School deans guide
quality, progress
Message from the President

Dear Friends of Davenport University:

Today’s Davenport is new and striving to be better. In the end, the proof of our success as a university is twofold: graduates who prosper in their careers and employers who seek out our graduates because they know they will excel. For Davenport University to deliver, we must offer a challenging and exciting learning environment. The quality of academics is essential to our graduates’ success.

We are very proud of our faculty. They are authors, Fulbright scholars, consultants, innovators, business leaders, advisors and mentors. Our instructors are accomplished and have real-world experience in business, technology and health care. We are also proud of our new academic leadership team—our very own Dream Team. You will learn more about them in this edition of the magazine. Suffice it to say our leadership and faculty are supercharged, and the proof is in the cutting-edge programs being developed for our students.

We offer high-quality programs for the most in-demand and fastest growing careers in business, technology and health care. We continue to be a pioneer in educating for jobs in demand, which has included introducing such unique programs as network security, service marketing and management, biometric security, public safety and security management, and our new governance and leadership program.

We tell our graduates that a Davenport degree is proof to the work world that they know how to be successful in their chosen career. We work very hard to make sure that when potential employers see a Davenport graduate, they see an energetic, prepared worker who should be at the top of their list.

The value of a Davenport education begins with students prepared for success in the classroom. For the first time, Davenport will require applicants to demonstrate that they are ready to succeed at DU. There will be minimum admission standards that we will use to gauge a student’s preparedness as part of the application process. Our commitment is to have our students graduate and move on into their career of choice.

We look forward to having you visit us at our new main campus in Grand Rapids—the W.A. Lettinga Campus, at one of our other locations in Michigan and Indiana, or on our Web page at www.Davenport.edu to learn more about the exciting things happening at today’s Davenport University.

Sincerely,

Randolph K. Flechsig
With the appointment of Kojo Quartey, PhD, as dean of the Donald W. Maine School of Business, Davenport University now has an exemplary team of deans in place to guide the quality and progress of each of its three professional schools. In addition to Dr. Quartey, who heads a business school with the potential to be among the best in the country, the professional school deans are Denise Oleske, PhD, who was appointed in 2005 as dean of the expanding School of Health Professions, and Reid Gough, dean of the School of Technology.

These three highly qualified and experienced deans develop the leading-edge curriculum and oversee the talented faculty and quality classroom experiences that prepare our students to achieve their career goals in business, technology and health professions. Considering their combined experience and achievements, this dean team is a dream team for the future of Davenport University.

KOJO QUARTEY, PhD, DEAN, DONALD W. MAINE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Education: PhD in Applied Economics, Mississippi State University.

Experience: Dean, Division of Administration and Business, Talladega College; Dean, College of Business and Professional Studies, Lincoln University-Missouri; Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the Lincoln University Foundation.

Career Highlights: Author of book and several papers presented internationally, started Project Reachout for college student volunteers, expanded business programs at two universities and introduced majors in finance, marketing and technology. Garnered over $6 million in grants and private donations. Served on numerous organization and corporate boards. Served as consultant on international projects in the Ukraine and Ghana.

Why were you drawn to Davenport University?

Davenport is a progressive university with an entrepreneurial and corporate ambie-
ance. Employees work closely together and are forward-looking. The institution believes in innovation and flexibility.

What, in your opinion, makes DU’s business program stand out from those at other universities? The business program enrolls almost 50 percent of all students and houses the only graduate program on campus. There are also numerous certificate programs, as well as distance learning programs. Innovation has the school poised to make substantial progress in the near future.

What cutting-edge developments do you see on the horizon? International distance programs in nations such as China and India, as well as the Third World. Increased corporate partnerships. Greater global focus.

What are your long-term goals for DU’s school of business? Aggressive high school recruitment, increased entrepreneurial programs, more community service activities, increased research, awards for faculty and students involved in innovation, increased grant writing by faculty, more full-time and minority faculty.

DENISE OLESKE, PhD, DEAN, SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Education: PhD in Epidemiology, University of Illinois at Chicago.

Experience: Associate Chair, Department of Health Systems Management; Professor, Departments of Health Systems Management and Preventive Medicine, Rush University.

Career Highlights: Garnered $4 million in external funding from governmental and private sources for research, education and scholarships. Received awards for contributions to the advancement of the field of health care management from the American Association of Chinese Health Care Professions, American College of Health Care Executives, American College of Epidemiology, and Rush University.

Why were you drawn to Davenport University? A school of business, a school of health professions, and a school of technology ... What a great combination!

What, in your opinion, makes DU’s school of health professions stand out from those at other universities? The laddered approach to preparation of individuals who gain a solid academic base for career training and learning. DU is able to develop solid curriculum to respond to the changing employment environment. Interdisciplinary training in early undergraduate years.

What cutting-edge developments do you see on the horizon? More virtual learning, increased use of knowledge management in all disciplines.

What are your long-term goals for the health programs? A virtual lab, introducing more technology skills into health care programs, a school score card. We also are further developing our transdisciplinary orientation, in which skills from our business and technology programs are incorporated into the health care curriculum. This is what makes Davenport unique and our student better prepared for health care careers.

REID GOUGH, DEAN, SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

Education: Master’s of Education, Instructional Technology, Wayne State University.

Experience: Executive Vice President and Chief Knowledge Officer, Tip Interactive, and leadership positions within AT&T Capital and United Technologies Automotive.

Career Highlights: Developed the first and largest network security curriculum, developed curriculum for world’s largest automotive consortium, was a pioneer in virtual team training.

Why were you attracted to Davenport University? I wanted an opportunity to make a difference by designing curriculum to help close the gap between the demands of employers and the skills of recent college graduates.

What, in your opinion, makes DU’s technology program stand out from those at other universities? We compete on innovation, not duplication. We design curriculum for the needs of business not just today but several years out. We also teach both technology skills and business competencies to help graduates make an immediate contribution.

What cutting-edge developments do you see on the horizon? Network security in still in its infancy and has tremendous potential for growth. Our biometrics program (using thumbprint, iris scans and face recognition for identification) is a major development beginning this fall.

What are your long-term goals for DU’s technology programs? Ultimate success is companies competing for our students because they are prepared for the workplace by our curriculum, classroom experience and cutting-edge technology.

Riding the bus: “It’s Working.”

Through a six-month contract with The Rapid, the Greater Grand Rapids area’s public transportation system, a bus sporting Davenport University’s “It’s Working” theme is ferrying DU students and other riders about town. The DU-decorated bus ran the W.A. Lettinga route between the new main campus and the Fulton Street campus for the first two months, after which it is being ridden and recognized throughout the area.
American Executive: Corporate Spotlight

Davenport University and President Randy Flechsig are featured in a two-page Corporate Spotlight in the December 2005 issue of American Executive magazine. American Executive provides “thought leadership” from the greatest minds in business today, along with marketing strategies, technology updates, management advice and other news to 50,000 business leaders nationwide. It is an honor for Davenport to be recognized for its leadership in business education and for the work it is doing with its cultural training programs.

