Welcome to South Hall
Third residence hall opens for fall semester
Striving toward higher quality

I’m pleased and encouraged by the warm welcome I’ve received in West Michigan and from all 14 campuses in the Davenport community. If this fall’s enrollment is any indicator, we have a good year ahead. I listened and learned a lot during my first months here, and one thing has become quickly apparent: our faculty and staff are proud of DU’s excellence and eager to embrace opportunities to enhance it.

Aspiring to a higher level of quality is a goal I’ve been talking about in meetings with everyone from employees and students, to donors and alumni, to elected officials and business leaders. It is key to Davenport’s success in the future.

At Davenport University we already strive toward excellence, and we succeed on so many levels. (This issue of DU Review is full of examples.) But as in any high-performing organization, the status quo is never acceptable. There is always room for improvement. That is why we will continue to focus on higher levels of quality.

But even more important, we will measure that quality. Because just as businesses measure results and make changes based on what works, so must universities gauge what it takes to succeed. The more we assess our outcomes, the more we can make improvements that will drive us upward. We will aim high, and by measuring, we will know when we hit our target.

That is one reason I am so excited about completing a strategic plan for the University over the next few months. I am working with faculty, staff, students, alumni and community leaders to develop a plan to ensure we reach consensus on where Davenport University should be in five years. This plan will include measurable goals that will help us gauge our performance and progress.

We look forward to pushing the quality needle farther ahead, proving our performance and enhancing our reputation. As a Davenport donor and friend, you can always be assured that you are supporting a university that is continuously in pursuit of excellence.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Pappas, Ed.D.
President
New South Hall welcomes students for fall semester

“This is not your mom and dad’s dormitory.”

That’s how Rob Engblom, executive director of housing and residence life, describes Davenport University’s largest residence hall, which opened at the beginning of the fall semester.

“Today’s student expects more than the traditional cinder-block dorm room their parents lived in, with a bathroom down the hall,” says Engblom. “Our new space offers a more bedroom-like living area, even in the four-person suites. And of course, everything is wireless. Twenty-first century students simply expect that.”

Within the state-of-the-art, LEED-certified, environmentally friendly building each student has his or her own room — for the increased privacy today’s millennial students appreciate.

Four floors of apartment-style living can accommodate a maximum of 300 DU students, with planned room for expansion in the future.

In addition, for the first time in DU history, complete dining service is available in the dining hall within the new building for all students attending the W.A. Lettinga Campus. A variety of meal plans are offered for the entire academic year.

“I think the dining option is really going to grow in popularity,” says Engblom. “This adds greatly to our position as being a resident-friendly campus, offering a competitively priced, brand-new space where students can live and learn.”
Panther Prowl a roaring success

Staff, faculty and returning students welcomed incoming freshmen to the W.A. Lettinga Campus with Panther Prowl, a four-day transition program to help new students acclimate to university life.

This year’s event kicked off on August 26 with Move-in Day. Despite the rainy weather, the mood was cheerful and full of excitement as students carried their belongings into Peter C. and Pat Cook Hall, Fred and Lena Meijer Hall and the recently finished South Hall.

Later in the day, many gathered in the Student Center to participate in the University’s first ever Convocation where University leaders, including DU’s newly appointed President, Dr. Rick Pappas, took the stage to welcome DU’s Class of 2013.

During the following three days, freshmen had the opportunity to participate in activities such as small group discussions, recreational games and interest sessions on student life, athletics, financial aid and student employment.

“We had 448 students register for Panther Prowl, more than four times the attendance of last year. What a wonderful way to start the new school year,” said Paul Ballard, executive director of student affairs.

For a video recap of Panther Prowl 2009, visit davenport.edu/youtube
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Dr. Pappas introduced to DU, community

During his first month at DU, one of President Rick Pappas’s top priorities was to conduct a “listening tour” to meet faculty, staff and students. Several “Meet the President” receptions were held university-wide to accomplish that goal. In addition, he met throughout the fall with donors as well as elected officials, news media and business and community leaders in the various communities where DU has a campus.
Rollout results in state wide media coverage

A series of interviews with key news outlets in conjunction with Dr. Pappas’s listening tour resulted in West Michigan media coverage on WOOD TV 8 (NBC), WZZM TV 13 (ABC) and in the Grand Rapids Press. Interviews at DU campuses resulted in stories published in the Holland Sentinel, Flint Journal, Livonia Observer & Eccentric, Midland Daily News and Kalamazoo Gazette.

