New president set for next era of success
Message from the President

Shaping the future ... together

I am excited and honored by the opportunity you’ve given me as the next president of Davenport University. This opportunity is one I want us to embark upon together as we pursue an even higher level of excellence.

As we begin this journey, I’d like to thank the Board of Trustees for their confidence in appointing me president. I’m grateful to Interim President Michael Volk and the leadership team for their fine leadership and for maintaining an excellent foundation on which to build. DU continues to be in sound financial shape with excellent academic programs, consistent improvement in student performance and strong leadership at our W.A. Lettinga Campus and all locations. We have loyal and generous donors and alumni who continue to support DU, making it possible for students to reach their education and career goals both today and tomorrow.

Going forward, we will leverage these advantages to take DU to greater heights: gaining even more support for programs and scholarships, building our reputation for academic excellence, providing opportunities for more students who demonstrate an ability and desire to succeed, and realizing more successful outcomes that position DU as a relevant asset and unique resource for employers, our emerging economy and the communities we serve.

Key to this success, I believe, will be partnership: partnership that is grounded in trust and strong leadership; partnership that allows for inclusion of all constituent groups—from faculty, staff and students to donors, alumni and community members—and partnership that creates an environment where institutional and personal goals are consistent. We will make decisions as partners together, with the well-being of students as our focus.

I am confident that Davenport University is poised for remarkable success in the near and the long term. I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible and hearing your views. Shaping our future relies on all of us working toward a common goal, driven by a shared mission to prepare students to excel—and succeed—in today’s environment and beyond.

I’m looking forward to making that journey together.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Pappas, Ed.D.
Davenport University President
Lauren Anderson of Hudsonville is the first recipient of Davenport’s prestigious Gerald R. Ford Memorial Scholarship.

The full-ride scholarship, which requires a minimum ACT score of 31 and high school GPA of 3.75, covers all costs for four years, including tuition, room and board, textbooks and study abroad.

Lauren has a strong commitment to civic responsibility and dedication to service that reflect some of President Ford’s most admired qualities. She hopes to become a pediatric nurse and looks forward to moving into a residence hall on the W.A. Lettinga Campus. In her spare time she enjoys running and playing volleyball and soccer.

President Ford early in his career taught and coached football here, and before his death personally granted Davenport University the extraordinary opportunity to name this prestigious scholarship in his honor and memory. More information is available at Fordscholarship.davenport.edu.

Watch a video interview with Lauren on Davenport’s YouTube Channel youtube.com/user/davenportweb

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New president set for next era of success

With 35 years of experience in higher education, including 20 years as a college and university president, Dr. Richard J. Pappas is well prepared to assume the presidency of Davenport University on August 3. But he also understands his immediate role will depend as much on learning as leadership.

“I’m looking forward to meeting as many people as practical and listening to their views and suggestions,” Dr. Pappas said. “I’m a firm believer that an inclusive approach is vital for success. Building strong partnerships has been at the core of my presidency. One of my first goals at Davenport will be to involve faculty and staff in developing a strategic plan with support from everyone so together we advance the university.”

Dr. Pappas will lead the strategic direction for a university with a newly established residential W.A. Lettinga Campus in Grand Rapids, statewide locations primarily for adult learners, an enrollment growing in academic achievement, and a commitment to a dynamic practical curriculum that continues to respond to the demands of the marketplace.

“I’m grateful for the opportunity to build from such a solid foundation,” he said. “Based on past success, the bar is set high, but I’m looking forward to working in partnership with all stakeholders to take us to an even higher level.”

Dr. Pappas was appointed president after a four-month national search. “The search committee’s thorough process in identifying and screening an extremely qualified pool of candidates was highly evident to the Board of Trustees,” said Ken Bovee, Chairman of the Davenport University Board of Trustees and member of the search committee. “The board based its decision for selecting Dr. Pappas on his successful track record in strategic planning, academics, admissions, fund-raising, alumni relations and community leadership.”

“The combination of entrepreneurship plus educational and business sense has defined all my presidencies,” Dr. Pappas said. “I also lived in Michigan for most of my life, and I’m looking forward to returning to my home state.”

Dr. Pappas was most recently president of National-Louis University in Chicago, which has many similarities to Davenport, including several locations and a large population of adult students.

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Q. What excites you most about being Davenport’s new president?