The Corporate Spotlight focused on Davenport transforming into a university of choice by offering students a practical business education: “We’re reinventing the University,” Flechsig said. “We’re recognizing and building on our history, but at the same time, today’s Davenport has been reinvigorated. We’re passionate about not giving our students a hollow promise. We want our education to be meaningful, and we want to help our students find jobs.”

Certified Manager program a credentialing opportunity

Dave Barrett, CM, is a senior human resources manager and senior organizational consultant for human resource development at Cascade Engineering in Grand Rapids. He is also a Davenport University adjunct professor who earned his Certified Manager credential from the Institute of Certified Professional Managers. Barrett, who earned a Master of Business Administration degree, sees the importance of “walking the talk” as he emphasizes to all Cascade Engineering employees the importance of continuous learning and self-improvement. “I decided to pursue the Certified Manager designation after I talked to Davenport Professor and Certified Manager Jack Cichy and determined that earning the credential was a way for me to engage in self-improvement while modeling the ideals of a learning organization,” said Barrett. Earning the CM credential was Barrett’s challenging way to show his commitment to continuous improvement at Cascade Engineering.

The Institute of Certified Professional Managers, the world’s largest certifying organization, confers the CM designation upon those who meet education and experience requirements and pass three examinations documenting professional skills in a wide variety of management areas. Davenport University, Michigan’s first preferred provider of Certified Manager training and education, is accepting inquiries for its Certified Manager Prep Program. Designed for the convenience of working adults, the CM Prep Program’s three examination preparatory courses—Foundations of Management, Planning and Organizing, Leading and Controlling—prepare students to sit for their CM exams.

“It is important for managers to be prepared to meet new workplace challenges involving change, ethics, social responsibility, delegating, communication, time management and the legal environment. In our experience, the ICPM’s Certified Manager program does a superb job of taking these concepts and making them relevant and pragmatic,” Professor Cichy notes. Barrett agrees: “The study materials ICPM provides are the most practical and concise resources for managerial and leadership development I have ever seen; I plan on incorporating them into the courses I teach at Davenport.” The CM Program at Davenport offers students the opportunity to prepare for the CM examinations while learning techniques to handle relevant day-to-day management issues.

Participants in the University’s CM Prep Program will gain management experience and instruction from an experienced CM, professor and businessperson; receive individual attention in a cohort group-learning environment; and experience such application-based learning as critical thinking and problem-solving skills development, real-life organizational examples, and self-esteem building and networking opportunities. Employers benefit from CM-certified employees who set quality management standards and demonstrate commitment to the workplace through up-to-date management skills. Individuals find that CM certification increases management knowledge and strategies and conveys professional achievement.

Cascade Engineering, the first company to offer CM training in conjunction with Davenport University, this year has started to offer CM training to its managers. “There has been some enthusiastic interest in the Certified Manager program here at Cascade Engineering,” Barrett explained. “Senior management views the CM as a valuable credential in terms of career-ladder advancement.” Barrett is proud to include CM after his name and is delighted when employees ask him about the credential and how they may earn the designation.

“The fact that I have to keep my CM skills current the rest of my professional life through yearly recertification (10 documented hours of personal development) is concrete proof that I am committed to the tenets of a learning organization here at Cascade Engineering.”

Please visit http://cob.jmu.edu/icpm/ for more information on the Certified Manager program.
Davenport takes Alabama by storm

Through the main campus in Grand Rapids, Davenport University had the Thanksgiving break opportunity to travel with the National Relief Network to help victims of Hurricane Katrina rebuild their lives and homes. Randy Flechsig, Davenport president, and Mike Volk, executive vice president for finance and CFO, spearheaded an initiative to provide a significant subsidy to make the cost of the trip accessible to the volunteer. The DU group stayed at a church retreat in between cleaning out homes and clearing debris.
On Wednesday, November 23, twenty Davenport University faculty, staff and students headed to Mobile, Alabama, to put a dent in the miles of hurricane-smashed land needing reconstruction and clean-up. The hard-working DU team consisted of students Shirly Arill, Tiffany Beaudry, Tim Davis, Naranchimeg Dermee, Philip Douthett, Ashley Hyatt, Samantha Kobryn, Leaca Long, Eric Peterson, Tonee Tinney, Nikki Vandenberg and Wendy Zeigler; employees Mark Griffin, Kelly Hernandez, Lynnae Selberg and Jocelyn Wright; family members Inajean Griffin and Bill, Devin and Brandon Selberg; and invaluable bus drivers Lee Goulet and Bill Grinstead. Their mission: Salvage what can be saved, demolish what can’t be, and clean up debris everywhere between.

After traveling 19 hours, the DU crew arrived on Thanksgiving and without a turkey available dined on peanut butter and jelly sandwiches while tackling a lot that needed clearing. The family the lot belongs to will receive a new prefab home, slated as the first Habitat for Humanity house for Katrina victims in Alabama. The next stop was Bayou Labatre, on the Gulf of Mexico, to witness the area’s harsh damage. Following Hurricane Katrina, Bayou Labatre—once a lively shrimp boating area complete with nail salons, corner stores and seafood markets and restaurants—became a ghost town.

The next two days of work were spent helping a family of four who was still reeling from last year’s Hurricane Ivan and living in temporary shelter. The DU group demolished the water- and wind-damaged old home. Although the family received a very cramped trailer from FEMA, they will soon receive a real home to replace the one that was torn down. They do not know what it looks like or how it will turn out after their home makeover, and their Davenport University helpers are excited about it, as well.

The DU team left Mobile tired, sore and full of joy and the exhilaration of making a visible difference in the lives of two families. The impact of this trip is not restricted to Thanksgiving 2005: It has tremendously changed these volunteers, who have a tender spot in their collective heart for their neighbors in the South.

**Hurricane Katrina: DU responds**

Students and employees throughout Davenport University were affected by Hurricane Katrina, which wreaked havoc in the Southeastern United States in late August. Many helped and are still helping with support and relief efforts, reaching beyond their own communities and extending a hand south.

At Davenport University’s Dearborn campus, the financial service specialist team held a school supply drive to benefit children affected by Hurricane Katrina who are now living in Michigan. In mid-September, 10 employees participated in a special session of cardio-kickboxing, dubbed “Kickboxing for Katrina,” held in support of relief efforts. Participating and non-participating employees alike contributed, raising $250. (An additional Kickboxing for Katrina session held at the W.A. Lettinga Campus brought in more funds for the relief effort.)

The Grand Rapids Career Center gave generously to the Hurricane Katrina Relief efforts. A request made to students, staff and faculty to donate generated $400 that was contributed to the American Red Cross.

DU-Merrillville’s Gamma Gamma chapter of Alpha Beta Gamma sponsored a 50/50 raffle, with all proceeds donated to the Red Cross to assist hurricane victims. The wrath of Hurricane Katrina was felt by everyone, but made personal to the Gamma Gamma members, whose Merrillville student Yavonya Kelley saw an opportunity to be a good neighbor and provide love and support to those who lost everything. She is living Baton Rouge, Louisiana, while her church, First Lady of the Mount Zion First Baptist Church, is taking care of needs there.

