W.A. Lettinga Campus opens doors
Message from the President

Dear Friends of Davenport University,

On June 3, 2003, we hosted a public gathering to announce the development of the W.A. Lettinga Campus. One year later, on June 18, 2004, we hosted the groundbreaking ceremony at the site. Before we left the site that day, I asked those present to imagine what would soon be standing on this spot: Students bustling about the 43-acre site, filling the buildings with excitement and enthusiasm as they pursue their dreams. On August 29, 2004, just fourteen months after the groundbreaking, the campus opened to welcome its first class of students. We hope you’ll have a chance to visit the new campus soon, where you will see a vision that has become a reality; the campus indeed looks like what we asked people to imagine.

The W.A. Lettinga Campus in Grand Rapids is the most ambitious building project in the history of Davenport University. The facilities at the new main campus invite the learning experience and provide leading-edge technology to serve a growing number of high-achieving high school graduates and working adults. The enormity of the project was daunting, but armed with a great vision, determination and assistance from the right partners, most anything is possible. Davenport University teamed up with Gunn Levine Architects, Rockford Construction and Kirco Project Management and, as they say, the rest is history.

This campus is a new beginning. It gives us the physical center to our geographically dispersed network of campuses and locations. The image of quality and the vitality of student life will radiate from this central point. Psychologically, it can help Davenport overcome the multiple images and cultures that resulted from being built through acquisition; it gives us the focal point that says “This is Davenport University.”

The new academic building is spectacular and the student residents are top flight, which makes us all want to go back to school. It is very gratifying; with a great sense of pride, our faculty and staff watch as students and family walk into the DeVos and Van Andel Academic Building, look up and around, and invariably say “WOW.” Then they walk into the Margaret Sneden Library and Information Commons and they are speechless. You really need to see it to believe it.

The opening of the W.A. Lettinga Campus is the start of something great. It is the foundation upon which Davenport will strengthen its reputation and attract students seeking an education that will give them the skills and the practical know-how to excel in their career. As much as possible, Davenport strives to personalize the higher education experience by keeping class size small and delivering individualized career counseling. We want to demystify higher education and make it an enjoyable, rewarding and practical experience.

Vision continues to become reality at Davenport University. The new main campus, construction projects at our Flint, Saginaw and Warren campuses, and a host of new cutting-edge programs make up today’s Davenport. But, in the end, we are only as good as our people. Our dedicated faculty and staff, who reach out to students and make a difference in their lives, are the real success story for Davenport. We are grateful for and proud of the work of these fine people, and thank them for all they do on behalf of DU students.

Sincerely,

Randolph K. Flechsig
New main campus opens with state-of-the-art features

Davenport University’s new main campus, the W.A. Lettinga Campus, officially opened August 8, 2005, and welcomed students to classes on August 29. Named for Wilbur A. Lettinga ’55, chairman and CEO of Kentland, and a Davenport governing board trustee who has been on DU boards since 1973, the 43-acre campus features state-of-the-art technology and environmentally responsible systems, and has an intentionally corporate look that showcases DU’s focus on career-based higher education and academics in a workplace environment. Davenport University Foundation worked within the community to raise the funds that provided the necessary support for the new campus, other new facilities, and additions and enhancements to existing facilities.

Events on the W.A. Lettinga Campus will bring the new facilities closer to the community. A contractors’ party and casual barbecue offered those responsible for creating the campus a chance to see it in a new light. The West Michigan Internship Fair takes place in mid-September, as do meetings of the Foundation and Governing boards of trustees; a donor reception later in the month will thank those individuals, businesses and corporations who generously supported the Building Opportunity capital campaign and address the important role they played in realizing better opportunities for our students. The campus will be unveiled to employees from throughout the University on September 23, as one of the host venues for convocation. Employees will tour the campus and learn more about its unique features. On September 29, area business and community leaders, donors, dignitaries, legislators and longtime friends and supporters of the University will attend the formal W.A. Lettinga Campus dedication. An open house for the general public on October 15 will include a live remote broadcast from WBCT-FM.

This “green” campus has applied for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification and will be among the first West Michigan universities to feature facilities with a reduced environmental impact. A walking trail around the campus allows a look at the natural wetlands, grasses and native plants that were retained to support existing fauna. The 127,000 square-foot Richard N. DeVos and Jay Van Andel Academic Building, with a

continued next page

The Margaret Davenport Sneden Library and Information Commons features soaring columns and ample natural lighting.

A private testing room within the Library and Information Commons.

Visitors to the University are greeted at the Russell and Mary Warner Welcome Center.

A student relaxes in the seating in front of the bookstore.
garden level and three stories that serve up to 4000 students, makes ample use of natural light situations through energy-efficient systems and windows that reflect—rather than absorb—light. Automated controls turn out lights in unoccupied rooms and dim lights in south-facing rooms when greater natural light is present. Heat from the ground is captured and turned into heating and cooling energy, through geothermal wells reaching 400 feet down. Reduced water use is the result of efficient plumbing systems, and indoor environmental quality systems constantly turn over fresh air for better ventilation.

The academic building houses the Margaret Davenport Sneden Library and Information Commons, which offers full library, computer and testing services to students, staff and faculty. Technology-equipped classrooms provide enhanced learning opportunities for students and more efficient teaching systems for faculty. A fitness center, outfitted with bikes and elliptical trainers, Cybex machines, free weights and more, offers physical benefits to those on campus; an adjoining room provides space for yoga, Pilates and healthy lifestyle classes. Dining facilities and full food service are available and convenient for residential students and others on campus.

The four-story Peter C. and Pat Cook Residence Hall is fully occupied, with a waiting list that began in July. The hall features apartment-style rooms with full kitchens, study halls on each floor, and is wired for technology that supports wireless and high-speed Internet access for residents. Like the academic building, the residence hall and its amenities were completed using local contractors, manufacturers and vendors. The spacious campus allows for two additional residence halls to be built in the future.

The W.A. Lettinga Campus is another chapter in the Davenport University quality story. Improved, renovated and new facilities in many of our communities feature enhancements made for the benefit of our students. Saginaw and Flint facilities went from insignificant to impressive. Dearborn and Warren are creating efficient and effective labs and office spaces. Kalamazoo recently renovated their student services area, Caro is completing facilities renovations, and in spring 2006 we will break ground for the Midland library project. The new main campus, like these other facility improvements, enhances Davenport’s image in our communities and as a university. Supporting and being supported by our communities reflects favorably on all of us.

Davenport University
W.A. Lettinga Campus
6191 Kraft Avenue SE
Grand Rapids MI 49512

Main switchboard: 616.698.7111
Toll-free number: 866 WA Lettinga
(866.925.3884)
Pure Indoor Environments at DU

In September 2004, Pure Indoor Environments, a start-up business with Davenport University student employees and interns, opened its doors at the downtown Grand Rapids campus. The company, which provides indoor air quality analysis, solutions and ongoing services for residential and light commercial customers, currently rents space in the lower level of Warren Hall. Working directly with Jerry Field, president and owner of Pure Indoor Environments, for the second year are students Steve Darrow and Raymond Simon, who respectively handle the company’s accounting and finance details, and sales and marketing.

