

# DAEMEN COLLEGE

## Graduation Week! -2010-

Dear Graduating Students (and Families),

The end of the semester and graduation are right around the corner. For graduating students and their families, this is one of life's milestones which will long be remembered.

To help you make plans for Graduation Week and Commencement, we have enclosed some important information, schedules, and a reservation form on the back page for you to complete and return. It is very important, however, that you make sure you have attended to the following three items.



Three **VERY IMPORTANT** things you should have done:

- 1) Submitted an application for degree with the Registrar's Office.
- 2) Confirmed your decision to ATTEND Commencement or to NOT ATTEND.
- 3) Ordered your cap and gown from the Bookstore.

If any of these things have not been attended to, go **IMMEDIATELY** to this website link for further instruction: <http://www.daemen.edu/offices/registrar/> (see the link for Graduation Information).

Also, please don't hesitate to call the Student Affairs Office with any questions that you may have (716) 839-8332. We are always happy to assist you.

Congratulations, as you commence a new relationship with Daemen College, and best wishes for a successful future.

## **A Note to Families on Commencement**

Daemen College takes pride in graduating its students in a ceremony of great dignity and splendor. It is a way of acknowledging the seriousness and magnitude of the accomplishments of each of our graduates. The College shares this pride with its graduates and their families, as we each play a role in making this a special day for each graduate. The graduation ceremony is approximately two hours long. All graduates and guests are asked to stay for the duration of the event.

Daemen College continues to grow, and once again, we will have a large graduating class. This year, each graduate is asked to limit their invitations to a maximum of **6 guests**, at the graduation ceremony. Limiting the number of guests is necessary to ensure a seat for each graduate's guest, and that we are in compliance with the maximum capacity safety requirements for the building. Listed here is some information about the ceremony that will allow families to help make things run smoothly. Each graduate will be given six graduation invitations, compliments of the Bookstore. These are for your use to announce the big day, and for you to invite your family and friends to help you celebrate. These are not "tickets" to the ceremony.

## **Guests with Special Needs**

We are happy to assist your guests with special needs seating. We can reserve a maximum of 6 seats for your guests. Please contact us in advance, either by phone (716-839-8253) or by email [events@daemen.edu](mailto:events@daemen.edu) to discuss necessary accommodation including wheelchair accessibility to Kleinhans Music Hall.

## **Notes on Kleinhans Music Hall**

1 PM            Outside doors open to Kleinhans Lobby. Graduates and families begin to arrive.

1:30 PM        Line-up begins. (Graduates need to be in the Mary Seaton Room of Kleinhans.)  
Doors open to Kleinhans Auditorium for general seating.

2:30 PM        Commencement begins. (The ceremony lasts approximately 2 hours.)

- Flowers and presents should be given to graduates **after** the Commencement ceremony. They need both hands free when they are on stage (lapel corsages are permissible). The Daemen College Bookstore will have a booth set up in Kleinhans Lobby to sell flowers, disposable cameras, and "Daemen College" gift items.

- Alcohol is not permitted at Commencement.

## **Photos & Portraits**

Families may photograph graduates from their seats, or at a designated photo area located at front left of the auditorium, as you face the stage. **No one will be permitted in the aisles or areas near the stage.**

Chappell Studio/Gradtrak Images will be taking photos of graduates as they walk across the stage. These photos will be made available for purchase to graduates and families several weeks after graduation.

Lifetouch National School Studios will also be taking individual portraits of each of the graduates in their academic attire, in the Mary Seaton Room. There is no cost for the sitting (Daemen College graduation yearbook is a gift from the Student Association for all participants), and copies of the portraits will be made available for purchase by Lifetouch. Lifetouch will also be taking family photos on the second floor lobby, offering pre-paid packages to families.

# EVENTS SCHEDULE

## Wednesday, May 19

**Teacher/Principal Appreciation Dinner**  
PM, Wick North Lawn



## Thursday, May 20

### **Campus Picnic Lunch**

Noon - 1:30 PM, Wick North Lawn

(hot dogs, veggie burgers, potato salad, brownies, soda pop, ice cream)

- *Live music! Free to entire Daemen community (while it lasts).*

- *Bad weather location will be in the Wick Center Dining Room.*

### **Buffalo Harbor Party Cruise**

We've chartered a boat for a private party as we cruise up and down the Niagara River!

\* *See enclosed information & reservation sheet\**

- *Buses leave Wick Center at 5:45 PM. (Those driving can follow the bus.)*

## Friday, May 21

### **Graduation Rehearsal**

1 PM, Wick Dining Room

(All graduating students **MUST** attend.)

### **Baccalaureate Awards Ceremony**

7:30 PM, Wick Social Room

(Seniors begin processional lineup in Cyber Cafe at precisely 7:15 PM.)

\* *See enclosed information sheet.\**

### **Reception**

8:30 PM Wick Dining Room

\* DJ and dancing, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and refreshments served.