DU Online has three instructors directly affected by the hurricane. Linda Michelle Council, health care, and Michelle Townsend, sociology, live in Laurel, Mississippi. Both were without power yet able to teach their online classes after a few days’ interruption, with a slow dial-up connection, once telephone service was restored. The New Orleans medical practice and the family home of instructor Joseph Breault, MD, were destroyed. Joe’s wife and eighth-grade son are living with relatives in California for the school year, as his son’s school was also destroyed.

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2005 ABG National Leadership conference was held in Biloxi, Mississippi, where most of the beautiful, historic buildings they visited are gone.

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More on-campus living at new main campus

The Peter C. and Pat Cook Residence Hall on the W.A. Lettinga Campus is already a success. While Davenport University expected to fill the dormitory at the new main campus, the 100 percent occupancy of 78 students was bolstered by a wait list that was ultimately capped—and this is after the University added a fourth floor during the project to provide the extra needed capacity.

The master plan for the campus identified three identical residence halls. Demand supports building the second residence hall for occupancy in fall 2006, adding room for 110 students and bringing the total campus dorm capacity to 188 students. The Davenport University governing board of trustees approved the construction of this second residence hall on the main campus and groundbreaking took place in mid-November. The new housing will be completed in August for move-in and occupancy in fall 2006.

Campus improvements benefit students, university

Davenport University’s Caro, Dearborn and Warren campuses have undergone—and are undergoing—updates and renovations to enhance the student learning environment, improve the appearance of facilities and enhance the University image.

Caro

After a June 10 flood closed their classrooms for the summer, Caro faculty, staff and students were forced to find other accommodations. Local community leaders and businesses stepped in immediately with offers of help and temporary facilities in which to hold classes: The Tuscola County Tech Center hosted a majority of the dis-
placed classes; the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility provided space for biochemistry labs; Caro High School offered its facilities for chemistry, anatomy and physiology labs; and Attorney Amanda Roggenbuck stepped in to arrange field trips for the summer law courses. Caro staff were housed in a construction trailer in the parking lot, while the academic dean and department chairs worked from the Tech Center location. The executive director worked from her home, her car, the Bad Axe location and the construction trailer office.

Renovations at Caro included painting and carpet installations that reflect the color palette of the W.A. Lettinga main campus in Grand Rapids, and overall updates that provide Caro with more of the corporate image found throughout Davenport. Engineered landscaping will prevent further floods from occurring. A brand-new networking lab has the latest resources in Microsoft and Cisco networking, while refurbished facilities have made the campus more self-sufficient and enticing to students. Plans are under way to install a state-of-the-art science lab—an asset to pre-nursing students who currently travel to Midland for lab classes.

Dearborn

At Dearborn, academic department coordinators and full-time faculty temporarily located while the faculty suite was renovated. Improved coordinators’ offices have files and storage, a spacious conference area seats approximately 18 people, and the copier and Scantron machines have a room with a table and project workspace. The center of the suite was opened up and is now a waiting area for students visiting faculty. A larger, redesigned office area for faculty allows for main access to the suite to be open to students. The receptionist area was moved and enlarged, and an area for adjunct faculty—with computers and telephones—was created. A large, secure storage area in the suite offers storage of books and supplements for coordinators and faculty, and is a place for adjunct faculty to leave items while in class.

The former computer lab area was transformed from one large room into two 1,200-square-foot rooms that house the nursing and science labs. The Nursing Skills Lab allows student nurses to practice their clinical skills in a learning environment before applying those skills to patients. Five simulated patient rooms in the labs are stocked with state-of-the-art patient care materials, including two human-like simulation manikins that assist students in learning heart, breath and bowel sounds, pulses, and vital signs. Students can learn to perform dressing changes, feeding tube insertions, feedings and catheterizations, and can practice injections.

The science lab contains space for 20 lab students at 10 lab stations and has seating for 24 students. Anatomy, biology, chemistry and physiology classes and microbiology lab classes are held in this room. A ventilation unit exhausts experiment fumes, a refrigerator stores specimens for lab work, an emergency eye wash and shower are installed, and vinyl flooring accommodates spills. The room is well-stocked with equipment and supplies.

Warren

A new nursing lab and science lab at the Warren campus south building will tie into the nursing program launch and meet the needs of nursing students. The fourth floor is being renovated to better meet students’ needs by providing one-stop services. Future plans for Warren include a new bookstore and LInC on the first floor, a remodeled lobby and reception area and new classrooms. A new student lounge on the first floor of the north building will have a more convenient location, adjacent to the Library Information Commons (LInC); the first floor will house the new career services office, as well. Improvements will also be made to the student life offices.
A formal dedication ceremony, a legislators’ tour and an open house offered diverse audiences a look at Davenport University’s W.A. Lettinga Campus. The new main campus, which opened its doors in late August, has captured much attention with its state-of-the-art design, environmentally friendly features and the enhanced technology that provides an optimal learning experience for DU students.

The late September formal dedication gave area business and community leaders, donors, dignitaries, legislators and longtime friends and supporters of the University an opportunity to tour the facilities and hear about the campus’ highlights. Student ambassadors welcomed guests to the event, which featured updates and information from Davenport University President Randy Flechsig; Barbara Mieras, PhD, executive vice president of advancement and president of the foundation; Mike Volk, executive vice president for finance and CFO; and Colleen Wolfe, group vice president for campus operations. Guests also heard from Jim Meyer, chairman of the DU Governing Board of Trustees; Wilbur A. Lettinga, campus namesake and CEO of Kentland Corp.; Rich DeVos, Amway co-founder, whose name appears on the academic building with that of late Amway co-founder Jay Van Andel; and Steve Van Andel, Alticor chairman, who spoke on behalf of the Jay Van Andel family. Davenport students and W.A. Lettinga Scholarship recipients Natalie Abbin and Kendra Powell assisted during the ribbon-cutting ceremony. A self-guided tour allowed a leisurely look at the amenities of the campus.

A legislative luncheon held in early October thanked West Michigan policymakers for their work in support of higher education and, in particular, preserving the Michigan Tuition Grant Program (MTG). Legislative guests included U.S. Rep. Vern Ehlers (R-3rd District); Mary Judnich, regional manager for U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI); state senators Bill Hardiman (R-Kentwood) and Wayne Kuipers (R-Holland); and state representatives Judy Emmons (R-Sheridan), Dave Hildenbrand (R-Lowell), Jerry Kooiman (R-Grand Rapids), Tom Pearce (R-Rockford), and Glenn Steil Jr. (R-Cascade Township).

DU student Stephanie Feyen, who testified last March in support of the MTG before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, spoke at the event. Also present were Ed Blews, president of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (AICUM), President Flechsig, and members of the cabinet and campus leadership. DU seeks to be a leader in the public policy arena, helping to better serve our students’ needs by positioning the University to make a meaningful contribution in preserving financial aid programs.

An open house for the general public on October 15 included a live remote broadcast from WLAV-FM. Campus staff and faculty volunteers were stationed at points of interest on each floor throughout the academic building. People from the community visited and toured the building, enjoying food provided by Canteen Services along the way; students brought their parents, families and others to see the campus. An excellent prospective student turnout resulted in many appointments for the admissions staff and a $1,000 scholarship for drawing winner Christopher Cercaves, from Wyoming, Michigan.
A packed-to-capacity tent for the W.A. Lettinga Campus ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Wilbur A. Lettinga (seated, right) and family.