I’m excited about leading a university that has achieved much but still has great potential. There are many opportunities to develop new, emerging programs based on market needs to help create jobs for our students. The enthusiasm of faculty, staff and students also is exciting.

Q. What are your immediate goals?

Job one will be to develop a strategic plan with support from everyone — our boards, faculty, staff and students — so that together we can advance the university. In my 20 years as a president, I developed in partnership with faculty and staff five strategic plans that became roadmaps by which all goals followed. Through this process, we have an opportunity to shape the future together.

Q. What do you consider the most vital functions of a university president?

A president must be both an academic leader and a strong manager. Characteristics must include the ability to envision what the University can become and to motivate others in achieving that vision; leadership to ensure that academic integrity is maintained; and a commitment to planning that uses both business and marketing principles to attract, retain and serve students. Other qualities include an entrepreneurial style, strong fiscal skills, being a proven communicator with no surprises, and a desire to make a difference for students.

Q. What do you consider your biggest challenges in your new role?

Overall, we will be challenged to continually improve quality at Davenport University and ensure future success by following an effective strategic plan and remaining true to a relevant mission and vision. That will require ensuring that Davenport is socially and economically relevant, that students will recognize DU as an opportunity to help them achieve their career and life goals, that donors will consider DU a sound investment, that alumni will be proud to support their alma mater, and that the communities we serve recognize us as a rich resource for their economies and quality of life.

Q. Where do you see the greatest potential for improvement and growth?

DU’s biggest opportunity for growth is in leveraging the ties that exist between markets, our programs and jobs to continue to build a university with a reputation for quality. Enrollment will grow only if we continually evaluate and update our curricula to respond to the needs of the market and implement aggressive strategies to promote DU’s responsiveness and relevance. Keeping an eye on the marketplace, furthering our partnerships with businesses and industry groups — these are the things that will allow us to develop programs that will prepare our students for jobs today and tomorrow.
“Offering both a traditional campus at our core plus several off-campus locations that serve primarily adult students positions us very competitively in the communities we serve. The need for a university education to prepare for careers or career advancement will only grow in our emerging economy that will demand that more employees have higher degrees.”

Dr. Pappas also has a history of building support and community engagement. He has served on a long list of community boards, already has some strong relationships in Michigan and is looking forward to being involved in the community.

“To be successful in building support and our endowment, the president – as well as our boards, donors, alumni, students, faculty and staff – need to be advancing our mission and values in the community and telling our success story. Davenport is a community asset and valuable resource that is both worthy of support and a smart investment for the success and sustainability of our economy and communities.”

A hallmark of his career has been a philosophy of continuous improvement and measuring success.

“I believe in a culture of measurement and continuous improvement as defined by the principles of high-performance organizations,” he said. “Davenport has come a long way, but I see tremendous potential to go even farther. I’m looking forward to working with all constituents to continue to increase quality for this great university and becoming everything we know we can be.”
April 26, 2009 was a rainy day, but even that didn’t dampen the spirits of over 1,000 Davenport University students who walked across the stage. The day marked the second time Davenport celebrated commencement as a whole at Van Andel Arena.

Interim President Michael Volk oversaw the event that handed out master’s, bachelor’s and associate degrees along with diplomas. William Jay Rozema, a Davenport student since 2001, had the privilege of being one of the ceremony’s guest speakers. Rozema, who graduated with a degree in Computer Networking, spoke to fellow graduates about the valuable time he spent at Davenport. Most important, he reminded all who sat in the arena, that it’s never too late to change gears and go back to school as long as you have persistence and goals.

Another notable speaker during the event was Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land who was awarded an honorary doctorate degree in recognition of her accomplishments and contributions to the community. During her speech Land mentioned she had a special connection to the school, saying her grandmother graduated with a degree from Davenport over 70 years ago.

To see more photos, go to flickr.com/photos/davenportuniversity
Family tradition

2009 graduate is third-generation DU alumnus

“Like father like son” has led to three generations of Davenport University graduates and the potential for the trend to continue. For three generations of Lettingas, the key seems to be an affinity for business and the recognition that DU is the best place to earn a business degree.

Bill (Wilbur) Lettinga Sr. is a 1955 graduate with a degree in accounting, his son Bill Jr. graduated from DU in 1978 with a degree in business management, and Bill III just graduated in April with a degree in business management.