The cover story of the September 3 issue of West Michigan Business Review featured Dr. Pappas in an in-depth article and the September 21 Grand Rapids Business Journal profiled him in their “Inside Track” feature on area thought leaders. He also participated in an interview on National Public Radio affiliate WGVU. Listen to the interview on our website at www.davenport.edu/interview.

Dr. Rick Pappas meets faculty and staff during his listening tour where he visited several campuses across the state.
Business experience transfers to the classroom

Frank Novakowski, Ph.D., has held positions in marketing, sales, customer service, manufacturing, human resources and general management. He’s been a company president, CEO, vice-president and manager, and his work has taken him to Germany, Virginia, Toronto, Omaha and West Michigan.

With his 30 years in business — and extensive international travel experience — he was well prepared for becoming associate dean for our undergraduate marketing, management and international degree programs.

“Now I can draw my understanding of business into the academic experience,” says Dr. Novakowski. “By tapping into the resources from my years in the business world, as well as subject matter experts in the field, we can package and deliver programs we know businesses need. It’s a win-win for all concerned, especially DU students.”

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Keeping DU programs on pace with business

For Irene Bembenista, DM, associate dean of accounting and finance, it’s all about making sure DU course programs match what’s needed in the “real-world” business climate.

“What makes us different here at DU is our ability to get new programs out to students much sooner than our competitors,” Dr. Bembenista said. DU’s associate deans determine which new programs or changes in existing programs are needed, based on assessing the needs of business and industry.

“For example, the Accounting Fraud Investigation BBA program is still relatively new, but we saw the need for it and had it out there before other schools did.”

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— Dr. Irene Bembenista

Executive MBA program is top notch

The DU Executive MBA program was recently named one of three finalists for the Automation Alley Educational Program of the Year. These prestigious annual awards are given by southeast Michigan’s largest technology business association.

“Being nominated for this award shows how our Executive MBA program is a real standout in Michigan,” says Sue Glover, DBA, associate dean for the MBA program of the Donald W. Maine School of Business.

Dr. Glover, who helped create the program, says DU is one of only four schools in Michigan to offer an Executive MBA.

“Not many schools offer both an MBA and an Executive MBA,” says Dr. Glover. “And only DU offers specialized concentrations including accounting, finance, health care, human resources and strategic management.”

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Davenport University is once again a step ahead of the competition as the only nursing school in West Michigan to provide certification in the American Heart Association’s Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) program.

This valuable course of study is available through a complete hospital simulation curriculum, with a total of 31 scenarios that encourage students to assess and perform interventions.

“This certification helps students who want to work in the emergency room, intensive care unit, as a flight nurse, or in a critical specialty care unit,” says Dr. Margaret Harvey, acting dean of the School of Health Professions. “It’s extremely valuable training for these students.”

ACLS teaches methods for handling patients who are experiencing serious medical emergencies such as cardiac arrest. Certification and training is offered only to medical professionals as certification is required in many hospitals and health care environments.

“We are incorporating ACLS into our Nursing Care of Adults labs, which lets our students become certified even before they graduate from our program,” adds Dr. Harvey. “This will immediately give DU nursing graduates a competitive edge as they seek their first job.”

Davenport chosen for Workforce Retraining Initiative

Davenport University was the only Michigan university chosen by Cisco Systems to pilot its Workforce Retraining Initiative (WRI), an initiative highlighted by President Barack Obama at a Town Hall meeting at Macomb Community College in Warren.

The WRI is built on the Cisco Networking Academy® and designed to create new job opportunities for American workers by focusing on training in broadband, network security and health care information technology.

“We are perfectly positioned to play a significant role in meeting the IT needs of health care systems for the 21st century,” said Dr. David Fleming, executive vice president of academics and provost. “This initiative uses our core competencies in network technology and health care information and technology — which are the key strategies of preparing the workforce of tomorrow.”

“Cisco is committed to addressing the current economic challenges by focusing on innovation, new opportunities and jobs,” said John Chambers, Cisco chairman and CEO. “WRI serves an important role by expanding training for well-paid, high-demand, technology-based jobs.”