Drs. Barbara Mieras and Tom Brown.

W.A. Lettinga Scholarship recipients Kendra Powell and Natalie Albin.

Rich DeVos.

DU President Randy Flechsig; Jim Meyer, chairman, DU Governing Board of Directors; Francis Resendes, director of design, Gunn Levine Architects.

Steve Van Andel and Peter C. Cook.
Men’s soccer team wins first-ever DU conference championship

The Davenport University Panthers men’s soccer team, coached by Wayne Vandemerwe, managed their biggest win in the program’s three-year history by defeating regular-season champion Madonna University 1-0 for the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship. This is the Panther’s first-ever conference championship. Panther players Tony Deakin and Juha Pahkala were named to the All-Conference first team. Deakin also received WHAC Newcomer Player of the Year honors, and Pahkala was named to the Academic All-Conference Team. Players Josh Petrusma, Sean Testa and Carl Whitehouse were named to the second team, All-Conference, while Chris Allen received an Honorable Mention. Testa was also named to the Champions of Character Team, which recognizes student-athletes who meet the five core values of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics’ Champions of Character initiative: Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Servant Leadership, and Sportsmanship.

In regional competition on November 9, the Panthers battled eventual regional champions Bethel College to the very end, falling short in a shoot-out for a 2-3 loss. The team is proud of its season accomplishments, which include their second-place standing in their first year as a WHAC team.

“We have proved that we can play with some of the best in the nation,” remarked Vandemerwe, who turned the previously 4-10-3 program into a 13-5-2 team. The team, while thrilled about their season, is already preparing for next year. “These players are driven to play in the national tournament,” explained the coach. “We have already set up off-season training that will include speed, fitness and agility training, and league play and strength conditioning.”

The 2005 season was about team work, commitment, passion and work. Coach Vandemerwe was quick to point out that the Panthers out-worked most of their competitors and brought a new passion to the WHAC conference. The men’s team looks forward to represent Davenport University in next year’s quest for national playoff contention.

The Davenport University Panthers women’s soccer team has been accepted to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and is currently forming a team for 2006.
Panther men’s golf

The Davenport University Panther’s men’s golf team in fall 2005 competed in its first-ever season as Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference members. The Panthers finished second in the WHAC, and team captain Mark Heible and freshman Adam Thomas became Davenport University’s first-ever All-Conference athletes. The very young men’s golf team shows promise for the future, with all players slated to return next year.

New players this year were Nick Boone, Rob Cronin, Matt Feley, Spencer Hunting, Matt Robbins, Adam Thomas and BJ Wade. Returning to the team were Chad Anduilm, Mark Heible and Dan Moulton. The Panthers will kick off their spring season by traveling to North Carolina for intensive training at Duke University, concluding their trip by competing at the East Carolina University Invitational. The season will continue with several tournaments: Findlay Invitational, Furniture City Classic, Davenport University Panther Invitational, Huntington Invitational, NAIA Regional and NAIA National. Results from these events will be posted at www.golfstat.com.

2005-06 Davenport University Men’s Golf Team

Back row: Nick Boone, Dan Moulton, Matt Feley, Mark Heible, Chad Anduilm. Front row: Adam Thomas, BJ Wade, Rob Cronin, Matt Robbins, Spencer Hunting.

Panther hits 2,000-point plateau

With a top-of-the-key three-point shot—the 257th of her career—Davenport University senior Jenny Rausch, a forward on the Panthers women’s basketball team, eclipsed the 2,000-point barrier in the first game of the Judson College Tournament, December 2, 2005. Rausch, a 2005 All-American honorable mention, took just 103 college games to reach this milestone.

Rausch, from Cedar Springs, Michigan, was named to the all-tournament team in two of the first three tournaments for the Panthers this season and was named MVP of the Manchester Tip-Off Tournament. She was also named WHAC player of the week, November 21 and January 17. Rausch is the first Panthers basketball player, men’s or women’s teams, to reach the 2,000-point mark.

Calling all outstanding Davenport University alumni!

Are you interested in serving your alma mater?

The Davenport University Alumni Association board of directors seeks nominations from graduates, faculty and staff of the Davenport community who know of alumni who would be excellent candidates to serve on the board.

Alumni board member volunteers serve a three-year term and are responsible for acting as a catalyst to develop cohesive ties between all Davenport University graduates.

If you are interested or would like to nominate someone:

Please visit www.davenport.edu and click on Alumni and Donors or call Darryl Shelton, executive director of alumni relations, at 616.233.3419 for more details.
Battle Creek Cisco student shines

Maegan Mahoney, a student at Davenport University’s Battle Creek location, knows how to make an impression. Mahoney performed so well in her Cisco class, CCNA 3: Switching Basics and Intermediate Routing, that the instructor, Judy Moore, gave her the very highest grade possible. John Hume, Battle Creek director, who reports that Mahoney received two scholarships—the DU Academic Excellence Scholarship and the campus Supplemental Scholarship—remarks, “Maegan is outstanding both as a student and as a person.”

The only female in her Cisco program rotation, Mahoney is performing at the top of the group, giving her an edge within a community that works to recruit and retain more women in the field. Moore, who recently attended the annual meeting of the Cisco Academy, explained that a theme stressed at the meeting was the importance of retaining women in the program at the university level.

After graduating from Harper Creek High School (Battle Creek), Mahoney sought a college close to home where she could get a quality education in computer programming and Web design. The small size of her Davenport University classes and the personal attention that she gets from instructors are appealing, unlike what she felt she would have received at a larger institution. In addition, Mahoney’s class schedule has enabled her to continue to her job in Visitor Services at Binder Park Zoo, where she has worked for five years. Congratulations to Maegan Mahoney on her accomplishments.

Learning advocacy firsthand

Fifteen Davenport University students and seven staff members traveled to Michigan’s Capitol Building on October 26, 2005, to learn how state public policy can impact their lives. Participants in the University’s second Advocacy Day left the capitol empowered, more knowledgeable and motivated to return to Lansing next spring to advocate for the Michigan Tuition Grant program. Students were enthusiastic about their experience:

“This opportunity was absolutely amazing. The roster of senators and representatives put together was exceptional… My experience was both positive and powerful. I realize that as a constituent, I am heard…”

“Each senator and representative had interesting backgrounds and views on bills…no one disagreed with the need of the Michigan Tuition Grant for higher education.”

“I never was one to get involved with politics—I always found it to be complex; but being at the State Capitol and watching the procedures raised my consciousness.”

“…In reflection, I will become more of a leader in my school and at my job in Student Life and my community.”

“I felt motivated to use my voice to speak about things that are important… The experience today just reinforced the fact that education is vital to succeed in this changing environment. We discussed business taxes, MTG, child care, insurance rates, the budget, small business loan issues and more. There was encouragement for entrepreneurship in Michigan…”

The Davenport University students sat in the Senate gallery and observed the Senate in session. Sen. Mike Goschka (R-Saginaw), who chairs the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, formally welcomed the students to the Senate Chambers. While Senate was still in session, the students and staff proceeded downstairs and stood outside the chambers, where they met Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education members Sen. Deb Cherry (D-Flint) and Sen. Bill Hardiman (R-Kentwood).
A n audience 400 strong attended the fourth annual Davenport University Excellence in Business Dinner Gala in Saginaw, a scholarship fund-raiser for students in the Tri-Cities, Thumb and Northern Michigan areas. The Saginaw event has raised more than $80,000 since its inception. The 2005 gala honored Richard J. Garber III, recipient of the Wallace J. Bronner Excellence in Business Award for outstanding business success and invaluable contributions to the community.

