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DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY TO HOST OPENLY STRAIGHT FEATURING AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR BILL KONIGSBERG

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., September 22, 2015 – Davenport University will host Openly Straight, featuring award-winning author Bill Konigsberg on Sept. 23 at the W.A. Lettinga Campus in Grand Rapids. His debut novel, *Out of the Pocket*, won the Lambda Literary Award in 2009. His second novel, *Openly Straight*, won the Sid Fleischman Award for Humor and was a finalist for the Amelia Elizabeth Warren Award and Lambda Literary Awards in 2014. Booklist called it “one of the best gay-themed novels of the last ten years.”

Prior to turning his attention to writing books for teens, Bill was a sports writer and editor for ESPN.com and The Associated Press. In 2001, Bill became the first openly gay male at ESPN when his essay, “Sports World Still a Struggle for Gays,” was published on the front page of ESPN.com. He has spoken about his very public coming out at venues across the country.

All media are invited to attend.

WHAT: Openly Straight featuring Bill Konigsberg
WHEN: Wednesday, September 23, 2015
Noon – 1:00 p.m.
WHERE: Davenport University, W.A. Lettinga Campus
6191 Kraft Ave

About Davenport University

Founded in 1866, Davenport is a private, non-profit university serving about 9,000 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 50 dynamic undergraduate and graduate programs addressing in-demand careers in business, technology, health professions and urban education. More information is available at www.davenport.edu.

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