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Davenport loses devoted alumnus, supporter and champion with passing of Peter C. Cook

Davenport University has lost a devoted alumnus, supporter and champion with the death of Peter C. Cook on Nov. 28 at the age of 96. Peter was honored with numerous awards for community involvement, volunteerism and philanthropic support. He was preceded in death by his wife Pat, and is survived by sons Thomas and Stephen, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Peter graduated from Davenport-McLachlan Institute (now Davenport University) in 1936, received Davenport's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1981 and an honorary doctorate of law degree from the University in 1987. He also served on the Davenport University Board of Trustees for many years. The Peter C. Cook Excellence in Business Award was named in his honor and in 1998 he was its first recipient. EIB Dinner Galas honoring recipients of this prestigious award over the past 13 years have raised more than \$1.7 million in student scholarships.

Peter and Pat were instrumental in the growth and development of Davenport for more than 25 years. The Peter C. Cook Administration Building at the Fulton Street Campus was named in his honor and the first residence hall built on the W.A. Lettinga Campus is named for both Peter and Pat Cook. Peter and Pat also have an endowed student scholarship fund at Davenport.

"I was fortunate enough to have met Peter after my arrival in Grand Rapids and will remember his dedication to the University with great fondness, admiration and heartfelt appreciation," said Dr. Rick Pappas. "His inspiring legacy will benefit Davenport students for many generations to come."

[Click here](#) to read the full story and obituary in The Grand Rapids Press.

About Davenport University

Davenport University – the only West Michigan-based private university specializing in business, technology and health professions – serves an enrollment of approximately 13,000 students at its W. A. Lettinga Campus in Grand Rapids, at campuses throughout Michigan and online. Davenport focuses on innovative, practical and affordable education and offers graduate and undergraduate programs. More information is available at www.davenport.edu.

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