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DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY RECEIVES *INSIGHT INTO DIVERSITY* 2014 HIGHER EDUCATION EXCELLENCE IN DIVERSITY (HEED) AWARD

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., September 16, 2014 –Davenport University has received the 2014 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education. This marks the third consecutive year Davenport has been honored with the HEED Award, which recognizes U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion. Davenport University will be featured along with 82 other recipients in *INSIGHT Into Diversity's* November 2014 issue.

“Davenport University’s selection was based on its exemplary diversity and inclusion initiatives, and its ability to embrace a broad definition of diversity at its 11 campuses across Michigan, including gender, race, ethnicity, veterans, people with disabilities, members of the LGBT community, and others,” said Rhae-Ann Booker, Executive Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for Davenport University.

“We hope the HEED award serves as a way to honor those institutions of higher education that recognize the importance of diversity and inclusion as part of their everyday campus culture,” said Lenore Pearlstein, publisher of *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine.

For more information about the 2014 HEED award, visit www.insightintodiversity.com.

About Davenport University

Founded in 1866, Davenport is a private, non-profit university serving nearly 10,000 students at campuses across Michigan and online. 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 in business, technology, health professions and urban education. More information is available at www.davenport.edu.

About *INSIGHT Into Diversity*

INSIGHT Into Diversity, celebrating its 40th year in 2014, is the largest and oldest diversity publication in higher education today. *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine presents timely, thought-provoking news and articles on matters of diversity and inclusion across higher education and beyond. Feature stories include interviews with innovators and experts, plus profiles of best practices and model programs. Readers also find career opportunities that connect job seekers with institutions and businesses embracing a diverse and inclusive workforce. Current, archived and digital issues of *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine are available online at www.insightintodiversity.com.