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DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY HIRES INSURANCE EDUCATION SCHOLAR

Institute for Professional Excellence to begin delivery of Insurance Education Courses

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Nov. 30, 2011 – Davenport University is proud to announce that Michael R. Hubbel has been appointed the Adjunct Risk Management and Insurance Scholar through the Robert P. Ashlock Adjunct Professorship grant from the Griffith Insurance Education Foundation. The award, a result of a competitive annual program, is funding the delivery of Risk Management and Insurance education courses.

Responding to the industry growth forecast for new employment opportunities in the insurance sector, the university's Institute for Professional Excellence (IPEX) program will begin delivery of online and in-seat insurance education courses at locations throughout the state including campus locations in Grand Rapids, Livonia, Kalamazoo and Lansing.

"The insurance sector is important to the Michigan economy and Davenport is responding with new programs and training to support agencies and insurance organizations," said Davenport University President Dr. Richard Pappas. "The Institute for Professional Excellence has helped employers across Michigan provide training for emerging leaders and we are expanding these offerings into the insurance sector."

Hubbel joins IPEX and will be teaching Risk Management and Insurance education programs including a Senior Leadership Symposium and an online Seminar using business simulation techniques. He is also providing direction and consultation for ongoing delivery of Risk Management and Insurance credential and certification training offerings.

"Professor Hubbel has achieved an impressive record of teaching, scholarship and contributions to the Insurance sector" said Frank Novakowski, Associate Dean of the Donald W. Maine College of Business at Davenport University. "His practical focus and

experience developing and expanding insurance education will be invaluable in accelerating the development of opportunities for working professionals throughout Michigan.”

Hubbel earned a bachelor's degree in risk and insurance from Michigan State University, and a MBA in risk management from The College of Insurance in New York. He has earned the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter designation, as well as the Associate in Risk Management, the Associate in Underwriting, the Associate in Management, the Associate in Research and Planning, the Associate in Surplus Lines Insurance and the Associate in Reinsurance designations from the American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters and the Insurance Institute of America.

About Davenport University

Founded in 1866, Davenport is a private, non-profit university with campuses across Michigan and online courses serving an enrollment of nearly 13,000 students. 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 40 dynamic undergraduate and graduate programs addressing in-demand careers. More information is available at www.davenport.edu.

About the Institute for Professional Excellence

Davenport University's Institute for Professional Excellence specializes in individual and corporate training, development and certification programs that emphasize practical skills for facing tomorrow's economic challenges. Course details and registration information are available at www.davenport.edu/ipex.

About The Griffith Insurance Education Foundation

The Griffith Insurance Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, education organization, was founded in 1947 at The Ohio State University to promote the study and teaching of risk management and insurance (RMI). Today the Foundation supports college and university RMI programs nationwide, provides risk management and insurance education programs for K through 12 students, and offers basic principles seminars and workshops for public policymakers.

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