

# Cedarville University Portrait Statements with Expanded Paragraphs.

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## **1. Glorify God**

The Cedarville graduate exemplifies devotion to the triune God, Christ-like character, and faithfulness to the teachings of the Scriptures.

### **Expanded Definition**

The Cedarville graduate adopts a vision of being human that finds its substance, sustenance, direction, and delight in the person and purposes of the triune God revealed in the Scriptures. Such a life values God supremely so that His person and purposes definitively shape any notions of the good, the true, and the beautiful. With particular reference to the academic environment, this God-centered vision will guide and motivate the acquisition and use of knowledge and skills, elicit and shape creative expression, and set the trajectory for life in relation to others and the wider world. This is a view that ultimately sees life as stewardship, a call to develop and harness one's potential for fulfilling God's purposes and bringing Him the attention and honor He deserves. This life finds fullness when it is most satisfied in God. Valuing God and His purposes and being set apart to Him shapes any definition of success, meaning, purpose, and hope.

## **2. Think Broadly and Deeply**

The Cedarville graduate evaluates ideas, practices, and theories across disciplines within the framework of God's revelation.

### **Expanded Definition**

The Cedarville graduate thinks rigorously and creatively within the framework of a universe designed, created, and sustained by God. This depth of thought involves applying, analyzing, synthesizing and evaluating all forms of evidence used to support ideas. The graduate thinks broadly from within and across specific disciplinary lines including natural and applied sciences, humanities, social sciences, human performance and biblical studies.

### **3. Communicate Effectively**

The Cedarville graduate listens well, and produces and delivers clear, compelling, accurate and truthful messages in a relevant, respectful manner.

#### **Expanded Definition**

The Cedarville graduate listens well by receiving, constructing meaning from, and responding to spoken and or nonverbal messages. The Cedarville graduate communicates effectively through forms such as speaking, writing, art, music, and drama. The graduate communicates in a manner that makes his or her ideas accessible to various intercultural and intergenerational contexts when describing, narrating, analyzing, and persuading.

### **4. Develop Academically and Professionally**

The Cedarville graduate demonstrates competence and integrity in academic and professional endeavors.

#### **Expanded Definition**

The Cedarville graduate understands that excelling in his or her chosen degree program or profession is a positive reflection on God. This promotes opportunities to exert a godly influence on his or her academic and professional communities. The graduate manifests the virtues of integrity, honesty, humility, initiative, industry and loyalty; academic and professional competence; an ability to master foundational content and advance knowledge in their fields; creativity and innovation; continual enthusiasm for their discipline and activity in independent learning; and sound decision making.

### **5. Engage for Christ**

The Cedarville graduate lives to further the mission of Christ in the world as an active influence in spiritual, moral, professional, and social spheres.

#### **Expanded Definition**

Cedarville graduates represent Christ in their community by using available resources to love their neighbors, communicating the life-giving truth of the gospel in word and deed. They actively engage in the life of the local church through service to the body of Christ. Rather than conforming to or withdrawing from culture, graduates model Christ's love to a diverse humanity with integrity and involvement. They view their vocation, time, talent and money as a means for influencing contemporary issues that impact culture.