



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY TO CELEBRATE 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY WITH GALA EVENT**

*Faculty, staff, alumni and supporters invited to join in celebration*

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 7, 2016** – Davenport University will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at a gala event to be held at DeVos Place on Sept. 29, 2016. In addition to speakers sharing their thoughts about the university and its impact on Grand Rapids and the state of Michigan, the **Founders' 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala** will feature a performance by internationally renowned a cappella group Chapter 6.

The event – open to the public – will include dinner, comments from special guests, the showing of a video created to celebrate the institution's rich history, and the Chapter 6 performance. WZZM 13 anchor Juliet Dragos will serve as emcee for the evening. All proceeds from the event will help establish the Founders' Endowed Scholarship, which will provide scholarship assistance to deserving students for the next 150 years!

Presenting Sponsor for the event is the Wilbur and Sharon Lettinga Family, with WZZM 13 as the Television Media Sponsor.

**WHAT:** Founders 150th Anniversary Gala  
**WHEN:** 6 p.m., Sept. 29, 2016  
**WHERE:** Steelcase Ballroom, DeVos Place

Visit [davenport.edu/150gala](http://davenport.edu/150gala) for tickets

#### **About Davenport University**

Founded in 1866, Davenport is a private, non-profit university serving about 8,500 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 80 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](http://www.davenport.edu).

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