Among Dick Garber’s most recognizable accomplishments are being the third-generation owner of the Garber Buick Company, founded nearly 100 years ago, and the intricate role he played in bringing the Saginaw Spirit OHL hockey franchise to Saginaw in 2001. His committee contributions include serving as vice president of the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce, board member of the Saginaw County Convention and Visitors Bureau, board member of the Boys and Girls Club, and president of the Saginaw Society for Crippled Children. Garber’s proudest accomplishment does not come from the success of his business or community involvement, but rather from the family that he so admires and cherishes. “Tall buildings have strong foundations” is a favorite saying of Garber’s, and he is quick to give credit for his strong foundation to his family. He was encouraged by his parents to do his best and acknowledges that without their guidance and support, he would not be the person he is today. Speaking from the heart, he praised his wife, Dawn, and God for the three greatest gifts in his life: children Annie, Laura and RJ. Garber recognized many of his staff members who attended the October 14 dinner, stating that without their hard work and dedication, he would not have acquired this success. As Garber received his award, he remarked, “This Excellence in Business Award belongs to all of you—and you all deserve it!”

Student speakers Tony Maciag and Kayleen Phillips moved the audience with their Davenport University stories and experiences. Maciag shared his struggle with deciding to leave the automotive industry to pursue a degree in nursing, and his belief in his decision as he learned about Delphi declaring bankruptcy—an action that would have sealed his fate had he chosen to stay in the industry. Phillips recounted her journey to a business degree, amid raising five children and encountering challenges along the way. The duo was a strong reminder of why Davenport University exists and why it is important that the Excellence in Business Dinner Gala is supported.

Legendary football coach Lou Holtz, the keynote speaker, ended the evening with inspiration and motivation that had the audience laughing and thinking throughout. As he spoke, Coach Holtz concentrated on five main purposes that people must realize in life: the attitude we choose, having a passion, always staying focused on what you’re trying to do, being a dreamer, and creating an environment where people lift up one another. Holtz presented Davenport University president Randolph Flechsig with a $5,000 check toward student scholarship funds, the first such gift in the Tri-City gala’s history. Holtz’s belief in students and their future was apparent in his presentation and his generous contribution to the University. “Success ends when you die,” he remarked. “To be significant is to give someone else the opportunity to succeed.”

“If you didn’t show up tomorrow, who would miss you and why? Always make sure what you are doing makes a difference in peoples’ lives and then you know you have succeeded.”

– Lou Holtz, football coach and sports analyst
Eugene Kozak

“When I graduated from high school in 1939, I had no idea of what I should do in the line of work. The depression was in its last stages; rumblings of war in Europe and talk of a military draft were the news of the time. My Aunt Agnes was employed by the M.E. Davenport family to do their washing and ironing, and this connection prompted me to take a business course at what was then known as Davenport-McLachlan Institute. In the fall of 1939 I enrolled at Davenport-McLachlan Institute, which at that time was located on Sheldon Avenue near Cherry Street, just north of St. Andrew’s Cathedral.” — Eugene Kozak

M.E. Davenport, the modern-day founder of Davenport University, was Eugene Kozak’s English teacher; he also taught spelling, which Kozak passed after just a few weeks. Other instructors Kozak recalls are Robert McBain and Tyrus Wessell, who taught bookkeeping. Mr. McBain taught accounting, taxation and most of the subjects needed for graduation with a business degree. Miss Dorothy Adams taught secretarial subjects, including shorthand. Benjamin Birkbeck was the conductor of the school’s orchestra and taught subjects in economics and history. Mary Masters Needham was a creative writing instructor and an author in her own right. Fred Koepnick was a coach as well as a math teacher, and Clifton Wonders, an administrator, was later in charge of all the buildings that comprised the school. Along with business and secretarial courses, Davenport-McLachlan Institute had a well-established pharmacy program.

Mr. L.A. Cluley was Kozak’s penmanship teacher. “I recall Louis Elders, a fellow student, and I used to vie with each other to see who could duplicate Mr. Cluley’s autograph,” Kozak reminisced. He added that there were basic tests in spelling and penmanship that, once passed, immediately gave students the necessary credit for those classes. Miss Lillian Myers taught typing and shorthand. Although Kozak did not take typing in high school, and the subject was entirely new to him, he was undaunted by his new lessons. “I received my certificate for 85 words per minute on a 10-minute test. This was excellent, considering we were using manual typewriters at the time. I always tried to get an L.C. Smith typewriter for the tests, as I felt the touch of the Royals was not as good as that of the Smith machines.”

In 1939 Mr. Davenport purchased the Edmond Lowe estate on Robinson Road for the school, and the name was changed to the University of Grand Rapids. Four-year programs including accounting, finance, pharmacy and forestry were offered. Sports became a part of the school’s program, with a football team coached by George “Potsy” Clarke, former coach of the Detroit Lions professional football club. His assistant coach, Gerald R. Ford, taught law classes and would eventually become the 38th president of the United States. The team was known as the Grand Rapids Lancers and there was a school song to support them.

Dr. Paul F. Voelker became a member of the staff and Kozak’s speech teacher. The entire school was moved from Sheldon Street to this new location on Robinson Road.

Four generations: A family legacy

A West Michigan family is proud of their four-generation Davenport University legacy. The first generation attended Grand Rapids Business Institute in the 1910; the third and fourth generations are currently studying—one for the second time—at the University. Three consecutive generations to attend Davenport were women, beginning in an era during which higher education for women wasn’t all that common. We hope you will enjoy these stories and musings.
Josephine "Jo" Parbel Kozak

"Attending Davenport is responsible for all the major changes in my life. I graduated from Catholic Central High School, enrolled at Davenport-McLachlan Institute in 1940, and continued with my education there, majoring in secretarial work, until early 1943. During my college years I attended school and worked part time at jobs the college would send me to. I would work at various companies, filling in for vacations and in areas where they were short for whatever reason, giving me the experience I needed. I would type for maybe five hours and was awarded 75 cents or maybe a dollar bill for the day, if I was lucky. My evenings were then spent taking classes, as my days were spent working." — Josephine "Jo" Parbel Kozak

There was a young man in Jo Parbel's speech class who lived not too far from her home. She knew Eugene Kozak somewhat from their years together at Catholic Central, but never really dated him then. Kozak would wait for Parbel and walk with her up Michigan Street hill to Coit Avenue, where she lived. The two would stand and talk for a while, and then he would be on his way home. Kozak lived on Diamond Avenue off Michigan Street, about a mile from Parbel's home. It took about a half dozen walks before he asked her to go to a movie with him, which then became a regular weekend event.

