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DANIEL DEVOS TO SPEAK AT DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 28, 2017 – Daniel G. DeVos, Chairman & CEO of DP Fox Ventures, LLC, will serve as Davenport University’s 2017 Commencement Speaker at a ceremony to be held Sunday, April 30, 2017, at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids. At the event, nearly 1,800 Davenport graduates from across Michigan will celebrate their new degrees. The University will present DeVos with an Honorary Doctorate.

“It is an honor to have Dan DeVos as our Commencement speaker this year,” said Dr. Richard Pappas, President of Davenport University. “DeVos’ expertise and business experience will relate well to our new graduates as they start the next phase of their careers.

A graduate of Northwood University, DeVos was with Amway Corporation from 1980-2000 in a variety of capacities, including Vice President-Pacific and Vice President of Corporate Affairs. He continues to serve on the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee of Alticor, the parent company of Amway and other related businesses.

In addition to his responsibilities at DP Fox Ventures, DeVos is Chief Executive Officer of the Grand Rapids Griffins of the AHL and Chairman of the Orlando Magic of the NBA. DP Fox owns and operates Fox Motors and Fox Powersports, retail automotive and powersports groups representing 41 manufacturers at 28 locations in Michigan and the Chicago area.

DeVos’ generous philanthropy and service have included the Grand Rapids Symphony (Past Chair), Grand Rapids Art Museum, DeVos Children’s Hospital, Children’s Miracle Network (Co-Chair), Frederick Meijer Gardens, Hope Network, the Grand Valley State University Foundation and Davenport University. His commitment also extends to the Upper Peninsula’s Northern Michigan University (Past Chairman).

About Davenport University

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

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