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DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY HISTORY BOOK EARNS NATIONAL AWARD

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., June 13, 2017 – A history book created to help Davenport University celebrate its 150th anniversary recently earned national distinction at the 11th Annual National Indie Excellence® Awards, winning the Coffee Table Book category. Davenport: Educating Across Three Centuries, was co-authored by Margaret (Peggy) Mocerri and Thomas Brown, Ph.D., a former provost at the institution.

The National Indie Excellence® Awards competition for small, medium, university, self and independent publishers is judged by experts from all aspects of the book industry, including publishers, writers, editors, book cover designers and professional copywriters.

“This is an outstanding accomplishment for the authors and for everyone at Davenport who contributed to the book,” stated Davenport’s President, Dr. Rick Pappas. “The book tells an amazing story of how a small business school started in 1866 by a Civil War veteran grew into one of the largest private, non-profit universities in the state of Michigan. It shares how this institution has demonstrated innovation time after time to not only survive, but to thrive. It’s an inspirational story that has been beautifully shared through this book.”

“This truly was a labor of love,” stated Mocerri, the granddaughter of the school’s namesake, M.E. Davenport, and daughter of former President Robert W. Sneden. “For the book to earn such a prestigious national award is great recognition for the years of research and care that went into its creation. My deepest appreciation goes to the many contributors to this wonderful book and to the many more who have helped create such a tremendous university over the past 151 years.”

“We are proud to announce the winners and finalists whose books truly embody the excellence that this award was created to celebrate, and we salute you all for your fine work,” stated Ellen Reid, Founder of the National Indie Excellence® Awards. Winners and finalists were determined based on “overall excellence of presentation” and “a synergy of form and content” in a wide range of genres.

Davenport: Educating Across Three Centuries also was a finalist in the 2016 Foreward INDIES book awards honoring the best books from independent publishers. To view all 11th Annual NIEA winners and finalists, please visit <https://www.indieexcellence.com/11th-annual-winners>.

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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