Parbel attended night classes for about a year. The war came along and she enlisted in the Navy, serving the majority of her time in Washington, D.C. She was discharged in November 1945 and found assistance from Davenport upon returning home. "A brush-up course was offered after the war, so I took that and then got a pretty good job as a secretary at the Michigan Bell Telephone Company."

"Eugene and I continued to correspond during the war years and dated on and off, whenever he was home," Parbel Kozak shared. "In 1947 he was working for the State Department with the Foreign Service and was stationed in Naples, Italy. It was during this time that he suggested marriage and we decided that since he was unable to come home, I would go to Italy. My mother accompanied me to New York by train, and from there I took a ship to Naples. The final change occurred on May 29, 1948, when we were married and my name was changed to Mrs. Eugene Kozak."

Gertrude Hekker Parbel

Gertrude Hekker Parbel, Jo Parbel Kozak's mother, attended the then Grand Rapids Business Institute around 1918, taking secretarial classes. "Most women did not go to school much past the 8th grade then," noted Parbel Kozak, "and I know my mother did not attend high school." Gertrude Parbel was a very well-read student who took a number of secretarial classes while in her mid- to late teens. Eventually, she was sent out by the Institute to work in a secretarial position at Dexter Lock Company.

Jane Kozak Ungrey

"I truly believe that my education at Davenport was always a determining factor in getting the job." — Jane Kozak Ungrey

Since both Eugene and Jo Parbel Kozak attended Davenport College, it was logical for them to recommend the school to their daughter Jane. After graduating from high school in 1971, Miss Kozak enrolled in the stenographic diploma program at Davenport. Her college years were busy, as she went to school five mornings a week from 8 a.m. to noon then worked every afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m. She considered herself fortunate, as the college always had companies that were very interested in employing students in part-time positions. Her first job was at Grand Rapids Spring and Wire, followed by North Star Bus Lines. In spring 1973, she graduated and continued working at the bus lines until she applied for a position at Rem Die Casting, now Lacks Inc.

In July 1974, Jane Kozak married Bob Ungrey and moved with him to England, where he worked for the Department of Defense. After his tour was over, the couple returned home and she went to Davenport's employment service for assistance in finding employment. Once again she was sent out by the college to interview for a position, this time at Old Kent Bank. She landed the job there and worked for a few years, until the demands of motherhood took priority.

"Now I am back at Davenport University, as a full-time employee," said Kozak Ungrey. "I am once again a student here, too, continuing with my education by taking two or three classes a year. I feel since the opportunity to continue toward a degree is available to me, I need to take advantage of it."

Andrew "Drew" Ungrey

Andrew "Drew" Ungrey is also a Davenport University student. He attended Ferris State University for two years after he graduated from high school. While taking a year off from Ferris and taking classes here as a guest student, he decided to switch to Davenport as a regular student and has enrolled in the new Service Management and Marketing program. Drew is attending classes two nights a week at the new W.A. Lettinga campus. "I know his degree from Davenport University will always benefit him in his employment searches," noted his mother, Jane Kozak Ungrey.
The third annual Davenport Alumni Day was held Friday, October 7, 2005, at Patterson Ice Arena in Grand Rapids. A growing tradition, DAD brings together current and former students with University faculty and staff in celebration of Davenport University and its blossoming athletics programs. DAD keeps getting better with each passing year!

The evening started with a tailgate party, hosted by the DU Alumni Association, where a record number of guests came to partake of the pre-game festivities. The tent overflowed with people enjoying friends, great food and live music before moving into the arena for the Panthers hockey game. The Panthers faced off against last year’sACHAA Division II champion Michigan State University Spartans in an action-packed game. Fueled by the cheers of more than 420 guests, the Panthers battled from behind to edge out the Spartans in a 6-4 victory.

All DU sports teams were recognized during the first intermission, in a special ceremony that emphasized each team’s accomplishments since their program began. The second intermission proved especially exciting for two lucky winners of the Chuck-A-Puck contest. Clayton Flechsig, the youth contest winner, was treated to a team-autographed Panthers jersey. Jared Herron, husband of Merrie Herron ’00, won two suite tickets to an upcoming Detroit Red Wings hockey game. The evening’s biggest winner was the DU student body, as proceeds from the contest directly benefit student scholarships.
Alumni Award recipients

Each year during the Alumni Awards Banquet, the Davenport University Alumni Association recognizes extraordinary alumni for their notable achievements and outstanding service to the University and the community. This year, two deserving graduates, Gary S. Glaza and Cynthia Springer, will be celebrated for their accomplishments and dedication to Davenport during a ceremony to be held at the Amway Grand Plaza on Friday, April 28, 2006.

The Distinguished Alumni Award

The Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest bestowed alumni award. This year’s Distinguished Alumni is Gary S. Glaza, class of 1972, regional president of Citizens Bank’s Northern Michigan market.

With more than 35 years of experience in the banking business, Gary S. Glaza has achieved success through unwavering integrity and a strong commitment to customer and employee satisfaction. His banking career has been with one employer, yet he has been involved in many diverse assignments.

Having started part-time with the bank in 1970 while attending Saginaw Business Institute (now Davenport University), Glaza’s career found him holding assignments including positions in the operations department, trust department, branch banking and commercial banking. In 1986, Glaza became executive vice president and senior lender of the bank’s Bay City market. During that time, the bank’s lending program grew by over 400 percent; in 1997, he was promoted to senior lender of the Saginaw market. From that position, Glaza contributed to the growth of the market and in 2003 was subsequently named regional president.

Glaza received a certificate in business administration from Davenport in 1972. In 1993, he earned his bachelor’s degree from Northwood University, from whom he received an outstanding alumni achievement award. Glaza graduated from the Graduate School of Banking in 1990. Additional accolades include the Spirit of Giving Award from the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Paul Harris Fellowship from Rotary International.

Glaza currently serves as chairman of the board of Saginaw Future, Inc., and serves on boards for the Saginaw Community Foundation; Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce; Saint Mary’s Health, Inc.; Saint Mary’s of Michigan, Inc.; Seton Health Corporation of Michigan and Saginaw Country Club. Glaza was recently elected by the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners to serve on the newly formed Saginaw County Land Bank Authority. He is a member of the Diocese of Saginaw Finance Council and the 100 Club of Saginaw, and has served as chairman of the board of Junior Achievement; Bay Medical Foundation; Bay Area United Way; Saginaw County United Way; Saginaw Club; Downtown Development Authority of Bay City; Saginaw Valley Zoological Society and Bay City Rotary Club.

Glaza has supported Davenport University and its former entities by serving on their various foundation boards and on several curriculum development committees. He is a friend in fund-raising for the University, who has also made generous personal contributions to the foundation. He and Sandy, his wife of 33 years, live in Saginaw with their son Scott, a junior at Heritage High School.

The Hy Berkowitz Professional Excellence Award

The Hy Berkowitz Professional Excellence Award is presented to a graduate who exemplifies the Davenport University motto: Make a living. Make a life. Make a contribution. This year’s Hy Berkowitz Professional Excellence Award recipient is Cynthia Springer, class of 1990, vice president of organizational development, Grand Rapids Community College.