Pure Indoor Environments has been involved more closely with Davenport in the last year, with recent air quality system installations in associates’ homes and ongoing interest from DU employees and friends. PIE handled the air quality testing at the University’s new W.A. Lettinga Campus, working on weekends and overnight to accommodate the construction and move-in schedule. PIE will be responsible for an air purification system for the campus’ dining and kitchen areas, providing a clean, safe dining experience. The PIE sister company, in Midland, took care of post-flood testing and remediation at the University’s Caro campus.

For more information on Pure Indoor Environments, please visit www.pureindoor.us or call 616.742.1720. Davenport University family and friends are eligible for a discount on PIE’s services.

LEAD Tuscola graduation ceremony

Davenport University President Randy Flechsig was the featured speaker at the LEAD Tuscola graduation ceremony in Caro, Michigan, on June 20, 2005. The LEAD (Lead, Educate and Develop) program for community and industrial leaders promotes community involvement, offers leadership connections, develops leadership skills, and assesses areas for personal growth. The yearlong program begins with a retreat, continues with monthly meetings for nine months, and concludes with graduation.

At the ceremony, Leena Palmer, executive director, Davenport University-Caro, received a LEAD scholarship that was established this year to honor Kevin Thane, who graduated in the first LEAD class and died in November 2004. A sheriff’s deputy who worked at the courthouse and the husband of local magistrate Nancy Thane, he was an important member of the Caro community.

“The LEAD scholarship is particularly meaningful to me, because it honors the memory of Kevin Thane,” said Palmer. “I am the first to receive it, and this also means that other community leaders who chose me did so because they recognize my potential. For that, I am honored. I also look forward to having fun and learning more about myself and identifying areas where I can grow.

“Most of all, I look forward to the challenge that the LEAD program will offer.”
Davenport University is among the Kent County employers showing support for Michigan men and women who help defend America by serving in the Guard and Reserve. The Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce and the Wyoming/Kentwood Chamber of Commerce joined the Michigan Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve in hosting a salute to employers for their continued support of those serving in the National Guard and Reserve forces.

One ESGR effort is to ask employers to sign a Statement of Support, pledging that their organization will conform to the requirements of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act and not deny employment, promotion, or re-employment because of service in the Guard and Reserve. Jolene Ayres, human resources manager, proudly represented Davenport University and pledged the University’s commitment to protecting the job rights of individuals who voluntarily or involuntarily leave their employment to undertake military service. The pledge prohibits employers from discriminating against past and present members of and applicants to the uniformed services. The Statement of Support was co-signed by The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense, and retired Rear Admiral David A. Janes, chairman of the National Committee for ESGR.

Ignacio Perez, ITS LAN/WAN Technician, had a desire to serve in the United States military and was permitted a military leave of absence. Davenport University continued to provide his family health coverage during his initial entry training and he was paid a supplemental income—the difference between his Davenport salary and military stipend. In a letter to the human resources department, Perez wrote: "As a soldier in the Michigan Army National Guard I wish to express my gratitude to Davenport University for their support of my family through the University’s Military Leave Policy while I serve.

“Focus is extremely important, both during training and operations. The knowledge that my family is being supported by Davenport University policy and staff allows me to concentrate on the mission during my active service.”

Perez has been accepted into Officer Candidate School, an extremely demanding program with a more than 50% attrition rate. The 18-month OCS curriculum is similar to that of the United States Military Academy at West Point. OCS focuses on academic, physical and military subjects. The school emphasizes real-world professional leadership skills that apply in both civilian and military settings. Upon successful completion of OCS, Perez will be eligible for commission as a federally recognized 2nd Lieutenant, a first-line officer responsible for millions of dollars worth of equipment and directing the actions of up to 50 personnel.

Davenport University is proud to support the ESGR, USERRA and our employees who serve in the military.

Please visit www.michguard.com for more information.

Jolene Ayres, human resources manager, signs a Statement of Support for the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.

Ignacio Perez, ITS LAN/WAN technician, proudly serves in the Michigan Army National Guard.
Cisco Systems and Davenport University promoted technology careers for women during a June 3 joint effort at the University’s Warren campus. Joining the initiative was a panel of prominent women in technology: Lorie Buckingham, senior vice president and CIO, Visteon Corporation; Alison Gleeson, area vice president, U.S. sales, Cisco Systems; Joyce Sumara, CIO, Onstar, General Motors Canada; Karenann Terrell, vice president and CIO, Chrysler Group and Mercedes Benz North America; and Tracy Wilson, tech support and recent Davenport University graduate, shared their insights and success stories from this male-dominated field.

Tammy Leonard, a DU-Warren student working on her post-baccalaureate degree in network security, credits a female manager for her inspiration. Leonard’s manager told her she had the ability to succeed in technology, then continued to mentor her on the job. “Somebody believed in me, that was the key,” Leonard told a Macomb Daily reporter at the conference. Leonard works for an information technology provider for Henry Ford Health System.

“We’re working hard to create an environment that fosters the growth of women in technology,” said Reid Gough, Davenport University dean of the School of Technology. “The enrollment numbers show that our female students recognize and appreciate this effort. Out of the thousands of IT students at Davenport, 52 percent are women.” This is in contrast with national averages, as less than one-fifth of undergraduates in college computer science programs nationwide are female, according to the Computing Research Association. As well, women receive less than 28 percent of the nation’s bachelor’s degrees in computer science, according to the Washington, D.C.-based American Association of University Women.

“The girls’ awareness really heightens during these events,” explained Clydene Stangvik, area academy manager for Cisco Networking, who, along with Cisco Systems account manager Kim Hawes and Deanne Cranford-Wesley, department coordinator, networking, DU-Warren, was instrumental in bringing this event to the University.

After viewing Cisco’s “I am an Engineer,” a short video profiling young women who chose technical careers, the 45 young high school women in attendance participated in problem-solving exercises. Human problems were set in Africa, the South Pole, and hurricane-ravaged South America; the case scenarios involved real-world situations that required technological solutions. Cisco technical staff members and four Davenport University IT students were among the 10 volunteers who served as IT mentors. La’Rhoyquel Curry, who in May earned her associate’s degree in networking from Davenport, proclaimed “Now I’m really excited to finish up and get my bachelor’s degree. Since the age of 15, it’s been my dream to work in networking.”

As a woman in the technology arena, Cranford-Wesley knows the challenges that women experience in succeeding in this field. “I try to encourage young women to remain committed when faced with challenges—stay focused,” she remarked. “One of goals of this event was to inspire women to think about careers in technology, and I think we accomplish that goal.” Cranford-Wesley noted that a student from Hamtramck High School, who had not considered a career in technology before the event, now sees the field as a possibility.

