us.

What are your hopes for the Center for Biblical Apologetics and Public Christianity?

A: To be a resource for students struggling to respond to skeptic friends, family members, and co-workers. Beyond that, I hope the Center is a place they can come for resources when they're struggling with their own questions.

What are your hopes for Cedarville and your role here?

A: That the Center will be a resource for the Cedarville community, and for churches around the state and around the nation. I would also love to see our influence go beyond Cedarville to surrounding universities in central Ohio. But the Lord will have to open those doors.

Any parting thoughts?

A: What attracted us here was Dr. White's leadership at the University and Dr. Jason Lee's vision for the School of Biblical and Theological Studies. While serving in a Bible college context for several years, we sensed a desire to serve in a liberal arts university that is totally committed to the Bible. We began praying that the Lord would open a door of ministry for us, and we are thrilled to be here.

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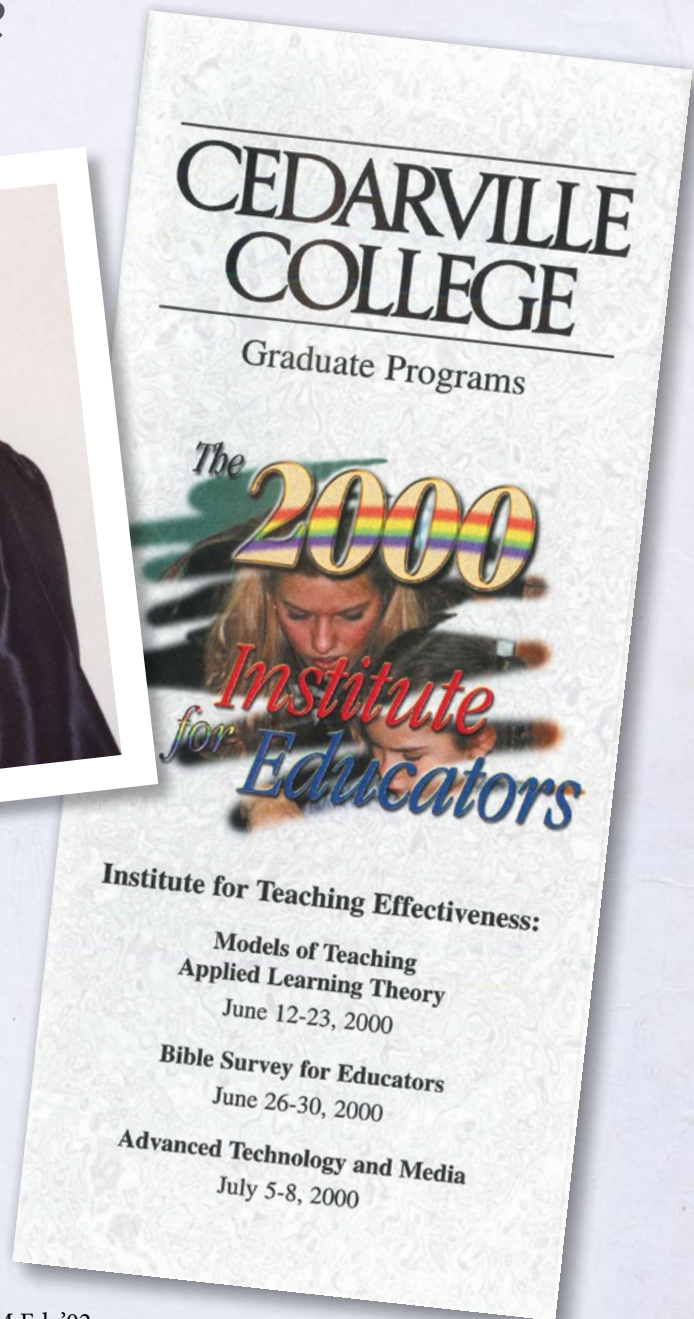
MOMENT *in Time*



A Great Beginning to Graduate Studies

In 2000, Cedarville offered one graduate program, the Master of Education (M.Ed.), with the program of studies brochure shown here. Two years later, Cedarville granted its first M.Ed. degrees to (pictured L-R) Linda Cernetic, M.Ed. '02; Celeste (Shustrick) Dunlap '93, M.Ed. '02; and Craig Dunlap, M.Ed. '02.

Since then, Cedarville has added five other graduate programs — Master of Science in Nursing (2011), with three tracks — Family Nurse Practitioner, Global Public Health Nursing, and Nurse Educator; Master of Business Administration (2013); Master of Ministry (2014); Master of Divinity (2016); and Doctor of Pharmacy (2009), which granted degrees for the first time at the 2016 commencement. Most of the programs are fully online to meet the needs of a changing society. But regardless of the delivery method, always for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ.





Cedarville Graduate Programs: God-Honoring, Affordable, Flexible

Every commencement celebration and graduate hooding ceremony thrills me because God leads outstanding graduate students to us, and we have the opportunity and stewardship to invest our lives in them. This past May, members from our first pharmacy class completed their degrees; many of them took my General Chemistry class six years ago. What a joy to celebrate with them!

Students such as these represent the growing, vibrant, and innovative vision for graduate education at Cedarville. Articulated in our strategic plan, that vision builds upon and enhances the undergraduate experience, marked by excellence and consistent with biblical truth, all for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ. God is graciously extending our mission to equip students with strategic advanced degrees for leadership and service. He is blessing our efforts to prepare graduate students for the good works He has planned for them (Eph. 2:10).

Now, more than ever, the world needs such excellent leaders and servants with Gospel clarity and biblical conviction. Whether our graduate students study education, business, nursing, ministry, or pharmacy, every one of them demonstrates faith in Jesus Christ and a firm grounding in biblical and theological competency. Our outstanding faculty members build upon this foundation with intentional biblical integration in every discipline.

Our programs also strive to be academically excellent to please the Lord (Col. 3:23–24) and also follow best professional practices through accreditation. We want each degree to have “quality stamped all over it,” as Paul Dixon would say. Adult learners need convenient, flexible, and affordable courses; for many, distance education meets these requirements. We

develop and maintain our online programs using the Center for Teaching and Learning and subject matter experts chosen by our academic departments and schools.

Our graduate education efforts online have paid off. Our Master of Education, Master of Science in Nursing, and Master of Business Administration have been highly ranked in national surveys of online graduate education.

The recent accreditation of our Doctor of Pharmacy program, the movement of our Master of Ministry to fully online as well as on campus, and the establishment of a new Master of Divinity means that the future of graduate education is shining bright at Cedarville University. What a great time to explore what a master’s degree at Cedarville may mean for your future or the future of a friend, family member, or co-worker.

So what can you do? Here are four ideas:

1. Think “graduate school” as you pray for Cedarville University.
2. Recommend our programs to learners who desire a biblically integrated graduate degree.
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