Springer joined Grand Rapids Community College in 1999 and successfully built their first Labor Relations/Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action office. After just two years, she was appointed to vice president over the offices of Human Resources; Labor Relations, Equal Employment Opportunities and Affirmative Action; Job Placement and Temporary Services; Learning Academy for Faculty and Staff; and the Diversity Learning Center. In addition to her role in organizational development, Springer serves as chief human resources officer for the college.

Springer earned a master’s degree in organizational development from Aquinas College, preceded by her Bachelor of Arts degree in business with concentrations in communications and math and her associate’s degree in legal secretarial studies, both earned from Davenport. She has certifications in legal studies, international human resources, and employment law.

Springer’s passion for helping people has offered many opportunities for her to mentor others, especially youths. She has volunteered in the Grand Rapids Public Schools and at United Way, and regularly mentors students from various colleges and universities. She is active with local civic and charitable organizations, including the American Cancer Society’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Campaign and United Way’s Adopt-A-Family programs. Springer is a member of Light House Full Life Center Church, where she serves on the Five Star Team responsible for the operation’s “excellence is the standard not the goal” vision and other church-affiliated activities.

Springer has supported Davenport through active participation in alumni programs and events and has volunteered her time as a conference presenter. She resides in Grand Rapids with her spouse, Bobby, and their children.
The Davenport University Alumni Association is pleased to announce the newest members of its board of directors:

**Cynthia Coleman, ’00 MBA,** is a departmental analyst for the State of Michigan in Pontiac and is very involved in her community. The treasurer of Wayne County’s Department of Human Services Employee Committee, she participates in countless charitable activities and events, including Coats for Kids and Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation charity basketball games, bowling for tsunami relief, and the Homeless Network Action of Detroit’s Walk Against Homelessness.

Cynthia, a dedicated advocate for higher learning and continuing education, looks forward to serving on the board to help advance these ideals through promoting the University’s vision and values.

**Evelyn Hazenberg, ’99 management,** grew up in Grand Rapids, not far from the downtown campus. After graduating from high school she embarked on a career in the insurance industry, with college far from her mind. She worked her way through the ranks before moving on to another company as an underwriter. This company closed its doors in 1990, leaving Evy’s future unclear. “I knew I didn’t want to change professions, but my competition in the work force had the same amount of experience.…I was missing one critical piece, a college education.” Seizing the opportunity to obtain a degree 15 years out of high school, she knew that Davenport was the right choice: It offered the flexibility of taking classes at night, while she returned to full-time work during the day and continued raising her 3-year-old child. Evelyn obtained a Certificate as an Executive Legal Assistant in 1992, secured an associate’s degree in 1995, and earned her bachelor’s degree in 1999, giving her the edge she needed to excel in the insurance field.

Evelyn, a casualty broker at McAlear Associates in Grand Rapids, looks forward to rounding out her skill set as a member of the board and by promoting the University. She resides in Ada and likes to read and do yard work.

**Thomas Maxwell, ’03 MBA,** is a sales and business analyst for Wolverine World Wide.

The son of a Davenport graduate, Tom enrolled at Davenport in 1997 and earned his bachelor’s degree the following year. He returned to Davenport in 2002 and received his master’s degree in 2003. “I am very proud of my time spent at Davenport. I wanted to join the board to give something back to a school that has given me so much over the years. Davenport has excellent instructors, small classes, and an atmosphere of professionalism that makes it comfortable for traditional or returning adult students.” Tom’s passion for the University is evident: He very vocally promotes Davenport to anyone who is looking to further his or her education.

Tom and his wife, Sara, and their 2-year-old son reside in Rockford and look forward to an April new addition to the family. He spends time rollerblading, lifting weights, watching movies and playing video games, and has a great interest in politics and world events.

**Dawnita Moore, ’01 MBA,** is a three-time Davenport graduate. She earned her BBA in 2000, her MBA in 2001, and a Post-Graduate Interdisciplinary Certificate in 2002. She is pursuing a doctorate from Walden University.

Dawnita, the district grants and contracts assistant administrator for Karmanos Cancer Institute and an adjunct faculty member at Wayne County Community College, attributes much to the education she received at Davenport. “I feel the need to be active wherever necessary within the Davenport community. I feel strongly about giving back to a University that has been fundamental in my success and growth as an individual and in the educational and professional arenas.” Along with being a new board member, she is active in DU’s Alumni Volunteer Program and is a former member of the Dearborn Alumni Chapter. As a student, Dawnita was a member and president of the Alpha Iota sorority for Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), and was active in student council. Her ongoing leadership and community service affiliations are too numerous to name.


**Linda Radick, ’99 business administration,** is office manager for Thumb Area Big Brothers and Big Sisters. She began her affiliation with the organization in 1988 as a Big Sister; over the years, all of her children were “littles.” She became employed by TABBBS in 2001 through her program involvement and her passion for helping children. Linda earned her associate’s degree from Davenport’s Caro campus. She attributes her success to the personal attention she received from professors who kept her focused, yet provided the flexibility she needed as a working, adult student and mother. She hopes to bring a different perspective to the board: “I firmly believe that many graduates from the smaller campuses are not aware of the many things offered to them as alumni. I look forward to aiding in bringing a new level of awareness to these alums.”

Linda, who resides in Vassar with her son, enjoys reading and writing. She also has two adult children and is the proud grandmother of four.

**Rep. Glenn Steil Jr., ’05 business,** was elected in November 2004 to his second term in the Michigan House, representing Cascade, Caledonia and Gaines Townships and Kentwood. He has served on the Appropriations Committee as vice chair of the subcommittees on judiciary and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, and as a member of the subcommittees on higher education and the Family Independence Agency. Prior to his election to the state House, Glenn was vice president of sales for Compatico, Inc., in Kentwood. He looks forward to working with the board and furthering Davenport’s mission and vision.

Glenn lives in Cascade and enjoys boating, traveling, home improvement and spending time with his wife, Linda, and their three children.

**Congratulations to the 2005-06 Davenport University Alumni Association Executive Committee**

Robin Cleveland, ’00, president
Mike Zumbaugh, ’86, vice president
**CAREER UPDATES**

**Beverly (Fishe!l) Wall**, ’77 executive secretarial, was recognized as Michigan Women’s Business Council Role Model/Mentor of the Year, at a conference in Detroit that hosted over 600 women business owners from across Michigan.

**Rick Winkle**, ’77 business management, was promoted to vice president of sales for Northern Michigan at Williams Kitchen and Bath.

**Tod Fineout**, ’78 business management, was promoted to senior test lab technician at Haworth Inc. in Holland, MI. Fineout has been with the company for 23 years.

**Jean Jovanovich**, ’87 executive assistant-medical, is employed as a senior monitor tech in the neurological science unit at Northwest Medical Center in Arizona. In addition to this recent success, Jovanovich is the proud grandmother of three beautiful grandchildren.

**Kevin Ullery**, ’93 general business, joined the wealth management firm of Hancock & Associates in Grand Rapids, MI, as a financial representative.

**Brian Sandusky**, ’94 marketing, joined Bellevue University as vice president of enrollment in June 2005. Sandusky earned his PhD from Northcentral University in April 2005.

**Gail (Bergman) Prentice**, ’95 paralegal studies, has accepted a position with ITT Technical Institute as the director of finance.