The success of Bill (Wilbur) Lettinga Sr. obviously was a strong influence in the decision of his son and grandson to choose business careers and DU. He is one of West Michigan’s most successful entrepreneurs, a member of the DU Board of Trustees, a generous donor and a distinguished alumnus.

Bill Jr. is following in his father’s footsteps and fondly recalls Davenport for faculty with a difference. “Davenport faculty offer real-world experience that made connections for me and also made learning enjoyable,” he said. Bill is now president of the family business, Kentland Corporation, and serves on the board for the Michigan Manufactured Housing Association. The family business operates 19 mobile home parks with more than 6,000 sites across Michigan.

After graduation, the youngest Bill plans to continue in the family business and follow his father’s example of working his way up the management ladder. He said he also wants to heed the advice of his grandfather, who instilled in him the importance of giving back. “He always says, ‘as you are given something you have an obligation to give back,’” he said. “If you can’t give financially, then giving back your time and talent can be just as important.”

Bill Sr.’s example is now a family legacy for three generations – and likely more generations of Lettinga DU graduates.
Meijer latest name on campus

The dedication of the Fred and Lena Meijer Residence Hall on April 14 added another prominent name on the W.A. Lettinga Campus. Davenport University is grateful to these major area entrepreneurs and generous donors. Their names on the Davenport campus will inspire students to follow their examples and aspire to their level of success.

Wilbur A. Lettinga

The campus is named for Bill (Wilbur) Lettinga, a distinguished alumnus, devoted supporter of his alma mater, Board of Trustees member, recipient of an honorary doctorate of law degree from DU and the Excellence in Business Award, and a major donor. In high school, he recognized his aptitude for mathematics and after investigating other colleges, Davenport was recommended to him by his employer at the time.

Upon graduating from Davenport, he established his accounting business, designed sprinkling systems as a side venture and eventually took a risk when he bought a general ledger accounting franchise based on the cutting-edge technology of computers. With his Lettinga & Associates Accounting firm growing rapidly, he continued to expand his business career by co-founding Laser Alignment, a worldwide manufacturer and distributor of laser construction equipment. During this time, he also built his first mobile home park with the start of Kentland Corporation, which now owns and manages 19 different manufactured housing communities throughout West Michigan.

Rich DeVos and Jay Van Andel

The Richard M. DeVos and Jay Van Andel Academic Center on campus is named in honor of two Grand Rapids natives who co-founded one of the world’s most successful businesses. Starting from humble beginnings during the Great Depression, DeVos and Van Andel met in high school and built several successful businesses together – including a flight school, the area’s first drive-in restaurant and their direct sales partnership distributing Nutrilite food supplements – before starting Amway in 1959 in the basements of their neighboring Ada homes. They pioneered a method of person-to-person business that was the model for many successful direct marketing companies and which this year celebrates its 50th anniversary as the multi-billion dollar worldwide Amway Corp. They also have become well known for sharing their success as philanthropists whose names grace several buildings in West Michigan including the DeVos Place convention center and the Van Andel Institute.

M.E. Davenport

Davenport University is named for M.E. Davenport, president from 1910 to 1959 and an entrepreneur in his own right. He purchased what was then the fledgling Grand Rapids Institute and built the institution through a variety of roles from instructor to administrator. He pioneered a “practical curriculum” that included well-rounded studies but focused on preparing students for specific careers.

As he said, “…we set out to develop a school that would give to modern business the class of business men and business women it needed.” His son-in-law Robert Sneden succeeded him as president, preserving his legacy and building on his foundation.
Peter C. Cook

The Peter C. and Pat Cook Residence Hall is named for another Davenport alumnus and major donor. Cook was working in a refrigerator factory when he decided to take night courses at Davenport. Through on-the-job experience, he eventually became an accountant and then the treasurer for two furniture companies.

His employer had six expensive Jaguar cars to sell and entrusted the job to Cook. He sold them all, and his sales talent was rewarded when he was given a loan to buy ten Volkswagens in 1954 and become the exclusive VW dealership in Michigan at a time when imports were rare on American roads. The business expanded with his talent for business and the growing popularity of the VW. He eventually went on to even greater success in the import auto business when he partnered with Robert Hooker to form Mazda Great Lakes.