The new WRI health care IT course — focusing on practice management, electronic health records, telemedicine, mobility, telephony, and the use and integration of information — will initially pilot at Davenport and three Michigan community colleges beginning as early as January, 2010.
BPA team takes home top national honors

Several teams of DU students won top honors in the 43rd annual Business Professionals of America (BPA) Leadership Conference, held in Dallas, Texas.

A total of 26 students from our W.A. Lettinga Campus qualified to compete – and ended up winning a total of nine first-place awards in such diverse events as network design, financial analysis, information technology and programming.

DU students also distinguished themselves with many second-, third-, and fourth-place awards in several other BPA competitions.

Students win Delta Epsilon Chi international competition

Six out of ten members of the DU Delta Epsilon Chi (DEX) team placed at the international level in the chapter’s academic excellence competition recently after qualifying at the state competition in February.

Winners were as follows:
• Jacob Armstrong and Reid Bloomfield – second in International Marketing
• Erik Anderson and Erika Walma – third in Business Law
• Ali Ziatanovic and Marge Youngblood – Top Ten in Business Ethics

DEX competitive events use interviews, tests, role-plays and other projects to evaluate students’ marketing and management skills. Events are judged by business professionals who are active in their fields.

HEROES program promotes positive attitudes

The HEROES program pairs DU students with middle and high school students to encourage a positive attitude about school and their future. It’s a way to give back to the community and provides valuable service experience for professional development.

DU students become HEROES by mentoring a student for 30 to 60 minutes a week for a full academic year, in addition to attending a training session and mentoring events.

Visit studentlife.davenport.edu to find out more about student life at DU.

Odyssey of the mind takes world title

Congratulations to DU students Chet Birchmeier, Casey Jacobs and Andrew Otten, who recently took home one of 19 world titles at the 30th annual Odyssey of the Mind finals.

The NASA-sponsored project required the team to design and build a small vehicle that visits four locations – each requiring a morph in appearance. More than 780 teams from around the world participated in this annual educational competition.

These students, along with five friends from other area colleges and universities, have been competing together since high school.
The online learning experience at Davenport University continues to set new standards, in some cases around the world, thanks to LiveClassroom virtual classroom software.

Davenport has been ahead of the online-learning curve since 1999 when online classes were first offered. And while many schools have chosen not to require synchronous communication tools like LiveClassroom because of time zone issues, Davenport has embraced the synchronicity aspect.

“Through the Davenport Leadership and Management Development Institute, we’ve developed leadership training for Amway employees,” says Instructor and Course Coordinator Doreen Petersen. “LiveClassroom lets us combine many different state-of-the-art interactive technologies, including voice, application sharing, whiteboarding, polling and video.”

Unlike the traditional anonymity of most online classes, students in the LiveClassroom are engaged and able to participate in dialogue. They can work in small teams, make presentations, and even take a virtual tour of our online LInC library.

“LiveClassroom makes it easier to build a community of highly engaged learners by fostering communication among students and instructors,” said Petersen.

Through LiveClassroom, DU faculty now facilitate to students in Japan, South Africa, New Zealand, Poland, Russia and Hong Kong.
Strong start for new athletic teams

Five new athletic programs joined the Davenport sports scene for 2009-10, and each one got off to a great start. Competitive cheer and dance, rugby, and men’s and women’s tennis joined 19 other teams to bring the Panthers total to 24.

Director of Athletics Paul Lowden is very proud of the growth. “Athletics continues to have a positive influence in the recruitment of our traditional age student population. Our athletes are very passionate about representing Davenport University locally, regionally and nationally. Their work effort both in competition and in the classroom has been a key reason for the athletic program’s immediate success,” said Lowden.

The success of the new programs started rapidly when the dance and cheer squads each earned bids to their respective national championships in the spring of 2010. Head Dance Coach Loren Huggett believes this is just the beginning for each of the young programs and definitely a solid foundation for DU athletics as a whole. “The stakes are higher,” said Huggett. “Not only do we represent Davenport University within our community, we now represent DU on a national stage.”

In a sport that is ever growing in the Grand Rapids area, the varsity rugby team made the biggest splash, opening their season with a remarkable 100-0 shut out of Wayne State University. Head Coach Isaac Herrick summed up his thoughts after the victory stating, “It’s very gratifying to do this well. I’m really excited about where the team is going.”