\* *This dress-up affair is always a highlight of Graduation Week!*

## Saturday, May 22

### **Champagne Brunch**

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Wick Dining Room

\* See enclosed information & reservation sheet.\*



### **Commencement at Kleinhans Music Hall**

1 PM Outside doors open to Kleinhans Lobby. Graduates and families begin to arrive.

1:30 PM Line-up begins. (Graduates need to be in the Mary Seaton Room of Kleinhans)

**Yearbook Portraits** will also be taken in the Mary Seaton Room.

Doors open to Kleinhans Auditorium for general seating.

2:30 PM Commencement begins. (The ceremony lasts approximately 2 hours.)

*We hope you enjoy Graduation Week, but please be careful and don't **DRINK & DRIVE.***

*Graduation Week*  
**BUFFALO HARBOR**  
**PARTY CRUISE**

Thursday, May 20, 2010

*(Buses leave Daemen at 5:45 PM; ship leaves dock at 7 PM.)*



- ❑ *Pizza, wings, and finger foods*
- ❑ *DJ and Dancing with your favorite music!*
- ❑ *3 hour Cruise along Buffalo's waterfront!*
- ❑ *Make your reservations today!*

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- Tickets are **\$25** each (huge discount!). **LIMIT of 2 tickets per graduate.**
  - Tickets by **prepaid reservation only**
  - Ticket price includes:
    - transportation by bus from Wick Center (leaving at 5:45 PM sharp)
    - the charter cruise
    - finger foods and complimentary beer, wine, and soft drinks
    - all taxes and gratuities
  - Tickets can be picked up at Wick Desk during Graduation Week.
  - All sales are final---**no refunds**.
  - **SEATING IS LIMITED** ---get your tickets early!

To make your reservation, fill out the **PARTY CRUISE** section of the reservation form (final page) and return it with your check in the appropriate amount.

***DRESS for COMFORT and WARMTH:***

Bring a sweater or light jacket as the boat has open sides and the trip runs rain or shine.

# **BACCALAUREATE AWARDS CEREMONY**

Friday, May 21, 2010

7:30 PM, Wick Center Social Room

(Seniors begin processional lineup in Cyber Cafe at precisely 7:15 PM.)

Graduating seniors, their families, and members of the College community invited.

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*The word Baccalaureate is steeped in academic tradition. Some historians date it back to the eighth century. Originally known as a spiritual observance of accomplishment, the Baccalaureate has come to be recognized as an event that celebrates achievement, aspiration, and the completion of undergraduate and graduate careers. At Daemen, we take this time to celebrate academic traditions and perspectives, honoring excellence and achievement well-earned, and to congratulate undergraduate students who represent excellence in each department.*

## **- Program -**

*Opening Remarks presented by the President of Daemen College*

*Senior Address by the Senior Class President*

*Seniors presented awards for their academic achievements*

*Several campus-wide awards presented*

*Closing Remarks by the Dean of the College*

*This is a dress up affair! (Academic attire is not required.)*

## **RECEPTION**

8:30 PM - Midnight, Wick Center Dining Room

*All graduating students (undergraduate and graduate students) and their families are invited to attend this pre-Commencement celebration.*

*DJ and dancing, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and light beverages.*

*Compliments of the Student Association and Senior Class!*

*Let the party begin!*

### **WIN SPECIAL SEATING for YOUR GUESTS at COMMENCEMENT!**

To add to the excitement to this year's ceremony, all graduating students who attend the Baccalaureate Ceremony will be entered into a raffle for six specially reserved VIP seats for their guests, at Commencement, at Kleinhans Music Hall. The raffle will be held immediately following the Baccalaureate Ceremony, at the Reception in Wick Campus Center Dining Room.

NOTE: Only those who attend the Baccalaureate Ceremony will be eligible for the raffle.

# COMMENCEMENT CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

To help make this Graduation Day special, Daemen Dining Service is offering a Champagne Brunch to be served in Wick Dining Room, from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, on Saturday, May 22, 2010.

This Brunch will enable you to spend a leisurely morning, and have plenty of time to get to Kleinhans Music Hall for the Commencement ceremony.

The Brunch will be by **prepaid reservation only**.

COST: **\$16.95** - adults

**\$8.50** - children 5 to 12 years of age

**free** - children under 5 (Please indicate if a high chair or booster is requested.)

To reserve your brunch space, simply fill out the **Champagne Brunch reservation section** on the reservation form (final page), and return it with your check in the appropriate amount. You may pick up your tickets in Wick Lobby upon your arrival for the weekend, or even on Saturday morning.

This event is always very popular and may exceed the seating capacity of Wick Dining Room, thus forcing us to limit reservations. Since reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, please plan on making your reservations at your earliest possible convenience.

