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**DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY TO WELCOME WOODROW WILSON VISITING FELLOW**

*Former Microsoft Exec Anil Singh-Molares to visit DU October 17-21, 2016*

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 23, 2016** – Through a program of the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC), Davenport University will welcome its first **Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow**, Anil Singh-Molares, the week of Oct. 17, with a number of events for students, faculty and staff, alumni and members of the larger community.

The Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows (WWVF) program, operating for more than 40 years, brings prominent artists, diplomats, journalists, business leaders and other nonacademic professionals to campuses across the U.S. for substantive dialog with students and faculty members. This represents the first WWVF visit for Davenport University, presenting a tremendous opportunity for students and faculty as the school celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The WWVF visit was made possible by grant funding made by the M.E. Davenport Foundation.

“This is a tremendous honor for Davenport University,” stated Dr. Pamela Imperato, Dean for the Donald W. Maine College of Business at Davenport. “Mr. Singh-Molares will share his unique perspectives on global business issues and entrepreneurship with our students, faculty and guests. We are excited for the opportunity this represents for our students and look forward to a dialog that will further enhance their studies.”

Throughout the week, students will have opportunities to engage with Singh-Molares on topics of within their classrooms and at events on the W. A. Lettinga, Lansing and Holland campuses. In addition, Anil Singh-Molares will present at three events held on the Davenport’s W.A. Lettinga Campus for all students, faculty and staff, alumni and members of the larger community.

Monday, October 17, 2016                      10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

**Embracing a Human Capital focus as Sound Business Strategy**

*Offered in collaboration with the West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum and Cascade Engineering.*

Monday, October 17, 2016                      11:15 – 12:00 noon

**Conversations of Ethical Outsourcing**

*Offered in collaboration with the West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum and Cascade Engineering. Seating is limited.*

Monday, October 17, 2016                      7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Global Entrepreneurship: Rewards and Challenges**

While events are free to the public, registration is required to help in planning. To register, please visit <https://www.davenport.edu/donald-w-maine-college-business/woodrow-wilson-visiting-fellow/registration>.

### **About Anil Singh-Molares**

Born in the Netherlands and raised in Europe and the U.S., Anil Singh-Molares is a global citizen and businessperson. From 1991 to 2003, Singh-Molares advanced from managing a Microsoft foreign language team to overseeing all internationalization vendor relations for the global software leader. Winner of the Microsoft Achievement award, he negotiated all contracts related to internationalization vendors, giving him a deep understanding of international business as well as the pros and cons of outsourcing.

Singh-Molares now runs his own international services company, Echomundi LLC, and has founded two non-profits, the Preeclampsia Foundation and the Compassionate Action Network (now merged with the Charter for Compassion International). He creates major international events and conferences and is a transformational consultant, helping people and organizations become their best, truest selves.

### **About Davenport University**

Founded in 1866, Davenport is a private, non-profit university serving more than 8,000 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 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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