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UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation Board Co-Chair, Jacqueline Taylor, Ph.D. Honored at Davenport University's Excellence in Business Gala

Chelsea/Grand Rapids, MI, June 9, 2023 – United Methodist Retirement Communities (UMRC)-Porter Hills Foundation Board co-chair, Jacqueline “Jackie” Taylor, Ph.D., was honored at Davenport University’s Excellence in Business Gala held at DeVos Place on Thursday, May 25. Taylor received the 2023 Peter C. Cook Excellence in Business Award for her more than 30 years as an executive-level leader within higher education, most recently as Vice President/Provost of Davenport University.

An alumna of Aquinas College, Taylor holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Michigan State University. In 1984, she was named the first female vice president at Lansing Community College. For eleven years, Taylor led academics statewide and internationally for Davenport University and helped lead development. Today, she chairs the M.E. Davenport Legacy Endowment Committee for Davenport. She continues to provide her expertise as a consultant and executive coach for Pondera Advisors, a leadership consulting practice in Grand Rapids.

Taylor has shared her leadership and business expertise with the Porter Hills Foundation, now the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation, since 2016, according to Steve Fetyko, President & CEO of Brio Living Services and interim President & CEO of UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation. Taylor currently serves as co-chair of the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation.

“A respected leader and passionate volunteer, Jackie’s knowledge, vision, and dedication are invaluable to the older adults we serve across Michigan at Brio Living Services,” said Fetyko. “We admire and applaud Jackie’s work and leadership over her career, and we congratulate her on this much-deserved award from Davenport University.”

Taylor has received numerous awards for her leadership, excellence, and achievement, and has served as a mentor for countless women over the years. Recognized as one of the most influential women in West Michigan in multiple years, Taylor is Past President of the Rotary Club of Grand Rapids and the World Affairs Council of West Michigan. In 2016, she was honored with the Trillium Lifetime Achievement Award from the Michigan Women’s Foundation, which she served as Past Chair.



Jacqueline “Jackie” Taylor (middle), with her granddaughter, Alexandra, and son, Kevin at Davenport University’s Excellence in Business Gala. Taylor received the 2023 Peter C. Cook Excellence in Business Award.

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