The new men’s and women’s tennis teams round off a total that now gives Davenport the ranking of most teams to participate in the state for small college athletics. With close to 500 student-athletes now representing Davenport across the country, the Davenport Athletic Department is not only growing, it’s shining.

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Scholarship helps students achieve goals

Tessa Emelander had no idea her life was about to change dramatically the day she met DU admissions counselor Casey Cochran during a visit to Unity Christian High School in Hudsonville.

“I had considered Davenport before that,” Tessa recalls. “I liked that I could get right into classes aimed at my career. I was anxious to get a job and start making money.”

Thanks to encouragement from Cochran, Tessa applied for – and received – a W.A. Lettinga charter scholarship. She enrolled in the marketing program with a business-to-business specialty.

“That motivated me to do really well,” she says. “I knew I had been given a gift, and I wanted to prove myself worthy of it.”

During her junior year at DU, Tessa began working part time at Kerkstra Precast in Grandville. “I could apply classroom learning directly to my work life,” she says. “In class, group projects weren’t my favorite. Now I understand that’s how business operates – as a team.”

Today, Tessa works full time at Kerkstra in residential sales and marketing and business development. “I can’t say enough about the value of that scholarship,” she says. “It enabled me to achieve all my goals: a college degree, no debt and a career.”

Memory Garden a reminder of DU heritage

For decades, West Michigan has considered Davenport University a landmark in the Heritage Hill district on Fulton Street. To preserve these fond memories and continue to recognize the leaders and donors who supported the Fulton Campus, we are excited to announce that the Fulton Street Memory Garden at our W.A. Lettinga Campus is underway.

The garden, consisting of a variety of flowers, shrubbery and trees with walking paths and benches, serves as a special place to recognize the difference many have made for students and remind us of Davenport’s rich heritage. Engraved bricks from Fulton Street are being replicated and will be a part of the garden walkway, while engraved plaques for benches and trees are being carefully restored and converted to tree and foliage recognition pieces.

The garden is located in front of the new South Residence Hall across from the Fred and Lena Meijer Residence Hall, creating a beautiful green space in the heart of campus and a relaxing atmosphere for students and visitors.
Leave a legacy

The Davenport Legacy Club allows the University to thank donors today for the gifts of tomorrow by recognizing members for their generous support through deferred and estate plan gifts. These members, who have contributed substantially toward Davenport’s long-term growth, are recognized each year in the winter issue of DU Review.

As a supporter of Davenport University, you demonstrate that you care about our mission. If you remember DU in your will or trust you leave a legacy that proclaims your belief that we’ll continue to do work that you value, far into the future.

Why should you include a charitable gift in your will or trust?

- It’s as easy as including language stating, “I give $20,000 to the Davenport University Foundation.”
- During your lifetime, you can amend anything you choose including beneficiaries and amounts.
- Gifts to qualified charitable organizations reduce the value of your estate for estate tax purposes.
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To learn more about making a gift through your will or trust please contact Dr. Barbara Mieras, Senior Vice President for Major Gifts, at barbara.mieras@davenport.edu or 616-233-3413.

You make a difference

There are several ways to show your support of Davenport University.

Student Gift: Make a donation to student scholarships at www.davenport.edu/giving or use the envelope included in this issue.

Memorial Gift: Cherish the memory of a loved one by making a contribution to the Davenport University Foundation. When a donation is received, the family is notified of your gift.

Tribute Gift: Honor someone who has made a difference in your life like a parent, mentor, professor or friend.

Securities or Stock Gift: Support the Davenport Foundation with a gift of appreciated stock. This option allows you to simultaneously avoid a capital gains tax and take a charitable deduction.

Planned Giving: A planned gift of any size qualifies you for membership in the Davenport Legacy Club, which honors donors who have included DU in their estate plans.

Event Sponsorship: Sponsor or attend one of our annual premier fund-raising events, the Excellence in Business Dinner and the Davenport Scholarship Golf Classic. By sponsoring or attending one of these events, you are able to support student scholarships while also having a great time.

Volunteer: Mentor a student, volunteer at an event or help career services by posting your company’s jobs or internships on DUCareerNet.