Davenport University continually works with Cisco to host technology events for aspiring IT professionals.

Karenann Terrell, vice president and CIO, Chrysler Group and Mercedes Benz North America; Alison Gleeson, area vice president, U.S. sales, Cisco Systems; Lorie Buckingham, senior vice president and CIO, Visteon Corporation; Joyce Sumara, CIO, Onstar, General Motors Canada; and Tracy Wilson, tech support and recent Davenport University graduate.

Landscape lauded

Davenport University’s Bay City location has been honored with the Community Beautification Award for 2005. The award is offered through Bay City in Bloom, an organization that awards one homeowner, one business and one institution a Community Beautification Award.
Habitat for Humanity and DU

Employees, students and friends throughout Davenport University have been strong supporters of Habitat for Humanity and the organization’s Jimmy Carter Work Project, which took place in Michigan June 19-24. Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, dedicate one week yearly to building homes in partnership with Habitat for Humanity International.

The Carters—along with an expected 6,000 volunteers—built more than 200 homes in Michigan during the five-day Jimmy Carter Work Project building blitz. Carter, a skilled carpenter and manual laborer, has had a relationship with Habitat for Humanity since 1984. Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit housing ministry, has built more than 175,000 houses around the world, providing more than 750,000 people in more than 3,000 communities with dependable shelter. Habitat houses are built by volunteers and the homeowners themselves, who invest countless hours of sweat equity into the affordable homes.

Habitat for Humanity of Kent County was the 2004-05 DU Cares project and recipient for Davenport University in Grand Rapids. As early as housing orientation in the fall, on-campus residents were involved in painting trim for local homeowners; at spring break, students partnered with a southern Habitat affiliate, traveling to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on a Collegiate Challenge for a week of building Habitat homes. This spring, volunteers gave more than 250 hours of labor to four local homes. On a cold, snowy day in March, the group—including the entire DU Panthers hockey team—worked on a site in southeast Grand Rapids. In two April builds, volunteers worked framing three homes on Canton Street SW.

A drive was held on the Warren campus in early April to line up volunteers and funds for this summer’s projects. Volunteers were given three options to help HFH: The Jimmy Carter Work Build, a full-week commitment to build houses; Adopt a Day, fund raising and one day of construction work on a house; and non-construction work pro-

continued next page
Davenport University-South Bend welcomed a group of eighteen students from Brandywine, Adams and Penn High Schools to the campus’ first semiannual technology event. The students migrated from room to room learning about exciting career opportunities in business, health and technology.

The keynote speaker for the event was Dr. John Behrens, senior manager of assessment development and innovation for Cisco Systems, Inc. Dr. Behrens oversees assessment development and implementation in the Cisco Networking Academy Program as well as the Cisco Certification Program, and provides assessment consultation to groups within Cisco. Behrens introduced students to the fascinating world of technology and shared many aspects of the integration and constant updating of technology all around us. In addition, he shared the success of Cisco Systems and how this company is in business for more than just routers.

Students chose from four break-out sessions during the event: Networking Technology, The Importance of Creativity and Technology in Web Page Design, The Importance of Creativity and Technology in Web Page Design, and Internet Connections, The Importance of Creativity and Technology in Web Page Design, Career Opportunities in the Medical Field, and Point of Sale and Accounting Technology. Students at the technology event received a well-rounded look at the programs Davenport University offers.

Julie Howar, department coordinator, explains to students The Importance of Creativity and Technology in Web Page Design.
In June, the staff of Davenport University’s Grand Rapids Area Pre-College Engineering Program partnered with Grand Rapids Public Schools teachers and Ferris State University staff and faculty to conduct the 2005 engineering and science Summer Experience for GRPS middle school students. The GRAPCEP Summer Experience is a weeklong day camp that serves over 30 students from Burton, Harrison and Iroquois Middle schools. Additional funding support for Summer Experience was granted by DTE Energy Foundation and Steelcase Inc.

The GRAPCEP Summer Experience introduced these students to science and engineering careers. Students spent the day at Davenport University working with GRPS teachers and Davenport faculty in classes of 16 or fewer, with at least two instructors in the classroom. This year’s students worked on the theme of water transportation, learning about different science and engineering careers as well as the academic skills they will need to succeed—now and in college. Students learned through hands-on activities and inquiry-based learning, while working in teams to design and build a water transportation vehicle. The week was supplemented by an overnight stay at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, with faculty-led applied activities in Plastics and Rubber Technology, Computer-Aided Drawing, and Digital Animation.

Students that participated with GRAPCEP through Summer Experience are invited to participate in later exciting opportunities including a GRAPCEP-organized TiViTz math game tournament; GRAPCEP-sponsored high-powered rocket teams, utilizing 6-foot-tall rockets; and the GRAPCEP Engineering and Biomedical High School, a school within a school at Creston High School.

Davenport University’s GRAPCEP has had a successful partnership with GRPS over the last seven years and has worked closely with Iroquois Middle School since the program’s inception. Through a grant recently awarded by DTE Energy Foundation, GRAPCEP expanded its GRPS support to include Burton Middle School and Harrison Middle School.
Davenport University students participated in the sixth-consecutive London Summer Study Program, earning academic credit abroad. Involving three weeks of corporate finance study and cultural immersion in London, this year’s program boasted students from the Dearborn, Grand Rapids, Merrillville, Romeo and Warren campuses and DU Online.

Mornings are spent in accelerated corporate finance study; students who have already taken corporate finance may earn academic credit by taking MGMT 490N as an independent study abroad experience. Foreign currency exchange between the British Pound/US$ and the Euro/US$ is one of the first finance lessons learned. Afternoons are spent at places of cultural and business significance, including the Bank of England, the British Museum, Lloyd’s of London, London Steelcase, the Museum of London and Parliament.

At the London Steelcase headquarters, a presentation by the directors of finance, human resources, and sales and marketing shared how Steelcase does business internationally in the United Kingdom and Europe. The presentation was followed by an informal question and answer session. Students observed that the presenters, from various countries of origin, bring different perspectives, ideas and backgrounds to the business. Speaking directly and informally with high-level management was a fine learning experience.

New this year, in conjunction with a day-long tour that included Stonehenge, was a visit to the city of Bath, about two hours from London. This charming town has the historic Roman Baths, along with plenty of shopping. Other cities and sights were experienced during free time. Also part of the program is a weekend in Paris, where the student sightseers learn to get around in a large, foreign-speaking city.

For more information, contact Mark Griffin, London Summer Study Program director, at mgriffin@davenport.edu or phone toll free 866.925.3884.
DU athletics

Davenport University is proud to celebrate its fourth year of intercollegiate athletics. The Panthers athletic program is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) at the division II level in men’s and women’s basketball, soccer and golf. The men’s hockey program is a member of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) at the division II level.

