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CHICK-FIL-A PRESIDENT TO SPEAK AT CEDARVILLE

Cedarville, Ohio—Dan Cathy began his career at Chick-fil-A when he sang songs for customers and did radio commercials for the chain’s original restaurant in Hapeville, Ga. He was 9 years old. Now he runs the company, but he doesn’t just sit behind a desk. Cathy enjoys interacting with Chick-fil-A’s employees and customers. In fact, last year he attended numerous restaurant openings, spending the night in restaurant parking lots along with hundreds of customers who were vying for a chance to win free Chick-fil-A for a year. Now, he’s coming to Cedarville University to share his experience and insight with students and the community.

Cathy, president and chief operating officer of Chick-fil-A, is scheduled to speak at Cedarville on Tuesday, August 18. His address will focus on “The Role of Leadership and The Importance of Having a Good Name.” A question-and-answer session will follow. The event is free and open to the public, and all attendees will receive a voucher for a free Chick-fil-A sandwich.

“When there’s a corporation making a profit, having a good relationship with clients, and maintaining values,” says Lew Gibbs, director of career services at Cedarville, “you want to know more. That’s why we’re glad to have Dan come to Cedarville.”

Cathy received a B.S. in business administration from Georgia Southern University before returning to Chick-fil-A to serve as the director of operations. Under his leadership, the company opened

more than 50 new restaurants throughout the country. Before being named to his current positions, he served as senior director of operations, vice president of operations, and executive vice president.

As he leads the company, Cathy works to fulfill the corporate purpose: “To glorify God by being a faithful steward of all that is entrusted to us. To have a positive influence on all who come in contact with Chick-fil-A.”

Located in Cedarville, Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist university of arts, sciences, professional and graduate programs. Featuring a worldwide Christian ministries program, the University offers 100 areas of study to 3,000 students. Visit the University website at www.cedarville.edu.

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Date: Tuesday, August 18

Location: Dixon Ministry Center

Address: Cedarville University, 251 N. Main St., Cedarville, Ohio

Cost: Free and open to the public

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Photo caption: Dan Cathy, president of Chick-fil-A, is scheduled to speak at Cedarville University on Tuesday, August 18, at 12:30 p.m. in the Dixon Ministry Center.

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