Fred Meijer

The Fred and Lena Meijer Residence Hall was dedicated in honor of support from the chairman emeritus of Meijer, Inc., and his wife. Starting from the foundation of the family Thrift Market grocery store in Greenville, Fred Meijer and his father, Hendrick, built their innovative one-stop-shopping concept into hundreds of giant stores and a household name.

Typical of successful entrepreneurs in West Michigan, the Meijers have generously given back to the community and helped make the area a better place to live. In 1995, the Meijers presided over the opening of the 125-acre Fredrick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, combining Fred’s interest in sculpture and Lena’s passion for gardens.
Ed Begley Jr. featured speaker for first ‘green week’

Film and TV actor Ed Begley Jr. paid a visit to DU’s W.A. Lettinga Campus and gave an inspirational talk on sustainability and living green. He discussed the many problems plaguing the environment but kept a positive outlook while sharing tips on how everyone can do their part to reduce their carbon footprint. He spent about an hour chatting informally with the group and answering questions.

Begley has served as chairman of the Environmental Media Association and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. His work in the environmental community has earned him a number of awards from groups including the California League of Conservation Voters, the Natural Resources Defense Council, The Coalition for Clean Air, Heal the Bay and the Santa Monica Baykeeper.

His talk on sustainability officially kicked off Davenport’s first “green week,” which was held in March. Green week was full of activities and discussions in which students could share ways to become stewards of our environment.

Student Center named green building success story

From more than 2,500 nominated projects, Davenport University’s Student Center has been selected as a Green Building of America award-winning project and will be featured in the upcoming Real Estate & Construction Review-Midwest Green Success Stories special edition.

Each Green Building of America Success Story project is highlighted in a case study that shows how the owner/developer, consultants, architects and contractors worked together to design and build one of the region’s most important, innovative or unique new sustainable facilities. The Student Center construction represented collaboration between DU, Integrated Architecture and Rockford Construction.

**Student Center “green building” facts**

- Geothermal wells throughout the campus operate on a closed loop system, reaching a depth of 400 feet to capture 54-degree heat from the earth and turn it into energy to heat and cool the building.
- Low-flow toilets and other efficient plumbing systems reduce water consumption by 20 to 30 percent below typical buildings.
- Reduced energy consumption is achieved by orienting the buildings in an east/west configuration.
- Specially treated windows reflect rather than absorb light.
- Indoor environmental quality systems achieve a constant turnover of 100 percent fresh air.
- Automatic controls turn lights off when rooms are not in use and dim lights in south-facing rooms if there is enough natural light.
Panthers win consecutive NCHA championships

Our DU Panthers hockey team defeated Florida Gulf Coast to claim its second straight American Collegiate Hockey Association D-II National Championship. The title ended the 2008-2009 season for DU with an overall record of 44-4. Chris Jo-swiak was named the Tournament MVP. Congratulations to Coach Paul Lowden and the team!

Ben Mocini, much-loved by students and colleagues alike

Ben John Mocini, a longtime English instructor at Davenport, died on May 31, 2009 at the age of 75. He began his career at DU in 1970 and taught for more than 30 years before retiring in 2000. Among students, Ben was respected for his knowledge, but he was also a caring friend. Many have noted that he was a most memorable instructor and that their professional communication benefited, even years after graduation, from the “Mocini approach” to English composition. Ben wrote several editions of the composition texts he created, teaching with them until his retirement.

“Ben was a true and loyal friend,” said Professor of Management Dr. Jack Cichy, whom Mocini mentored early in his career at DU. “Ben was truly a unique person, one of a kind,” said longtime friend and colleague Professor Terri Tomaszek. “His combination of creativity, imagination, discipline, instruction and humor will not be seen again. Students and friends are lucky to have known him.”

Technology strategist selected as dean

Michael Clancy has been selected for the position of dean, School of Technology. Clancy formerly was chief architect at Delphi Corporation in Troy. A leading strategist in the technology sector for many years, Clancy has a wide range of experience setting technology direction for companies such as Hewlett Packard, AT&T and Bell Laboratories.

“I feel that my background in industry and the contacts I’ve made over the years can help advance the school of technology to the next level,” said Clancy. Some of his most recent work has been in setting technology direction for the workplace and workforce of the future. “The ability to build a team responsible for developing a curriculum designed to enhance career opportunities for students is an exciting prospect,” he said.