The program has grown from just 22 student-athletes to nearly 120. “I am very happy with the growth of the athletic program over the past three years,” noted Paul Lowden, athletic director and hockey head coach. “I look forward to the addition of more programs and opportunities for our students”.

Davenport has had great success with the women’s basketball and men’s hockey programs, which have represented the University at their respective national tournaments. This is a great accomplishment for a young athletic program.

Panther men’s golf

The Davenport University men’s golf program is coming off of their best season and is very excited about being part of the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference. The Panthers will be led by returning junior Mark Heible, who tied for first at the Olivet College classic shooting 69 and 75. Experienced players Dan Moulton, Jonathan Lynam, Chad Anguilmi, Nick Boone and Brandon Colby will also look to lower their scores from a year ago.

The Panthers have picked up three very good freshmen for this season, including Kentwood’s Adam Thomas, who competed this summer at the Western Amateur, which is known as the “Masters of Amateur Golf.” Matt Robbins and Spencer Hunting will add much-needed depth to the program.

“I am very excited about the 2005-06 season and look forward to the challenges ahead,” states assistant golf coach Phil Sweeney.

Panther women’s soccer

The Panther women’s soccer players are prepared to show their cleats in their first year as an independent team in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Head Coach Wayne Vandemerwe is excited about the women’s team, who is working toward a season to remember.

“As most people know, the first year is always the toughest, but I feel we have the determination and passion to enjoy a successful season,” says Coach Vandemerwe. One of the team’s top recruits hails from South Africa and has been honored with National Player of the Year in her age group.

The Lady Panthers will play their home games at the South Christian High School Sports Complex. The one-of-a-kind, fenced-in, stadium-like facility has three full-size, lighted, grass soccer fields; a press box; scoreboard; and a bleacher seating for 750 spectators. The team looks forward to this year’s opportunities, striving not only to give their best in all games but to be involved in the local youth soccer scene, through coaching and volunteering.

2005 Women’s Soccer Schedule

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>8/20</td>
<td>Siena Heights University (scrimmage)</td>
<td>Adrian, MI</td>
<td>1 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8/23</td>
<td>Cornerstone University</td>
<td>Grand Rapids, MI</td>
<td>4 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8/27</td>
<td>Albion College (scrimmage)</td>
<td>Albion, MI</td>
<td>1 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8/30</td>
<td>Northwood University</td>
<td>HOME</td>
<td>4 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/3</td>
<td>Indiana Wesleyan University</td>
<td>Marion, IN</td>
<td>7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/6</td>
<td>Anderson University</td>
<td>Anderson, IN</td>
<td>4:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/17</td>
<td>Aquinas College</td>
<td>HOME</td>
<td>2:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/18</td>
<td>Embry-Riddle</td>
<td>HOME</td>
<td>12 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/22</td>
<td>Calumet College</td>
<td>HOME</td>
<td>2 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/27</td>
<td>Rochester-Riddle</td>
<td>Rochester Hills, MI</td>
<td>2 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/9</td>
<td>Rochester College</td>
<td>HOME</td>
<td>2 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/12</td>
<td>Hope College</td>
<td>Holland, MI</td>
<td>4 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/21</td>
<td>Illinois Institute of Technology</td>
<td>Chicago, IL</td>
<td>5 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/22</td>
<td>Finlandia University (at Illinois Institute of Technology)</td>
<td>Chicago, IL</td>
<td>5 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/26</td>
<td>Concordia University</td>
<td>HOME</td>
<td>4 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/1</td>
<td>Olivet College</td>
<td>Olivet, MI</td>
<td>3 p.m.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

All HOME games will be played at the South Christian High School Sports Complex, 7979 Kalamazoo Avenue SE, Caledonia MI 49316.

2005-06 Men’s Golf Fall Schedule

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>8/27</td>
<td>Tryouts</td>
<td>The Golf Club at Thornapple Pointe</td>
<td>2 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/2-3</td>
<td>Olivet College Invitational</td>
<td>Bedford Valley Golf Course</td>
<td>8 a.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/6</td>
<td>WHAC Conference (Aquinas College)</td>
<td>LE Kaufman Golf Course</td>
<td>12 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/9-10</td>
<td>Indiana Wesleyan Invitational</td>
<td>Meshingomesia Country Club</td>
<td>8 a.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/14</td>
<td>WHAC Conference (Davenport University)</td>
<td>The Golf Club at Thornapple Pointe</td>
<td>1 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/17</td>
<td>WHAC Conference (Siena Heights University)</td>
<td>Lenawee Country Club</td>
<td>1 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/24</td>
<td>WHAC Conference (Madonna University)</td>
<td>Whispering Willows Golf Course</td>
<td>12 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/28</td>
<td>WHAC Conference (Cornerstone University)</td>
<td>Thousand Oaks Golf Club</td>
<td>12 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/30</td>
<td>Ken Venturi Invitational</td>
<td>Zoliner Golf Course</td>
<td>12 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/3</td>
<td>WHAC Conference (Concordia University)</td>
<td>Polo Fields Golf and Country Club</td>
<td>10 a.m.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

"As most people know, the first year is always the toughest, but I feel we have the determination and passion to enjoy a successful season," says Coach Vandemerwe. One of the team’s top recruits hails from South Africa and has been honored with National Player of the Year in her age group.

"I am very excited about the 2005-06 season and look forward to the challenges ahead,” states assistant golf coach Phil Sweeney.
Panther men’s soccer

The Panther men’s soccer team was accepted into the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference in 2005 and is eager to show the competition their Panther pride. Coach Wayne Vandemerwe, in his second year, has been feverishly recruiting since the end of his 2004 campaign.

“We are honored to be in the WHAC and look forward to our rivalries,” says Coach Vandemerwe. “We have recruited eleven freshmen from around the world to help us in our quest for the championship.” Countries represented by these recruits include Bosnia, England, Finland, Ghana, South Africa and the United States. Vandemerwe feels that Josh Petrusma and Ephrahim Hernandez, who came through the ranks of the Grand Valley Soccer Club, are two of the top local center forwards in West Michigan. Both were the leading scorers for the club during their tenure.

Vandemerwe expects the team to represent Davenport with enthusiasm, and encourages people to cheer them on at their home field in the South Christian High School Sports Complex. The players are jelling well and anticipate a successful season.

Panther men’s hockey

The Davenport University hockey team finished their third season with a 30-12-1 record. This was the team’s third consecutive 30-win season, with one of the most difficult schedules in the ACHA at the division II level. The Panthers were selected to take part at the National Tournament that was held in Rochester, Michigan, in March 2005. As a member of the Great Midwest Hockey League, the Panthers have built a strong rivalry with the past two National Champions and GMHL members Oakland University and Michigan State University. Men’s hockey looks forward to greater challenges in the 2005-06 season.
Panther women's basketball

The Panther women's basketball team will have seniors on the roster for the first time, with Coach Mark Youngs’ first recruiting class slated for spring 2006 graduation. This class led the team to 57 wins in three years and hopes to advance to a fourth straight post-season, national tournament. The Panthers’ last season was ended at the NAIA National Tournament by eventual champion Morningside College, in front of over 8,000 spectators in Sioux City, Iowa.