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Scholarship Golf Classic boasts record numbers

August 24 brought a record 264 golfers to Egypt Valley Country Club for the annual Davenport Scholarship Golf Classic. This marks the most participants in the 23-year history of the event. The generosity of this year’s sponsors and golfers raised one of the highest dollar amounts ever for student scholarships. Thank you for helping students’ dreams of higher education come true.

Clockwise from top: Bob Phelps, Mike Sleva, Jerry Peterson and Bruce Penno; Dr. Rick Pappas addresses dinner guests; Floyd Wilson, Sean Welsh, Carry Murphy and Tim Bennett from National City Bank.
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Division Winners

Open Division - Score of 56
Nick Boone
Art Bott
Dan Brink
Larry Boone

Mixed Division - Score of 66
Frank Roberts
Cheryl Roberts
Ernie Gillis
Amanda Gillis

Senior Division - Score of 64
Bill Lettinga
Lawrence Hamelink
Donald Hamelink
Roger VanderLaan

Clockwise: Senior Division champions Bill Lettinga, Lawrence Hamelink, Roger VanderLaan and Donald Hamelink; Patty Kolb and David Kolb; James and Joy DeBoer
DU rocks, thanks to Rockford

To Michael VanGessel, president and CEO of Rockford Construction, the donation for a rock-climbing wall inside the DU Student Center on the W.A. Lettinga Campus was the perfect metaphor.

“It’s a play on words – rock climbing and Rockford,” says VanGessel. “And it’s a metaphor for how Davenport University helps students become successful at scaling the walls of business.”

With the construction of the 20-foot-high rock-climbing wall, Rockford Construction has provided DU with a popular activity for students, as well as a social gathering place.

The rock wall is just one more aspect of a continued commitment to Davenport from Rockford. “We believe in what Davenport is doing,” says VanGessel. “We’re proud to be great partners with them.”

The company was very involved in the construction of the W.A. Lettinga Campus, as well as coordinating the transfer of Fulton Street properties to Grand Rapids Community College.

Among the many reasons Rockford is proud of their association with DU is the diversity of students that they serve. “Davenport provides terrific alternative opportunities for students at all stages of life,” says VanGessel. “They address the needs of the traditional younger college student, and at the same time they accommodate working adults who want to further their education.”

“We’re pleased to lend our support to Davenport,” he adds. “And we enthusiastically look forward to the future under the leadership of Dr. Pappas.”
New Foundation Board Members

We are pleased to welcome these business and community leaders as new members of the Davenport University Foundation Board:

Scott D. Geerlings, President, Geerlings Development Company

Larry Leigh, Managing Director, Leigh Family Investments, LLC

Rachel P. Mraz, Wealth Management Advisor, The DeVries, Freeburg & Mraz Group at Merrill Lynch

Craig Tiggelman, CEO, Applause Catering & Events, Canteen Services, Inc.

Michael R. VanGessel, President and CEO, Rockford Construction Company

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Alum Art Garner dreams it, does it

Back when Art Garner attended classes at DU, our marketing slogan was “Dream it, do it.”

For Art, these were words to live by.

Art credits DU with helping him create his life vision. “The friendships and relationships I made there kept me grounded and close to home,” he says. “I learned through my failures and I learned through my successes. Through it all, Davenport faculty and staff supported my dream.”

After finishing his MBA and working with DU’s Grand Rapids area pre-college engineering program, he attracted the attention of the superintendent of Grand Rapids Public Schools. “He asked me to become assistant principal here at Central, which led to my being promoted to principal in 2007,” Art says.

As the first in his family to get a college degree, Art discovered how he could make a difference in the community. “We need to help kids believe in themselves and their abilities,” he says. “Since I’ve been principal here, we’ve sent more kids to college than ever before. We’re moving forward and making progress.”

“I like to tell my kids, if you don’t think you can do something, you can dream it. Overcome obstacles. It’s OK to learn through failure.”
Homecoming tailgater and hockey game a big success

More than 500 alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends attended Davenport’s home-coming game against Grand Valley State University. Many enjoyed the tailgate party prior to the game, where highlights included a live band, a visit from Pounce Panther, dinner catered by Brann’s Steakhouse and give-aways from the Alumni Association. DU’s Division II hockey team beat cross town rivals GVSU by a score of 3-0.

Homecoming ambassadors receive scholarships

At this year’s homecoming tailgate two students were chosen as the 2009 home-coming Panther ambassadors. Mitch Reatini, a junior studying strategic management in the BBA/MBA program, and Adam Isley, a junior in the accounting honors program, will each receive a $1,000 scholarship from the Alumni Association. Congratulations!