“The role of dean of the School of Technology presents a multifaceted opportunity for someone with Mike’s background and experience,” said Dr. Dave Fleming, executive vice president for academics and provost. “We’re excited to have him in this position that’s very critical to the future of DU.”

Clancy holds an MBA from Seton Hall University in Management Information Systems/Operations Research and a BS in Management Science/Operations Research from Kean University. He spent most of his career in New York and New Jersey before moving with his family to Michigan in 2003.
Excellent evening!

Annual gala draws nearly 750

“Davenport is a wonderful university that prepares young people to excel in the world of business.”

— Ambassador Peter F. Secchia

The 2009 Peter C. Cook Excellence in Business Award was presented to Ambassador Peter F. Secchia at the Excellence in Business Dinner Gala Friday, May 8, at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids. The black-tie fund-raiser for scholarships featured keynote speaker Ted Koppel, former host of ABC TV’s “Nightline.” Koppel spoke about the changing world of journalism and how news is evolving. He also gave insight into the future of the daily newspaper. Lauren Anderson, the first recipient of the Gerald R. Ford Memorial Scholarship, also was officially recognized at the event and was presented the scholarship by Interim President Michael Volk. Nearly 750 people attended the 12th annual fund-raising dinner.

Above: Guest speaker Ted Koppel congratulates Ambassador Peter F. Secchia on receiving the Excellence in Business Award. Left: Marty and Sue Allen with Ted Koppel.
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Clockwise from above: Ambassador Secchia offers acceptance remarks; Chuck and Stella Royce; Mike Lettinga, Dan Gaydou and Don Maine; John and Marie Canepa with Ted Koppel.
Clockwise from above: Bing Goei and Jeanne Englehart; Fred and Linn Keller; Larry Leigh and Tim Bennett; Jim Dunlap, Mike Glenn, Mark Murray and Bill Currie; David Frey; Peter C. Cook, Ted Koppel and Peter Secchia.
Fifth Third Bank supports DU students

The Charles E. Schell grant recently was awarded to two Davenport students in Fifth Third Bank’s ongoing effort to support students with interest-free education loans. Eric Rochow, a sophomore majoring in computer networking, and Tyler Leggett, a sophomore majoring in accounting, each were awarded $5,000 in interest-free loans that will not need to be repaid until after their graduation.

The two students applied at the beginning of the year and were required to submit essays to be considered for the loans. “My parents were very excited,” said Rochow. “This is one less thing we need to worry about paying off until after graduation.”

Fifth Third representatives Cynthia Welton and Patrick Lonergan were on campus to officially present the loans to the students. “It is our honor to be able to facilitate this for Davenport students,” said Lonergan, adding that Davenport University students were the first recipients of these loans in West Michigan.

Photo: Tyler Leggett, student recipient; Eric Rochow, student recipient; Dr. Barbara Mieras, Davenport University; Cynthia Welton, 5/3 Bank; Patrick Lonergan, 5/3 Bank.

Memory Garden a tribute to Fulton Street donors, friends

With the sale this summer of our Fulton Street property to Grand Rapids Community College, all Fulton Street students, related faculty and student services staff have moved to the W.A. Lettinga Campus. The remaining Fulton Street staff have offices in the Cook Administration Building, Mable Engle Hall and the Lettinga House and will remain until spring. Plans call for eventual additional construction on campus to accommodate everyone, but details have not been finalized.

We have taken great care to preserve the many commemorative signs, plaques and other items from the Fulton Street location that bear individual and corporate names of those who have supported DU through the years. We honor all of these donors and their gifts and we wish always to respect the original intent with which each item was offered. That’s why we are excited to announce the Fulton Street Memory Garden, soon to be constructed on the Lettinga Campus. The garden’s purpose will be to acknowledge those individuals, foundations and corporations who have given distinguished service and financial support to Davenport to ensure that our mission continues. Its design will include such items as bench and tree plaques, as well as faithful replications of the engraved bricks from the Fulton Street Welcome Center.

We’re grateful to all the donors who supported Davenport University during its many years on Fulton Street. We thank you for being a part of our history, and we invite you to join our journey into the future.

Davenport employees give “a latté”

Each day Davenport faculty and staff make a remarkable impression on our leaders of tomorrow by teaching, mentoring and guiding. But this past year DU employees did much more with their participation in the annual Employee Giving Campaign “Give a Little, Get a Latté.”

