



Points of Pride

- Davenport is a career-oriented university serving nearly **8,000 students** at campuses across Michigan and online. The University's areas of focus are **business, technology, health professions** and **urban education**.
- The University is the **second largest** among all private, non-profit colleges and celebrated its 150th Anniversary in 2016.
- Building on the success of the previous five years, the University's **Vision 2020** long-range plan, announced in 2015, calls for accelerated improvement of quality across university operations, with student outcomes to compare favorably with those of the upper third of Michigan's public universities.
- Davenport was among the first universities in the nation to offer an **Employment Guarantee** in 2014. The guarantee is now available to more than 1,200 students enrolled in accounting, nursing and network management and security programs. By 2020, up to a quarter of all DU academic degree programs will be covered by the Employment Guarantee.
- Davenport's **graduation rate** has more than doubled since 2009, with **graduate satisfaction** at 95% and **student satisfaction** at 5.9 on a 7-point scale.
- The **Donald W. Maine College of Business facility** opened at the W.A. Lettinga Campus in January 2017.
- Davenport's **Farmers Insurance Athletics Complex** on 68th Street opened in 2013 and expanded to 68 acres in 2015. It supports Davenport's baseball, softball, tennis, track and field, rugby, soccer and football programs.
- New **residential facilities** under construction on Kraft Avenue and 68th Street will increase student housing capacity by 130 students, bringing it to nearly 1,000.
- In 2016, Davenport was given **Honor Roll recognition** by Michigan Performance Excellence, Michigan's quality award program. DU was only the second college or university to ever be recognized by the state's premier quality program. Earning the Michigan quality award is a required step toward Davenport's goal of earning national Baldrige Award recognition.

- Davenport University reinstated its athletics program in 2002. Since then, teams have earned **87 Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) Championships** (47 regular season and 40 tournament titles) and six WHAC All-Sports Trophies. They have also won 24 team and individual national championships across all sports and produced 136 All-Americans and 326 All-Conference performers.
- Davenport was accepted into the **NCAA Division II** and will compete in the **Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC)** beginning Fall 2017.
- DU has received the **Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED)** award for four consecutive years from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education. The magazine also recognized Davenport president Dr. Richard Pappas with the **Giving Back Award** in 2016.
- Davenport was recognized by the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce with its **Diversity Visionary Award** in 2016.
- DU achieved Level I Partner status from **Partners for a Racism Free Community** after participating in its Institutional Challenge to Achieve Racial Equity (ICARE) assessment process.
- In 2015, Davenport was recognized with the **Hispanic Advocacy Award** for its demonstrated commitment to the ideals of Cesar Chavez.
- In 2015, Davenport was recognized as the *Grand Rapids Business Journal's* "**Newsmaker of the Year**" for Higher Education.
- In 2014, the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce honored DU with the prestigious "Excellence in Business" **EPIC Award** for innovation.
- In 2015, Davenport ranked 10th on the **Best for Vets: Academic Institutions** list by *Military Times* magazine.
- Davenport University has been deemed a **Military Friendly School** (the top 15% of schools nationwide that deliver the best experience for military students) by G.I. Jobs.
- Davenport earned "Gold-level Status" as a **Michigan Veteran-Friendly School** from the Michigan Veteran Affairs Office for three consecutive years.
- In 2013, Davenport earned the **Pro-Patria Award** from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) State Committee.
- Davenport University has been recognized as **one of the best colleges in the nation to work for**, according to employee surveys conducted by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. DU also was recognized as a "**Top Workplace in Michigan**" by the *Detroit Free Press* based on employee surveys.

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- From 2011-2016, Davenport has been named a **Center for Academic Excellence** by the National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security.
- Davenport is one of three schools distinguished in the **Michigan Collegiate Cyber Defense (MCCD) Network's Hall of Fame** for leading and pioneering an exceptional, quality education in the profession of cyber security. Davenport won the MCCD competitions in 2008, 2013 and 2015.
- At the 2016 national **DECA competition**, the Davenport's team took home three top-10 finishes, including one national championship, competing against 2,000 students from across the U.S. and Canada.
- At the 2017 national competition, DU's **Business Professionals of America (BPA)** students took home **12 national championship, 8 runner-up finishes and 8 third-place finishes**. Over the past nine years, DU students have earned 112 national titles.