This year holds some new challenges for the Panthers. For the first time, they will count in the standings of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, adding emphasis to the regular season as they compete for their first-ever conference championship. Senior All-American Jenny Rausch returns to the line-up after finishing seventh in the nation in scoring last year. Rausch has 1,821 career points for the Panthers, in three seasons. Seniors Karen Rugless, Jori Pacek and Sharon Gill should provide the on- and off-court leadership the team needs to continue their success. The junior class is led by Shannon Callaghan, who joined Rausch on the all-region team after leading the Panthers in rebounding and blocks. Danielle French, who led the team in scoring at the national tournament, also returns for a third year. The sophomore class includes Jordan Loveberry, who exploded onto the scene last year scoring 283 points, Kelly Keeler.

Rausch has 1,821 career points for the Panthers, in three seasons. Seniors Karen Rugless, Jori Pacek and Sharon Gill should provide the on- and off-court leadership the team needs to continue their success. The junior class is led by Shannon Callaghan, who joined Rausch on the all-region team after leading the Panthers in rebounding and blocks. Danielle French, who led the team in scoring at the national tournament, also returns for a third year. The sophomore class includes Jordan Loveberry, who exploded onto the scene last year scoring 283 points, Kelly Keeler.

“"This season should be very exciting for the team," says Coach Youngs. “Competing with Cornerstone and Aquinas for the WHAC Championship will add a new twist. If this group makes the necessary sacrifices and does the work that will be asked of them, our potential seems to be unlimited. We have all the parts in place to make this a very special season.”

2005-2006 Women's Basketball Schedule

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Time (EST)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>10/29</td>
<td>Calumet College-St. Joseph</td>
<td>HOME</td>
<td>1 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/1</td>
<td>Spring Arbor University</td>
<td>HOME</td>
<td>1 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/3</td>
<td>Marygrove College</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>5:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/15</td>
<td>Saginaw Valley State University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>6 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/18</td>
<td>Manchester College Tournament (vs. Adrian)</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>7 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/19</td>
<td>Manchester College Tournament</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>1/3 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/22</td>
<td>Grace Bible College</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>7 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/26</td>
<td>Savannah College Tournament</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/27</td>
<td>Savannah College Tournament</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12/2</td>
<td>Judson College Tournament</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12/3</td>
<td>Judson College Tournament</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12/6</td>
<td>Tri-State University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12/10</td>
<td>Rochester College</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12/14</td>
<td>Purdue University-Calumet</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/4</td>
<td>Cornerstone University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/7</td>
<td>Madonna University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/11</td>
<td>Concordia University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/14</td>
<td>Siena Heights University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/18</td>
<td>Indiana Tech University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/21</td>
<td>Aquinas College</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/25</td>
<td>University of Michigan-Dearborn</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/28</td>
<td>Cornerstone University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/1</td>
<td>Madonna University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/4</td>
<td>Concordia University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/8</td>
<td>Siena Heights University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/11</td>
<td>Indiana Tech University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/15</td>
<td>Aquinas College</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/18</td>
<td>University of Michigan-Dearborn</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

All HOME games will be played at Duncan Lake School, 9757 Duncan Lake Road, Caledonia MI 49316.

2005-2006 Men's Basketball Schedule

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Time (EST)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>11/1</td>
<td>Spring Arbor University</td>
<td>HOME</td>
<td>7 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/3</td>
<td>Marygrove College</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>8 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/8</td>
<td>Andrews University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>7 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/12</td>
<td>Goshen College</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>3 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/18</td>
<td>Marian College Tournament</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>7 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/19</td>
<td>Marian College Tournament</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>7 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12/2</td>
<td>Aquinas Classic</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>6/8 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12/3</td>
<td>Aquinas Classic</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>1/3:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12/5</td>
<td>Grace Bible College</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12/7</td>
<td>Andrews University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12/10</td>
<td>Indiana University Southeast</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12/16</td>
<td>Illinois-Springfield</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12/29</td>
<td>Northwood University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/4</td>
<td>Cornerstone University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/7</td>
<td>Madonna University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/11</td>
<td>Concordia University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/14</td>
<td>Siena Heights University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/18</td>
<td>Indiana Tech University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/21</td>
<td>Aquinas College</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/25</td>
<td>University of Michigan-Dearborn</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/28</td>
<td>Cornerstone University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/1</td>
<td>Madonna University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/4</td>
<td>Concordia University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/6</td>
<td>Grace Bible College</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/8</td>
<td>Siena Heights University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/11</td>
<td>Indiana Tech University</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/13</td>
<td>Rochester College</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/15</td>
<td>Aquinas College</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/18</td>
<td>University of Michigan-Dearborn</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

All HOME games will be played at Duncan Lake School, 9757 Duncan Lake Road, Caledonia MI 49316.
Thumb area students honored

Thumb area Davenport University students were fortunate that Nicole Kinde, admissions representative, and Amy Monroe, director, Bad Axe, planned the 2005 Honors Banquet to be held under a tent on the Caro campus grounds. Although a June flood rendered the Caro building uninhabitable for the entire summer, the campus was still able to hold one of the most popular events of the year.

The banquet’s keynote speaker was Mike Volk, Davenport University CFO and executive vice president for finance, who hails from Akron, Michigan, in the Thumb area. Volk discussed some of the values he learned while growing up in a small, rural community and related some of them to his successes in life. After sharing his story of education and career building, he told the students how he would have loved to have had today’s DU giving him the tools, connections and support one needs for success in business. Mostly, however, Volk revisited the main theme of his speech: Dream big! “To achieve big dreams, you need to be willing to take risks,” says Volk. “It’s never easy to leave behind what’s safe and familiar; to be able to do it, you really need to believe in yourself.”

The honors banquet serves to build student life, support outstanding academic achievers and recognize other contributions students make throughout the year, at Davenport University and in the community. In addition to the following student recognitions, Len Jensen, president, Caro Chamber of Commerce, announced that the recipient of the Chamber of Commerce scholarship is student Kristin Bukowski.

Davenport University students Trinity Perlberg, Michael Valentine, Beth Valentine, Deb Kaltz, DeWan Eavy and Karen Fraim.

