



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF URBAN EDUCATION TO CELEBRATE BROWN v. BOARD 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan, May 2, 2014** –Davenport University’s College of Urban Education will hold a symposium and teach-off event in commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s landmark decision in Brown v. Board of Education.

The event, “Brown v. Board of Education at 60: Making Good on the Promise for STEM,” will include a teach-off between several noted educators, including one from the Grand Rapids-area, demonstrating best practices for teaching a science lesson to culturally diverse, urban high school students. Participants will include about 100 students from Grand Rapids Public School Innovation Central High School, who will vote for their favorite lesson.

Also included in the event are keynote discussions about how urban educators can rise to the challenge of closing the achievement gap that exists in K-12 education between white students and children of color, especially in STEM disciplines.

“This event is ideal for those who wish to pursue or develop a career in urban education, whether they are undergraduates, mid-career educators, or simply interested in what it takes to effectively teach urban students,” said Dr. Andre Perry, Founding Dean of the College of Urban Education and host for the event, to be held Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at Davenport’s W.A. Lettinga Campus.

#### **All media are welcome to attend!**

- What:** **Brown v. Board of Education at 60: Making Good on the Promise of STEM – A Symposium and Teach-Off**
- When:** **Wednesday, May 14, 2014, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** The teach-off demonstrations will occur 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. with results announced after lunch at 2:00 p.m.
- Where:** **Davenport University W.A. Lettinga Campus, Sneden Auditorium** – 6191 Kraft Lake Ave. Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49512
- Cost:** **FREE**

## **Confirmed Speakers**

Susan Gunn, Ph.D., Assistant Professor at Davenport University's College Of Arts And Sciences

Calvin Mackie, Ph.D., Managing Partner of Channel Zero Group LLC

A. Oveta Fuller, Ph. D., Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology University of Michigan

Matinga Ragatz, Michigan Teacher of the Year 2011

Melissa Collins, NEA Foundation Award Recipient 2013

## **About Davenport University**

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