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Davenport University Named a “2013 Great College to Work For” by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., July 26, 2013 – Davenport University is one of the best colleges in the nation to work for, according to a new survey by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. This is the second consecutive year Davenport was recognized as a “Great College to Work For” by The Chronicle.

Davenport University won honors in three categories:

- Compensation & Benefits
- Supervisor/Department Chair Relationship
- Respect and Appreciation

“This is a very satisfying affirmation of Davenport University’s ongoing commitment to our faculty and staff,” said Dr. Richard Pappas, President at Davenport University. “To achieve our ambitious Vision for this university, our faculty and staff need to be engaged and in synch with where we’re going. Bricks and mortar are important, but it’s our people who will have the greatest impact on students as we help them achieve success in the classroom and in their careers.”

The results, released this week in The Chronicle’s sixth annual report on The Academic Workplace, are based on a survey of nearly 45,000 employees at 300 colleges and universities. In all, just 97 higher education institutions nationwide were recognized as “Great Colleges to Work For.” Results were reported for small, medium, and large institutions, with Davenport University included among the large universities with 10,000 or more students.

Survey results are based on a two-part assessment process: an institutional audit that captured demographics and workplace policies from each institution, and a survey administered to faculty, administrators and professional support staff. The primary

factor in deciding whether an institution received recognition was the employee feedback.

To administer the survey and analyze the results, The Chronicle worked with ModernThink LLC, a strategic human capital consulting firm that has conducted numerous “Best Places to Work” programs, surveying hundreds of thousands of employees nationwide.

Great Colleges to Work For is one of the largest and most respected workplace-recognition programs in the country. For more information and to view all the results of the survey, visit [The Chronicle’s website](#).

About Davenport University

Founded in 1866, Davenport is a private, non-profit university with campuses across Michigan and online courses serving an enrollment of nearly 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 more than 50 dynamic undergraduate and graduate programs addressing in-demand careers. More information is available at www.davenport.edu.

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