For this year’s campaign, we challenged employees to contribute, even in a small way, and in return we rewarded them with a free specialty coffee. We’re pleased to report that faculty, staff and adjuncts didn’t just give a little, they gave “a latté.”

Employee participation was up 79%, and funds raised to support DU programs and student scholarships increased 18%. Additional help was also committed to support Davenport University capital projects.

“It says a lot about Davenport faculty and staff that we increased our giving so significantly, even in a time of economic uncertainty,” said Dr. Dave Fleming, Provost and Chairperson, 2008-09 Employee Campaign Committee. “It shows a belief in the core value of what we do at Davenport University.”

We look forward to building on the momentum of this year’s campaign as we kick off the 2009-10 employee giving campaign in September.
Alumni of achievement

2009 banquet honors successful graduates

Honored guests celebrated the accomplishments of our outstanding alumni at the Davenport University Alumni Association’s Alumni Awards Banquet on April 24. Steve Axdorff (’89, business administration) was awarded the Hy Berkowitz Professional Excellence Award, which recognizes exceptional professional and personal accomplishments. Steve is a highly successful senior loan officer at Founders Bank and Trust in Grand Rapids.

Upon accepting his award, Steve told the audience how, unemployed in the early 1980s, he made the life-changing decision to come to Davenport. “Enrolling at DU was the turning point in moving from a job to a career,” he said. Steve began his career with the founding of Thornapple Mortgage Company, serving as partner and owner before joining Founders Bank and Trust in 2001. He also volunteers for the Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital as a member of the Pediatric Oncology Resources Team, for God’s Kitchen, and as a painter and mentor for Habitat for Humanity.

The highest award that Davenport University bestows on its graduates, the Distinguished Alumni Award, was established to recognize exceptional grads who represent the university’s mission and ideals. This year’s recipient was Mark LaCroix (’89, business management).

“Davenport reinforced a commitment to lifelong learning and instilled an intellectual curiosity that has served me personally and professionally.”

—Mark LaCroix

Steve Axdorff

Mark LaCroix
Mark LaCroix and Joanne Barnier during the candle lighting ceremony.

Mark said that his introduction to Davenport came from his first boss, former state Senator Glenn Steil Sr., who also is a DU alumnus. “Davenport reinforced a commitment to lifelong learning and instilled an intellectual curiosity that has served me personally and professionally,” he said. Currently the executive vice president of global business development for the CarbonNeutral Company, Mark has focused his career assisting companies in understanding the inherent values of sustainability and how it can create value for business. He also is a board member and has served as president of the West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum, and serves on the advisory boards for the Erb Institute for Global Sustainable Enterprise at the University of Michigan and the Aquinas College Sustainable Business Degree Program.

“Enrolling at DU was the turning point in moving from a job to a career.”

—Steve Axdorff

Also honored at the event was this year’s recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Mentor Scholarship, Joanne Barnier. A wife and mother of four, Joanne returned to school to earn a degree in accounting and information management. This scholarship allows Joanne to “continue to pursue her bachelor’s degree and to achieve a lifelong dream.”

Alumni survey coming this fall

Attention DU alumni! Watch for an alumni survey coming this fall. We want to know what you think of DU alumni programs, events and benefits. How can we better communicate with you? Do you have special interests or suggestions for the Alumni Association? How can we better serve you?

To ensure you receive the survey, please complete the enclosed tear-out card or go to www.davenport.edu/update and enter your current contact information.

Look for more details about the survey in our monthly DU alumni e-newsletter.

Look for alumni profiles on Davenport’s YouTube channel youtube.com/user/davenportweb
Giving goes “Hi Tech”

Alumni business donates to student center

Brian Hogan and Jeff Richter of Hi Tech Building Services are both DU graduates and successful alumni. Brian graduated in 1987 with a degree in accounting and computer programming and Jeff in 1991 with a degree in sales and marketing. The friends of more than 30 years now are also business partners.

“For as long as I can remember, I have wanted to run my own business,” Hogan said. “Partnering with someone I know as well as Jeff has made the venture very comfortable – as a business partner should be someone you can trust.”

The fellow alumni and business owners now are also fellow DU donors. Hi Tech recently agreed to make a sizeable donation toward the Student Center, and in recognition of their generous gift, the running track will be named for their business.

