



## NEWS RELEASE

CONTACT:

Rick Jensen  
Davenport University  
616-732-1172  
[rick.jensen@davenport.edu](mailto:rick.jensen@davenport.edu)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Davenport University Announces Plans for New Athletic Complex** *To be named for lead donor Farmers Insurance Group*

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 23, 2012** – Davenport University announced plans for a new athletic complex to be developed on 17 acres donated by the Farmers Insurance Group of Companies®. Located on 68<sup>th</sup> Street just south of the University's W.A. Lettinga Campus and Farmers Insurance Group offices in Caledonia Township, the complex will include baseball and softball stadiums, tennis facilities and more.

"Davenport University is extremely grateful to Farmers Insurance Group for this generous donation," said Dr. Richard J. Pappas, President of Davenport University. "This new space will complement our current athletic facilities at the W.A. Lettinga Campus and provide student athletes new opportunities for training and competition. Also, this new complex will be a wonderful new venue to stage community events."

Lighting that will permit night competition is planned for the facilities, which will also include a concession area, public restrooms, locker rooms and press boxes. Artificial turf will be utilized for both the baseball and softball stadiums, which will seat 300 and 200 spectators respectively. Dimensions for the baseball field are 330' to left and right field and 400' to center, while dimensions for the softball field are 200' to left and right, and 210' to center. The new athletic complex will also include eight tennis courts.

#### **About Davenport University**

Founded in 1866, Davenport is a private, non-profit university helping nearly 13,000 students at campuses across Michigan and online. With tuition among the lowest of all private universities in the state, Davenport provides high academic quality, small class sizes, conveniently located campuses, faculty with real-world experience, and more than 40 dynamic undergraduate and graduate programs addressing in-demand careers in business, technology and health. More information is available at [www.davenport.edu](http://www.davenport.edu).

###