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SUSAN GUNN, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF URBAN EDUCATION, RECEIVES 2016 *INSIGHT INTO DIVERSITY* MAGAZINE INSPIRING WOMEN IN STEM AWARD

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich, Sept. 9, 2016 — Dr. Susan Gunn, Dean of the College of Urban Education at Davenport University, received the 2016 Inspiring Women in STEM Award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine, the largest and oldest diversity and inclusion publication in higher education. The Inspiring Women in STEM Award honors women who work to make a difference in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Dr. Gunn will be featured, along with 65 other recipients from across the U.S., in the September 2016 issue of *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine.

Inspiring Women in STEM Award recipients were nominated by a colleague and selected by *INSIGHT Into Diversity* based on their efforts to inspire and encourage a new generation of young women to consider careers in STEM through mentoring, teaching, research, and successful programs and initiatives. While many women who work in these fields have made significant contributions and have engaged in new discoveries and innovations, they are not always recognized for their hard work and dedication.

“We are very excited to hear Dr. Gunn has received the 2016 Inspiring Women in STEM Award,” said Dr. Linda Rinker, Executive Vice President for Academics and Provost of Davenport University. “She is a passionate and dedicated educator who strives to help students in urban environments understand that a good education is a pathway to becoming productive citizens and achieving life goals. She is dedicated to continuing the vital work of transforming the way teachers and leaders are prepared to effectively meet the needs of urban school districts in Michigan.”

INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine selected Dr. Gunn because of her successful launch of Davenport’s first Bachelor of Science in Biological Laboratory Science and Master of Urban Education degree programs as well as her continued work inspiring and mentoring others working in the STEM fields.

“We know women in STEM fields are not always represented or recognized for their success, dedication, and mentorship to others,” says Lenore Pearlstein, owner and publisher of *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine. “We want to honor those who are inspirations to their colleagues, their community, and to young girls everywhere who may be interested in a future career in STEM. We are proud to honor these women as role models to all.”

For more information about the 2016 Inspiring Women in STEM Award and *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine, visit insightintodiversity.com.

About *INSIGHT Into Diversity*

INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine is the largest and oldest diversity and inclusion publication in higher education today and is known for its annual *INSIGHT Into Diversity* Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award, the only award that recognizes colleges and universities for outstanding diversity and inclusion efforts across their campuses. *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine presents timely, thought-provoking news and feature stories on matters of diversity and inclusion in higher education and beyond. Articles include interviews with innovators and experts, as well as explorations of best practices and profiles of exemplary programs. In our Career Center, readers will also discover career opportunities that connect job seekers with institutions and businesses that embrace a diverse and inclusive workforce. Current, archived, and digital issues of *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine are available online at insightintodiversity.com.

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.

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