Award recipients:

- Norma Abbott
- Jennifer Baker
- Steven Baker
- Faith Barriger
- Valerie Behrends
- Sara Bielert
- Brian Bucy
- Kimberly Case
- Cora Clement
- DeWan Eavy
- Karen Fraim
- Diane Hile
- Karen Jones
- Deb Kaltz
- Mike Klosowski
- Robert LaBean
- Paula Madrigal
- Laurene Marcinowski-Yates
- Glenna Marley
- Trinity Perlberg
- Stacy Radecki
- Lydia Reifert
- Kelly Rutherford
- Princess Swinton
- Janet Taylor
- Beth Valentine
- Michael Valentine

- Departmental Award – Allied Health
- Scholastic Achievement
- Departmental Award – Technology
- Departmental Award – General Studies
- Special Recognition
- Scholastic Achievement
- Special Recognition
- Special Recognition
- Scholastic Achievement
- Citizenship Award
- Departmental Award – Paralegal
- Special Recognition
- Departmental Award – Accounting
- Special Recognition
- Departmental Award – Accounting
- Special Recognition
- Departmental Award – General Studies
- Special Recognition
- Departmental Award – Paralegal
- Special Recognition
- Departmental Award – General Studies
- Departmental Award – Management
- Departmental Award – Accounting
- Citizenship Award
- Special Recognition
- Departmental Award – Allied Health
- Citizenship Award

Panther men’s basketball

It’s a new-look team for the Davenport University men’s basketball program this year. With new coach Lewis Garner, nine new players and a different home court, success appears to be just around the corner. Injuries took a toll on the Panthers last year, forcing them to use just seven players for many of their contests and resulting in a disappointing 2-28 record.

With changes in place, things look bright for the men’s cagers. Senior Tom Poe and juniors Russ Rose and Derrick King return the most experience to the line-up. Sophomore Lance Maurer will return after being sidelined by an injury during the fourth game of last season; he had averaged over 17 points per game. The tallest Panther, 6’8” Brandon Colby, and Adam Lamos and Cameron Dampier return for their sophomore seasons. Newcomer Ryan Farmer, a junior transfer from Defiance College, should bring a lot of experience to the table after two solid years at Defiance.

The freshman class is the deepest ever recruited to play at DU: Matt Barczak, Trent Booth, Nate Farrell, David Finkbeiner, Seth Salinas and Kurt Vanderceye will vie for playing time in the loaded Panther back court, while Trevor Manning and Mitch Vanderkam will bolster the front court.
Scholarship Golf Classic raises $20,000+

Nearly 100 participants enjoyed a beautiful day of golf while supporting Davenport University students at the third annual Davenport Scholarship Golf Classic, held July 18 at Sawmill Golf Club in Saginaw, Michigan. The event raised almost $20,000 for student scholarships in the Tri-Cities, Thumb and Northern areas. News from the 19th annual West Michigan event will be published in the winter magazine.

The Davenport University Foundation thanks the committees, the generosity of our sponsors and donors, and the volunteers and golfers for making these events — and Davenport University students — a huge success. We hope you will join us at the 2006 Davenport Scholarship Golf Classics. Please watch for the dates in future issues of the Davenport University Magazine.

Sawmill Champions

Open Division
First Place: MidMichigan Medical Center: Scott Shawl, Nikki Burgeson, Kristian Burgeson.
Second Place: Rockford Construction: Randy Flechsig, Mike Volk, Tom Brown, Mark Sikorski.
Third Place: Jean Luoma, Julie Behmlander, Dan Behmlander, Bridget Blodgett.

Women’s Division
First Place: Steven’s Worldwide Van Lines: Lindsay Stevens, Robin Gacek, Pat Moliterno, Judy Butler.

Third annual Davenport Scholarship Golf Classic

Saginaw Sponsors
Food/Beverage Underwriter
Gunn Levine Associates
Tee Favor Underwriters
Garber Buick
Saginaw Spirit
Hole-in-One Policy Underwriter
Garber Buick
Hole Sponsors
Citizen’s Bank
Dale Carnegie Training
Duro-Last Roofing
Elmer A. Woods Builder LLC
Gunn Levine Architects
NCVW
Panda Promotional Products
University Alumni Travel Benefits
Pin Flag Sponsors
Jim Doane, Davenport University Foundation trustee
Dr. Kim A. Salgat, DDS
Tee Box Sponsors
Fabiano Brothers
Health Plus
JE Johnson
Lacks Enterprises
Liberty Mutual
McKay Press
MMR (Mobile Medical Response)
NCVW
Scott Miller and Eric Buschlen,
Davenport University academic deans
Shay Water
WLEW-FM Radio 102.1
On-Course Beverage Sponsor
Michael T. Stelter & Associates
Gift Sponsors
AAA
Bavarian Inn
Bay Valley Hotel and Resort
Bennigan’s
Books Are Fun
Covenant
Creative Memories
Crescent Beach, Florida Condo
Culver’s
Dick’s Sporting Goods
Famous Dave’s
Healing Solutions
Lamar Advertising
Manual Therapeutics
MidMichigan Medical Center,
EMS Department
RJ’s Restaurant
Saginaw Spirit
Sawmill Golf Club
Target
Davenport University Alumni Association: 2006 award nominations

Each year, the Davenport University Alumni Association recognizes graduates and staff who have exemplified the mission, vision and ideals of the University in their professional and community service. Candidates from throughout the University are being sought for the 2006 awards. Presentation of the alumni awards will take place in Grand Rapids on April 28, 2006, at the Amway Grand Plaza.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest bestowed alumni award. The Hy Berkowitz Professional Excellence Award is presented to a graduate who exemplifies the University motto, “Make a living, make a life, make a contribution.”

To receive a nomination form: Please visit www.davenport.edu and click on the Alumni and Friends link or contact Darryl Shelton, executive director of alumni relations, at 616.233.3419 or 866.248.0012, ext. 3419, for more information. All nominations must be completed and returned by October 7, 2005, to be included in this year’s selection process.
From the Davenport University Alumni Association

“T”he Davenport University Alumni Association board of directors has had a very exciting year. The board of directors focused on furthing university relations with our graduates and has demonstrated initiatives in serving our purpose statement:

The Alumni Association Board of Directors will exist as a volunteer board which will act as a catalyst to develop cohesive ties between all Davenport University alumni regionally, nationally, and internationally; to promote the general welfare of Davenport University; to build loyalty and support among students and graduates; to promote opportunities for alumni to serve the University; and to develop alumni programs and events that will perpetuate interaction between alumni and the entire Davenport University community.

“The Alumni Association is formed into five committees — Communications, Executive, Fund Raising and Scholarships, Nominating, and Program and Events — that have accomplished numerous tasks in fulfilling our purpose statement. Below is a brief listing of some of the accomplishments that the Alumni Association board of directors made in 2004-05:

• Reached out to current students during Grad Salutes to introduce them to the Alumni Association.
• Advised in streamlining the alumni section of the Davenport University Web site, where important alumni information is easily accessed with just a click.
• Suggested and manned the half-time free throw raffle at Winter Fest 2005, raising funds to support the Alumni Endowed Legacy Scholarship.
• Disseminated logistical information and board responsibilities for the 2005 Alumni Awards Banquet.
• Reviewed Alumni Association board of directors by-laws and suggested applicable changes to assist in the effectiveness of the board.
• Recruited and inducted several new members, to complete the board roster.

“We are very enthusiastic regarding what the future holds at Davenport University; 2005-06 will take us to altogether new heights!”

