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DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY EARNS HONOR ROLL RECOGNITION FROM MICHIGAN PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Only second college or university to be recognized by Michigan Performance Excellence

Grand Rapids, Mich. January 14, 2016 -- Davenport University announces that it has achieved Honor Roll recognition from Michigan Performance Excellence following a December site visit by the program's examiners.

"The Michigan Performance Excellence Award is the first step in the process to apply for the national Baldrige Award, which we have set for Davenport as a goal," said Dr. Richard Pappas, President of Davenport University. "We received valuable feedback from the examiners that will help us work on areas of opportunity as we prepare for another application, likely in 2017. Our participation in this award process isn't about recognition, it's about the feedback we receive that will help us continually improve for our students, their future employers, and our broader community."

Since it began in 1994, the Michigan Performance Excellence Award has only been earned by a higher education institution once, Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) in 2007. GRCC also is the only college or university ever to earn Honor Roll recognition from Michigan Performance Excellence.

"We received high marks in areas related to strategy and our customer, which tells us that we're moving in the right direction. There certainly are areas where we can improve and this feedback will help us continue to make progress," said Dr. Pappas. "Through Vision 2020, our five-year strategic plan, we continue to improve upon student outcomes like our graduation rate, which already has more than doubled since 2009. We are raising the bar for ourselves each and every year and this Honor Roll recognition is a strong testament to the value of the work we are doing."

About Davenport University

Founded in 1866, Davenport is a private, non-profit university serving nearly 9,000 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.

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