“Once we saw this beautiful new facility, we immediately wanted to be a part of it,” said Hogan. “Thinking back to the days when we went to Davenport, we thought how nice it would have been to have a facility such as this. This facility is very important to student life and the future of Davenport’s athletics program.”

Brian and Jeff both agreed that their donation stemmed from being Davenport alumni and owing a portion of their success to the education they received.

Hi Tech employs more than 500 people in Michigan and is based locally in Jenison. They serve 20 different public school districts throughout Michigan, several commercial businesses and municipalities across the state, and offer 24/7 service.

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**Date:** Wednesday, August 26, 2009  
**Time:** 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Shift 1:** 7:45 – 10 a.m.  
**Shift 2:** 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Once again, Davenport's valued alumni are being called to duty. On Wednesday, August 26 we are looking for alumni volunteers to help students move into the residence halls. With the addition of a third hall this year, move-in help will be more important than ever.

When you give your time, not only will you be able to see our growing campus, but your dedication to Davenport will have a lasting impact on incoming students. Please confirm your participation by contacting the Alumni Relations Office at 866-248-0012 or alumni@davenport.edu.

Alumni job links from Career Services

Looking for a job? Check out DUCareerNET. Davenport University’s specialized job board has links to state and federal jobs, as well as those jobs that employers post specifically for DU alumni. To gain access to our job site, go to www.davenport.edu > Alumni and Donors tab (upper left column) > DUCareerNET link (first link on left), and click on the form under “Alumni Jobs & More.” Complete and submit this form for your user name and password to access DUCareerNET through Davenport portal. Also, watch the alumni e-newsletter each month for great statewide and national job links. For assistance with all of your career growth needs, call the Davenport Career Services office nearest you or visit Facebook/DUCareerServices.
Professional

Amanda Wright, ’08 computer information systems, has accepted a position as a programmer analyst for Saginaw Valley State University.

Heidi Althaus, ’07 business administration, is now working for West Shore Community College.

Silvia Jaeger, ’03 accounting, has been promoted to senior auditor for the Audit Bureau of Circulations in Palm Beach, Fla.

Crystal Arnold, ’99 accounting and ’01 management, has been promoted to assistant vice president for the commercial division of Fifth Third Bank Western Michigan.

Brian Jankow, ’90 management and ’04 strategic management, was promoted to supervisor in merchandising at Macy’s.

Theodore Whitney, ’83 accounting/data processing, has been promoted to executive director of business intelligence at Liberty University.

Michael Lovitch, ’84 EMT paramedic, graduated from Passaic County Community College in Paterson, N.J. with an A.A.S. RN degree.


Megan Michelle DeHaan, ’07 medical assistant, and Ryan David Fry were united in marriage on April 25, 2009.

Matthew Lucas, ’07 management, and Sarah Bossardet were married on March 21, 2009.

Ruth Larson, ’06 management, and Rene Tieman were married on December 30, 2008. The couple resides in Holland, Mich.

Laurie Marie Sadro, ’06 health services administration, and Kevin Gotham were united in marriage on June 27, 2009.

Stephanie Marie Wood, ’06 phlebotomy, and Ryan Michael Pollum were married on May 24, 2008. The couple resides in Reese, Mich.


Marriages & Engagements

Alecia Emelander ’08 marketing, and Nicholas Weih were united in marriage on October 11, 2008.

Maggie Lee Koetje, ’08 health information, and Tyler David Huizenga were married on July 18, 2009.

John Anthony Kozlowski, ’08 finance, and Allison Marie DuRussel exchanged vows on May 9, 2009.

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Staci Stuart, ’05 marketing and ’07 strategic management, and Christopher Doebler were married on April 12, 2008. The couple resides in Sterling Heights, Mich.

Rebecca Jill Sutton, ’02 business administration, and Derek James Booms were united in marriage on August 9, 2008.


Melissa Oudshoorn, ’01 administration technology, and Craig Mulder were united in marriage on April 25, 2009.


Julie Holkeboer, ’97 management, and Tracy Hardy exchanged vows on August 2, 2008.

Births

Rebecca Pennington, ’95 accounting, and her husband, Dan are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Elizabeth, born November 24, 2008.

Homecoming save the date!

Date: Friday, October 2, 2009
Time: 6 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. ceremony and game
Location: Patterson Ice Arena

We welcome you home on Friday, October 2 to join fellow alumni, students and friends for this annual tradition.

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