Dr. Joe Parr, Monique Colizzi ‘91 and her niece and nephews

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DU graduate degree is a smart choice

Did you know that Davenport has one of the largest MBA programs in Michigan, not to mention more than 100 years of business experience? DU also offers a Master of Science in Information Assurance (MSIA). Both programs are accredited and recognized by various agencies.

MBA concentrations include Accounting, Finance, Human Resource Management, Health Care Management and Strategic Management and a new Executive MBA recently launched in Grand Rapids and Livonia. Together with the MSIA, these graduate programs enhance DU’s mission to support the fields of business, technology and health. Classes are held across the state at select campuses and completely online.

In today’s tight economy, education certainly pays. Those holding a master’s degree can expect a significant increase in median income and higher demand for job opportunities.

To learn more, visit www.davenport.edu/mba or www.davenport.edu/msia for information on graduate programs.

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EDUCATION PAYS

As a benefit to DU alumni, we’ve removed the GMAT requirement in some cases to streamline the admissions process.

“If you’re a DU graduate with a 3.4 GPA or higher, there’s no need to take the GMAT,” says Dr. Sue Glover, associate dean for the MBA program of the Donald W. Maine School of Business.
**Class Notes**

**Professional**

Michigan Army National Guard Captain Christopher Stone, '08 business, has returned after deploying to a forward operating base in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is a member of the 126th Press Camp Headquarters. While serving overseas, Stone was a member of the Media Operations Center and served as officer in charge of the Embed Section for the Combined Press Information Center, Baghdad, Iraq. Stone was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his leadership.

Lisa Young, '07 health services administration, received a master’s of science in health services administration from Central Michigan University in August 2009.

Cathy Patterson, '00 banking, has been promoted to vice president controller for Commercial Bank. She has worked at the bank since 1998. In her new role, Cathy is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the bank’s accounting department and will also serve as a member of the bank’s management team.

Shawn French, '96 accounting, recently accepted a new position as an accountant for Diversified Financial, Inc.

**Marriages & Engagements**

Ashley Morey, '09 human resource management, and Kristopher Wilson were united in marriage on September 26, 2009.

Debra Lynn Oudbier, '09 marketing, and Brett Thomas Muller exchanged vows on June 26, 2009.

Jena Marie Pirrone, '09 medical billing, and Anthony John Sposato were united in marriage on May 23, 2009.

Ryanna Jean Burley, '08 practical nursing, and Jeremy Scott Houseman were married on August 7, 2009.

Benjamin David Klenk, '08 marketing, and Nicole Marie Larsen exchanged wedding vows on June 6, 2009.

Jessica Nieto, '08 strategic management, and Ryan Heath Sullivan were united in marriage on May 9, 2009.

Kevin Joseph Rasch, '08 marketing, and Kiley Suzanne Mullford were married on August 29, 2009.

Courtney Meaghan Rost, '08 management, and Jeremy Edward Schell exchanged wedding vows on July 25, 2009.

Michelle Marie Van Dommelen, '08 medical assistant, and Joel Arlan Walters were married on July 17, 2009.

Shannon M. Hagen, '07 health services administration, and Christopher A. Lynch exchanged wedding vows on August 29, 2009.

Amy Cieslinski, '05 practical nursing, and Tim Lightfoot were united in marriage on August 30, 2009.

Tara Kay Galla, '05 business, and Scott Anthony Hakes were married on August 1, 2009.


Jeanna Devoe Smith, '02 accounting, and Kan Guvensel were united in marriage on August 9, 2009.


Deborah Lynn Holm, '97 administrative technology, and Brent Stephen Dyke were married on September 12, 2009.

Van Mensinger, '96 accounting, and Carla Pratt were united in marriage May 9, 2009. The couple resides in South Haven, Mich.

**Featured Benefit**

**Alumni Job Links**

DUCareerNET provides links to state and federal employment postings, as well as jobs that employers post specifically for DU alumni. To access this specialized job board, go to www.davenport.edu > Alumni & Donors tab > DUCareerNET link. Or for assistance with all of your career growth needs, visit DUCareerServices on Facebook or call the Davenport Career Services office nearest you.
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