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DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SET RECORD AT STATE COMPETITION

More than 50 DU students heading to BPA National Conference in April

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 16, 2012 –Davenport University students earned 26 first place awards at the 40th annual Business Professionals of America (BPA) Post-Secondary State Leadership Conference, creating a new record for victories by one university at the state competition. Fifty-five students from Davenport’s Grand Rapids, Holland and Kalamazoo campuses competed in 48 events at the competition, held at Northwood University in Midland on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012.

“Davenport University students have dominated this competition for years,” said Dr. Linda Rinker, Executive Vice President for Academics and Provost for Davenport University. “Results like this against top competition from across Michigan are a testimony to the fact that our students are learning what they need to succeed in the workplace and get where the world is going.”

Davenport University students received a total of 105 awards in the 48 events, with winning students eligible to compete at the BPA National Conference in Chicago, April 24-28, 2012. Events won by Davenport students included Advanced Accounting, Computer Network Technology, Computer Security, Financial Math and Analysis, Global Marketing and more. For the full list of Davenport student winners, [click here](#).

BPA is a career and technical student organization that helps develop leadership, academic and technological skills. Through a co-curricular program, members of BPA compete in demonstrations and network with professionals across the nation. The BPA has more than 51,000 members in 23 states.

About Davenport University

Founded in 1866, Davenport is a private, non-profit university helping nearly 13,000 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 40 dynamic undergraduate and graduate programs addressing in-demand careers in business, technology and health. More information is available at www.davenport.edu.

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