**Michele (Keays) Travis**, ’96 office administration, received her paralegal certification from the University of California – San Diego Extension Studies and was recently promoted from legal administrator to intellectual property paralegal.

**Darrell Kirby**, ’99 computer information systems, is employed with Oakland County as a network systems analyst. Kirby was selected to participate in Oakland County’s Leadership Academy, which prepares current employees to replace senior management. He is training to become a project manager in the IT department. Kirby holds a Master of Science degree from the University of Phoenix and will attend Tulane University to obtain an MBA in Business Management.

**Juana Mooring**, ’99 management, was promoted from senior human resources representative for the Midwest Region, to human resources manager for the Midwest Region at Exel. Mooring earned her master’s degree in human resources management from Keller Graduate School of Management in January 2003. In addition to her recent success, Mooring has also received Professional of Human Resources (PHR) certification from the Society for Human Resource Management.

**Ka’Juana Parker**, ’99 office administration, has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was individually honored during a recent campus ceremony. Golden Key International Honour Society, founded more than 25 years ago in Atlanta, GA, provides academic recognition to college juniors and seniors in the top 15 percent of their class.

**Douglass Diggs**, ’00 strategic management, has been appointed deputy director of the Detroit Planning and Development department by Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. Diggs had been the director of community and economic development for Detroit Renaissance Inc. since 2000.

**Kenya Kwame Cook**, ’01 applied business, was recently promoted to the position of master representative at ITT Technical Institute. Cook recently accepted membership to both the National Association of Black MBAs and the Society of Human Resource Professionals. “A Davenport University education prepared me to be successful.”

**David Kane**, ’01 industrial management, opened a branch of Strategic Mortgage in New Baltimore, MI, in February 2005. Kane just recently opened a multilevel marketing company, Strategic Financial Network. The marketing company sells and markets National Credit Repair, a company that assists people who suffer from bankruptcies, late payments, foreclosures, judgments and collections.

**James LaHousse**, ’02 marketing, accepted a position at Bankers Life & Casualty in Livonia, MI, as an insurance agent. “Davenport University gave me the confidence to know that I can start with a formless rock and create something real. My greatest supporter was Jack Daniels, someone that always believed that after 21 years away from a classroom, I could have success. Everything that Davenport exposed me to, I’m using in real life conditions. Bankers Life & Casualty is giving me the opportunity to provide real support and protection for people’s families. I feel truly blessed. Thanks Davenport University.”

**Carl Wells**, ’03 human resource management, has been living in Tirana, Albania, since February 2004, where he has been a missionary doing computer network support and developing a Web site. “The Web site was developed on freeware and is a bit clunky, but it gets the message across.” Wells looks forward to returning to the states in March 2006.

**Brad Boven**, ’04 business studies, has accepted a position with izzydesign as a market sales manager. Boven brings 20 years of sales experience to his new position.

**Kathryn Cramer**, ’04 human resource management, was promoted from human resources specialist to director of human resources at Pilgrim Manor in Grand Rapids, MI.

**WEDDINGS**

Brian Davis, ’93 management, and Belinda Clark were married August 21, 2004. Davis is currently employed as an Internet administrator at Automatic Data Processing.

Deborah Janicki, ’96 paralegal studies, and Eric Sherman were married July 9, 2005, at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Shrine in Manistee, MI. Janicki is currently employed as a paralegal at the law firm of Thompson, Thompson & Glanville, PLC, in Ludington.

Elaine Sandbrook, ’01 business studies, and John DeVlieger were married August 28, 2004, in Lansing, MI. Sandbrook is employed as the area manager for Manpower in Lansing.

Lisa Siemen, ’01 office administration, and Scott Horetski were married May 7, 2005, at St. Felix Catholic Church in Pinnebog, MI. Siemen is employed as an assistant manager at Save-A-Lot Foods in Bad Axe.

Tawana Nicholas-Munerlyn, ’05 medical billing administration, and Timothy Beaugar, Jr. were married July 16, 2005, in Ebenezer Ministries in Burton, MI. The couple resides in Flint.

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Thank you for taking the time to share your opinions about the Davenport University Magazine. To be added or removed from the mailing list, please call the alumni office at 866-248-0012.
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Davenport University Alumni Endowed Legacy Scholarship

Passing the torch of education throughout a family is a long-standing tradition at Davenport University. To honor this tradition, the Davenport University Alumni Endowed Legacy Scholarship has been established. The scholarship is available to children and grandchildren of Davenport graduates. These legacy students would attend Davenport University and carry the tradition and spirit on to future generations.

To keep this opportunity alive, we need your support!

Please consider giving to the Davenport University Alumni Endowed Scholarship fund. Contact Darryl Shelton, executive director of alumni relations, at 616.233.3419 or e-mail darryl.shelton@davenport.edu for more information or to make your contribution today!

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Mark your calendar!

Please join the Davenport University Alumni Association and previous recipients as we honor the 2006 recipients of the Distinguished Alumni and the Hy Berkowitz Professional Excellence awards. The accomplishments of all previous awardees will be celebrated as they help welcome the newest members into their ranks. Being honored in 2006 are Gary Glaza, Distinguished Alumni Award, and Cynthia Springer, Hy Berkowitz Professional Excellence Award. Glaza and Springer will join a long list of notable alumni who have received these celebrated awards.

For information contact Susan Proctor, assistant director of alumni relations by e-mail at alumni@davenport.edu, or call 616.233.3408. RSVP for this event by April 14, 2006, at [www.davenport.edu/2006alumniawards/](http://www.davenport.edu/2006alumniawards/). For more information contact Heidi Sarber at alumni@davenport.edu or call 616.248.0012.

WHAT: Davenport University Alumni Awards Banquet
WHEN: Friday, April 28, 2006 6:45 p.m., reception; 7:30 p.m., dinner and program
WHERE: Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Pantlind Ballroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan
COST: $40 per person

Davenport University Alumni 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

April

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

30 Commencement
Campuses participating: Dearborn, Oxford, Romeo, Warren Ford Field - Detroit, Michigan; 10:30 am

May

2 Commencement
Campuses participating: Battle Creek, Gaylord, Grand Rapids-Lettinga, Grand Rapids-Fulton Street, Holland, Kalamazoo, Traverse City Van Andel Arena - Grand Rapids, Michigan; 7:00 pm

5 Commencement
Campuses participating: Merrillville, South Bend/Mishawaka LaPorte Civic Auditorium - LaPorte, Indiana; 7:00 pm

9 Commencement
Campuses participating: Alma, Lansing Trinity Church - Lansing, Michigan; 7:00 pm

10 Commencement
Campuses participating: Bad Axe, Bay City, Caro, Flint, Lapeer, Midland, Saginaw The Dow Events Center - Saginaw, Michigan; 7:00 pm

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
Excellence in Business Dinner Gala
Friday, May 12, 2006

DeVos Place Convention Center
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Reception - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

All proceeds benefit Davenport University Foundation scholarship funds.

For more information, contact Stephanie Hehl toll-free at 866-248-0012.

Honoring
Donald W. Maine
2006 Recipient of the Peter C. Cook Excellence in Business Award

Guest Speaker
Regis Philbin
Co-host of Live with Regis & Kelly