— Juana Mooring, ’99 Davenport University Alumni Association Board of Directors member

Alumnus receives prestigious Governor’s Service Award

Davenport University alumnus Ronald A. French of Michigan, MI, was honored with the prestigious Governor’s Service Outstanding Mentor Award at a private reception and dinner on June 18, 2005, at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn and hosted by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, first gentleman Daniel Granholm Mulhern, and former presidential first lady Rosalynn Carter. The Governor’s Service Awards recognize and celebrate the outstanding work and represent the best of Michigan’s highly motivated, committed and outstanding volunteers. Awards are presented in eight categories that highlight the diverse nature of volunteers throughout the state. The Outstanding Mentor Award is presented to a mentor who provides a structured and trusting relationship that brings a young person together with a caring individual who offers guidance, support and encouragement aimed at developing the competence and character of the mentee. Ron French was chosen as one of five finalists, narrowed down from over 260 nominations submitted by friends, relatives and colleagues of the committed volunteers, and was selected as the winner during the reception.

Ron mentored three youths during his 14 years with the Big Brother/Big Sister program. With Ron’s love, support and guidance, all three are growing into well-rounded young men. He keeps in touch with his first two mentees, although the matches have officially closed. He and his current mentee spend time fishing, playing ball, going to movies and camping; they also participate in numerous fund raising events. “You let me know what it was to have a dad,” Ron’s first Little Brother wrote. “Because of the time you spent with me, I am a better father to my kids.”

Ron graduated with an associate’s degree in business management from Davenport in hours of dedicated volunteer work he has committed, and commends him as an outstanding role model for our students and the entire community. His example serves to reinforce Davenport’s emphasis on the importance of community service and volunteerism through the many programs it offers and supports, including Service Learning projects.

“Special thanks to the Michigan Community Service Commission for providing information regarding the awards and the photograph accompanying this article. Please visit http://www.michigan.gov/mcsc/0,1607,7-137-6116_8168-20817--,00.html for more information on the 2005 Governor’s Service Awards.”

First gentleman Daniel Granholm Mulhern, Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Ron French, and Jimmie Comer, president, North American Joint Ventures and Diversity, Lear Corporation. Lear Corporation sponsored the Outstanding Mentor Award.

1977, and returned in fall 1985 to pursue a bachelor’s degree in management. Davenport University congratulates Ron on this much-deserved award, thanks him for the countless
A DU alumna is going places!

Dawn Carowitz ‘01 began her education at Davenport University in fall 1992. A timid student, she wasn’t exactly sure what she ultimately wanted to do with her life. Thanks to her experiences at and through Davenport, her direction would soon become clear.

Dawn enrolled in the executive secretarial/administrative assistant program, earning her associate’s degree in 1997; she continued studying, toward a bachelor’s degree in business studies. While at Davenport, Dawn was a work-study student in several different departments on campus. She started in the career services department, moved on to be a resident assistant in the international dorm, and eventually became the resident director of the Davenport University International Orientation Center. In this capacity, Dawn counseled the University’s international students in cultural immersion and campus life, and coordinated and hosted social activities. “My experiences working with the international students have changed my life,” Dawn stated. “They not only opened my eyes to other cultures, but to a world outside of Michigan.” This interaction sparked an interest in the global community that would soon have a profound impact on her future.

Around this time Dawn learned of a program, Semester at Sea, which provides study abroad opportunities for the exploration and study of many of the people, places and cultures of the world while allowing the student to earn college credit. Dawn was extremely interested in Semester at Sea, but admission was competitive and support difficult to find. Dawn credits former Davenport president Donald Maine with providing her tremendous assistance in being able to participate in Semester at Sea in 2000. On the program, she traveled to Japan, China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, India, Kenya, South Africa, Brazil and Cuba. “From these experiences,” said Dawn, “I decided that I would like to live in another country and experience it in a non-tourist way.” Dawn wouldn’t have to wait long to make good on this decision: Shortly after receiving her bachelor’s degree in 2001, she moved to Tokyo, Japan. Dawn worked through the Reformed Church of America at the Joshi SeiGakuin school and taught English, Western culture and chapel messages to junior and senior high school students; she also hosted summer home-stay programs for some of the students in the United States.

Dawn taught in Japan for two and a half years before moving to Goyang, Korea: “When I was a resident assistant, I met at Korean girl in the dorms. She invited me to Korea to stay with her family. Due to the fact that I am adopted from Korea, I was very interested in going. It was the first foreign country that I had ever visited. While on Semester at Sea, I met a man that introduced me to the Holt Ilsan Center.” Dawn had not been aware that she was adopted from Holt but after some research and confirming with her parents, she discovered that this indeed was the place. After Japan, she felt confident that she could live on her own in another country and wanted to learn more about her own culture. Thus, she began volunteer work at the Holt Ilsan Center in March 2005. Dawn taught English to the staff and housemothers at Holt, translated and edited documents, gave tours to visitors, and pushed wheelchairers and walked with residents. “Being in Korea has been one of my best experiences ever. I met so many people and ate the food and learned so much about my past. Being a tour guide, I got a chance to know a lot about the Holt family and the facility. I’ve come to appreciate both and am so glad to have had the chance to be a part of it. I feel like there are so many people just giving here and I’m glad for the opportunity to give back.”

Dawn returned from Korea in June and has spent the last two months in Pennsylvania, doing a home-stay program with 25 of her Japanese school students. Of her time spent overseas, she reflects, “One thing I try to do in life is have no regrets. I don’t want to look back on my life and think that I never had fun or made a difference. The fun part comes easy for me…but making a difference is more difficult. I would like to make a difference to those I come in contact with. Whether it’s a smile, my time, or my skills, I really want to give something.”

Dawn attributes much of her confidence and accomplishments to her roots at Davenport—“Davenport was the tool that helped the ball to roll”—and keeps in contact with many people within the University who she counts on for friendship and continuing business advice. She thanks current and former staff and faculty members for their support and mentorship while she attended DU. One particular mentor is Jo-anne Tuttle, lead facilitator and account manager for Corporate Services, who worked with then work-study Dawn in career services and reflects fondly on her: “Dawn was such an inspiration to everyone she came in contact with, our staff, and especially the students she worked with. Her utmost concern was always ensuring that others succeeded to the best of their ability. Dawn would bend over backwards to encourage them and do whatever she could to help them with their needs. But, mostly,” adds Joanne, “I recall that Dawn was always pushing herself. She was rare in the fact that she took advantage of every educational opportunity that was available to her. And she had the confidence to take the risks sometimes necessary to explore these opportunities. From working for our Disney Internship program, to going on Semester at Sea, she was always looking to expand her knowledge of herself and the world.” Robin Kauffman, records coordinator in the registrar’s office and a continuing friend of Dawn’s, commented, “I first became acquainted with Dawn through a co-worker who was a friend of Dawn’s, and she and I became friends. When I first met her, she was a rather quiet and shy student. It’s been amazing to watch her blossom into this outgoing and confident young woman. I’m looking forward to watching her continue to blossom as she contemplates her next journey.”

