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**LAURA BUSH TO SPEAK AT DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY'S EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS GALA**

***Michael J. Jandernoa to receive the 2013 Peter C. Cook Excellence in Business Award  
at annual scholarship fundraiser***

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 14, 2012** – Davenport University will welcome former First Lady Laura Bush to the podium of the 2013 Excellence in Business Award Gala at DeVos Place on May 3, 2013. Michael J. Jandernoa will be honored with the 2013 Peter C. Cook Excellence in Business Award at the event, which benefits student scholarships at Davenport.

**Excellence in Business Award Gala  
DeVos Place  
6 p.m., May 3, 2013**

"We are excited to have Laura Bush join us for this annual celebration," said Dr. Richard J. Pappas, President of Davenport University. "She is respected and admired by so many people for her many contributions as First Lady and for her advocacy for education, healthcare and human rights."

"This event also will be a true celebration of business excellence as exemplified by Mike Jandernoa, who has achieved so much as the former CEO of one of West Michigan's most successful companies, as a venture capitalist, and as a community leader. Mike is a tremendous selection as recipient of the Peter C. Cook Excellence in Business Award."

"The Excellence in Business Award Gala is important for Davenport students who rely upon scholarship support," said Peg Luy, Executive Vice President for Advancement. "This event is our largest annual fundraiser and we are grateful for the generous support it generates to help students achieve success in the classroom."

**Table reservations and purchase of individual tickets can be made by calling 616-233-3412 or by visiting [www.davenport.edu/EIB](http://www.davenport.edu/EIB).**

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## **About Laura Bush**

One of the most beloved and admired American First Ladies, **Laura Bush** is a champion for key issues in the fields of education, health care and human rights. She has traveled to more than seventy-six countries, including two historic solo trips to Afghanistan, and has launched groundbreaking education and healthcare programs in the U.S. and abroad. The author of the bestselling memoir, *Spoken From The Heart*, Mrs. Bush also founded both the Texas Book Festival and the National Book Festival in Washington D.C. Today, as Chair of the Woman's Initiative at the George W. Bush Institute, Mrs. Bush continues her work on global healthcare innovations, empowering women in emerging democracies, education reform, and supporting the men and women who have served in America's military.

Born in Midland, Texas to Jenna and Harold Welch, Laura Bush holds a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in library science. She taught in public schools in Dallas, Houston and Austin, and worked as a public school librarian. She was jokingly dubbed "the old maid of Midland" before her 1977 marriage to George W. Bush, "Midland's most eligible bachelor." The Bushes are the parents of twin daughters, Barbara and Jenna.

## **About Mike Jandernoa**

Mike Jandernoa is the former Chairman of the Board and CEO of Perrigo Company, a leading global healthcare supplier that develops, manufactures and distributes over-the-counter (OTC) and generic prescription (Rx) pharmaceuticals.

Mike is a graduate of the University of Michigan and was a CPA, having worked at BDO Seidman for seven years prior to joining Perrigo in 1979. Hired by Perrigo as CFO, Mike was promoted to EVP of Sales and Finance in 1981, appointed President in January 1983, and became CEO in 1986. He was promoted to Chairman of the Board and CEO in November 1991, a position he held until May of 2000. During his career at Perrigo, Mike helped lead two LBO's in 1981 and 1988 and the IPO in 1991.

In addition to his service on Perrigo's Board of Directors, he also serves on the Board of Directors of Business Leaders for Michigan (BLM), the Van Andel Institute, Hopen Life Science Fund, Metabolic Solutions Development Company (MSDC), the University of Michigan President's Advisory Board, and Grand Valley University Foundation. Mike is a member of other corporate advisory boards and is a past member of the Young Presidents' Organization. Mike also serves/chairs on numerous religious and community boards and committees as well.

Also, Mike is the founder of Jandernoa Entrepreneurial Mentoring. He is co-founder of Bridge Street Capital Partners and a founder and Board member of Grand Angels.

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## **About the Peter C. Cook Excellence in Business Award**

The Peter C. Cook Excellence in Business Award was established in 1998 in honor of alumnus Peter C. Cook. The award recognizes business and community leaders who exemplify the entrepreneurial spirit, success and generosity to community that are hallmarks of the Davenport University mission, vision and values. More than \$1.8 million has been raised to benefit Davenport University Foundation scholarships through the annual award galas over the past 16 years.

Previous award recipients include Peter C. Cook, Frederik Meijer, Richard M. DeVos, Wilbur A. Lettinga, David G. Frey, John Spoelhof, Robert L. Hooker, Betsy DeVos, Donald W. Maine, John C. Canepa, Fred P. Keller, Ambassador Peter F. Secchia, Doug DeVos, Steve Van Andel, James Hackett, and David and Carol Van Andel.

## **About Davenport University**

Founded in 1866, Davenport is a private, non-profit university with campuses across Michigan and online courses serving an enrollment of more than 11,000 students. With tuition among the lowest of all private universities in the state, Davenport provides high academic quality, small class sizes, conveniently located campuses, faculty with real-world experience and nearly 50 dynamic undergraduate and graduate programs addressing in-demand careers. More information is available at [www.davenport.edu](http://www.davenport.edu).

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