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Governor's Office "Stamped by Cedarville"

CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- The Ohio Governor's office clearly has a Cedarville connection. Not only is Gov. Mike DeWine from Cedarville, but his new director of public policy, Michael Hall, is a graduate of Cedarville University.

Hall graduated from Cedarville University in 1996, and prior to serving in his current role in the DeWine administration, he was the policy director for the DeWine-Husted for Ohio Campaign. Before working in politics, Hall was a partner with Ice Miller, LLP in its government affairs practice group. He also served in the office of then-U.S. Sen. DeWine.

Hall has a long connection with DeWine. He previously served as director of outside counsel to DeWine when he was Attorney General. In that position, he directed the delivery of legal services by 150 law firms to more than 90 state agencies, universities, colleges and retirement systems.

He also advised the attorney general on economic development and workforce issues and managed all of the securities fraud litigation and other complex investor litigation for the state.

"The opportunity to serve the governor in this role prompts me to look back and observe how God's guiding hand planned each chapter of my career that put me on the path to this new opportunity," said Hall.

In addition to his Bachelor of Arts degree from Cedarville, he earned a Juris Doctorate from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, Missouri.

"When I first came to Cedarville, I had no idea that my new home in the middle of an Ohio cornfield was also the home of the then lieutenant governor, future United States senator and now governor of the state of Ohio," Hall added. "But God knew, and he used my decision to attend Cedarville College to put me in the right spot and train me with a biblical view to apply during my career in politics."

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