From the reserved student who came to Davenport not certain where life would take her, to the globe-traveling, generous and charitable individual that she has become, Dawn Carowitz is one alumna who is really going places!
You are invited!

WHAT: **2005 Davenport Alumni Day**

WHEN: Friday, October 7, 2005
5:30 p.m., tailgate party
7:00 p.m., hockey game

WHERE: Standard Federal Ice Arena
2550 Patterson SE
Grand Rapids MI 49546

WHO: Davenport University alumni, students, staff and guests are welcome!

WHY: The third annual Davenport Alumni Day features free food, drinks, live music, prizes and tons of fun in the entertainment tent prior to the Panther hockey game vs. Michigan State University.

HOW: Please RSVP by September 30, 2005, online at www.davenport.edu/alum or by calling 616.233.3416.

Don’t miss this must-attend event — one of Davenport’s most fun and fastest-growing traditions! Tickets for the game are available at the door: $4 for adults, $2 for students. Show your Davenport University Alumni Association membership card and receive an exclusive gift.
Career Updates

**Dewey Ellis**, ’89 restaurant/lodging management, accepted a position with Williams-Sonoma as a lead sales associate.

**Marjorie (Pierson) Yost**, ’94 executive secretarial, accepted a position as the executive assistant to Gary Granger, CEO of the Granger Group of Companies, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Before accepting this position, Yost was employed by Salon Enterprises as an administrative team leader. Yost and her daughter, Meghan, reside in Sand Lake, MI.

**Christina (Tina) Nyp**, ’97 marketing, accepted a position as the executive administrative assistant to the CEO of Raymond James Financial Inc., in St. Petersburg, FL.

**Richard Zeck**, ’98 general business, opened his own coffee shop, Frenz Coffee House, in the Plainfield Plaza in Grand Rapids, MI. The coffee shop features organic teas and specially brewed coffees, as well as low-carb wrap sandwiches and homemade desserts. Zeck hopes to open another shop within the next six months.

**Mike Jager**, ’99 business studies, opened Jager Insurance Agency North, LLC, in Grand Rapids, to serve the insurance needs of Michigan residents. Jager’s agency sells home, auto, recreational vehicle, commercial and life insurance.

**Valerie VanderMaas**, ’00 systems analysis/applications development and PC and network management, accepted a position as programmer/analyst with National City Mortgage in Grandville. VanderMaas resides in Wyoming, MI.

**Rita McPhail**, ’03 strategic management, accepted a position with Davenport University as an adjunct instructor at the Caro campus and Bad Axe location.

**Sabine Lessing-Tyson**, ’04 accounting, business management, accepted a position with Yeo & Yeo, P.C., CPA, in their Saginaw office as a staff accountant in the audit department. She is a member of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, the Institute of Management Accounting, and the Institute of Internal Auditors. Lessing-Tyson resides in Sterling, MI.

Weddings

**Barb Brissette**, ’02 nursing, married Charles Stube on August 6, 2005. Brissette is working in the CICU at the West Branch Regional Medical Center in West Branch, MI.

**Douglas Resman**, ’04 management, married Brandy Thoms on August 7, 2004, at Crane Park. Resman is currently employed by State Farm Insurance Co. as a claims representative/classroom trainer. The couple resides in Portage, MI.

**Natalie Thompson**, ’04 management, married Robert Drake on September 11, 2004, at the Heritage Community Center in Lawton. Thompson is currently employed by the City of Kalamazoo. The couple resides in Paw Paw, MI.

**Marguerite Sullivan**, class of 1916, celebrated her 107th birthday on May 27, 2005. Friends and family traveled to Bay City, MI, from around the country for a party and dinner in honor of the momentous occasion. Members of the Davenport University Advancement department subsequently treated Davenport’s oldest known alumna to a celebratory luncheon.

**Marguerite Sullivan (center) with Barbara Mieras, PhD, executive vice president for advancement and president of the foundation, and Kevin Schultz, director of development and alumni relations.**

SAVE THE DATE!

Davenport University Alumni MBA Reunion Trip
A four-night Carnival Caribbean cruise
May 18 to 22, 2006

Ports of call: Miami and Key West, Florida; Cozumel, Mexico

Join fellow Davenport University MBA alumni as we sail aboard the *Imagination* for a reunion that you will never forget! Please call Darryl Shelton, executive director of alumni relations, at 616.451.3511, ext. 3419, or 800.632.9569 for more information.
2005 – 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

7 Davenport Alumni Day
Tailgate party and hockey game at the Standard Federal Ice arena. All alumni and friends are welcome!
Grand Rapids, Michigan

7 Alumni Travel Program – Italian Riviera and Tuscany

December

12 Chicago Alumni Reception
Chicago area alumni and friends are welcome to join the alumni relations staff for an informal reception at the downtown Sheraton Hotel.
Chicago, Illinois

January

14 DU Alumni Association board of directors meeting
Davenport University Lansing campus

February

18 Saginaw Spirit hockey game
DU alumni, students, staff and friends are invited to a reception at the Dow Event Center, followed by the Saginaw Spirit Hockey game.
Saginaw, Michigan

24 Florida alumni reception
Florida area alumni and friends are invited to reconnect at this wonderful gathering.
Bonita Springs, Florida

March

TBD Graduation Salutes

25 DU Alumni Association board of directors meeting
Davenport University Kalamazoo campus

April

28 Alumni Awards Banquet
Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan

May

TBD Commencements

June

10 DU Alumni Association board of directors meeting
Davenport University Dearborn campus

24 Detroit Zoo outing
Alumni, students and friends of the University are invited to a day at the zoo, including a picnic lunch.
Royal Oak, Michigan

Recently married?
New baby in the family?
Promotion at work?

Please keep your alumni records updated and share news with your fellow alumni.

Send this form to: Alumni News
Davenport University
415 East Fulton
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
or e-mail: alumni@davenport.edu

Name

Address

City ______________________________________ State _____________ Zip ________________

Phone ______________________________________ E-mail ______________________________________

Class Year ________________ Major ______________________________________________________

Campus you attended _________________________________________________________________

News: ______________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
Excellence in Business
Dinner Gala

Friday, October 14, 2005 • Reception, 6:30 p.m. • Dinner, 7 p.m.
Horizons Conference Center • 6200 State Street • Saginaw MI 48603

Honoring
Richard J. Garber
2005 Recipient:
Wallace J. Bronner
Excellence in Business Award

Guest Speaker
Lou Holtz
Legendary football coach

All proceeds benefit Davenport University Foundation Scholarship funds

For additional information, please contact:
Kevin Schultz, director of development, or Alicia Shawl, event coordinator
800.968.4860 or 989.835.5588

Davenport University
415 E Fulton
Grand Rapids MI 49503