## Menu

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*Omelet Station*  
*Carved Roast Beef*  
*Carved Roasted Turkey*  
*Kaiser Rolls*  
*Assorted Fresh Fruit*  
*Pastry Table*  
*Scrambled Eggs*  
*French Toast*  
*Pork Bacon*  
*Turkey Sausage*  
*Diced Potatoes*  
*Pasta Alfredo*  
*French Toast*  
*Coffee Station*  
*Juice Station*  
*Champagne and Mimosas*



# **GRADUATION LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

*Each year at Daemen College's Commencement ceremonies, several awards are conferred to selected seniors who have distinguished themselves within the College community, as students with demonstrated leadership. The President's Office, the Student Association, and the Alumni Relations Office each solicit nominations from members of the College community, for names of graduating undergraduate students to be candidates for these unique leadership awards. Nominations should also include appropriate supporting material on the candidate, for review by the committees of these respective awards.*

## **PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

Conferred by the Office of the President

*A leadership award that particularly recognizes an undergraduate student who has exhibited extraordinary dedication, care, and concern for their fellow students.*

NOMINATIONS and SUPPORTING MATERIALS/INFORMATION should be sent to the Office of the President by April 21, 2010.

## **MARY ANGELA CANAVAN AWARD**

Conferred by the Student Association

*A leadership award that particularly recognizes an undergraduate student who has made significant contributions to the betterment of student life at the College.*

SELF-NOMINATIONS and SUPPORTING MATERIALS/INFORMATION should be sent to the Student Activities Office by April 21, 2010.

## **ALUMNI SENIOR AWARD**

Conferred by the Daemen College Alumni Association

*A leadership award that particularly recognizes an undergraduate student who has demonstrated exceptional dedication to the larger community.*

NOMINATIONS and SUPPORTING MATERIALS/INFORMATION should be sent to the Alumni Relations Office by April 21, 2010.



# **CAMPUS ACCOMMODATIONS**

## GRADUATING STUDENTS (Non-Resident)

Graduating students can stay on campus for only \$5 per night, beginning Thursday, May 20 through Sunday, May 23, checkout by 10 AM. Students will need to bring their own pillows, blankets, towels, sheets, and personal items. Complete the On Campus Accommodations section of the Reservation Form on the final page. For special housing requests call the Residence Life Office (716) 839-8200.

## GUEST

Graduating students are permitted to share a room with a guest (one guest per student). Guest rate is \$10 per night.

## CHECK-IN TIMES: (Check-In at the Residence Life Office in Wick Center - 2nd floor)

Thursday, May 20: 12 PM - 4 PM

Friday, May 21: 12 PM - 4 PM

## GRADUATING STUDENTS (Resident during the 2009-2010 academic year)

Graduating students, who resided on campus during the 2009-2010 academic year, may stay on campus free-of-charge. YES, current resident students MUST make reservations for accommodations if they are planning to stay in the residence halls by using the On Campus Reservations section of the Reservation Form, on the last page of this packet. For special housing requests call the Residence Life Office (716) 839-8200.

## CHECK-OUT TIME: Sunday, May 23: 10 AM

## FAMILIES & FRIENDS

Listed on this page are a number of local hotels and motels at which families may wish to stay.

## **Local Hotels & Motels**

Homewood Suites Amherst  
1138 Millersport Hwy.  
Amherst, NY 14221  
(716) 833-2277  
(800) 225-5466

The Marriott Inn  
1340 Millersport Hwy.  
Amherst, NY 14221  
(716) 689-6900  
(800) 228-9290

The Lord Amherst  
5000 Main Street  
Amherst, NY 14226  
(716) 839-2200  
(800) 544-2200

Courtyard Marriott  
4100 Sheridan Drive  
Buffalo, NY 14221  
(716) 626-2300  
(800) 321-2211

Boulevard Inn and Suites  
3612 Main Street  
Amherst, NY 14226  
(716) 837-3344

Hotel Indigo  
10 Flint Road  
Amherst, NY 14226  
(716) 689-4414  
(877) 846-3446

Hampton Inn-Williamsville  
5455 Main St.  
Williamsville, NY 14221  
(716) 632-0900  
(866) 466-9853

Hampton Inn-Buffalo Airport/Galleria  
1745 Walden Ave.  
Buffalo, NY 14225  
(716) 894-8000  
(800) 426-7866

The Red Roof  
42 Flint Road  
Amherst, NY 14226  
(716) 689-7474  
(800) 733-7663

Comfort Inn University  
1 Flint Road  
Amherst, NY 14226  
(716) 688-0811  
(800) 424-6423

Holiday Inn  
4600 Genesee Street  
Cheektowaga, NY 14225  
(716) 634-6969  
(800) 465-4329

# COMMENCEMENT NOTES

## Mortarboard Caps

Women may wish to pin their caps to their heads using hair pins, so they do not fall off when marching into Kleinhans Music Hall, or while crossing the stage. Men will be required to remove their caps during the playing of the National Anthems and during the invocation.

## Don't Be Late!

Commencement begins at precisely 2:30 PM. You need to be in the Mary Seaton Room of Kleinhans

NO LATER than 1 PM.

Graduates arriving after the final list is handed to the Dean will be removed from the line-of-march, they will not cross the stage, and their name will not be read by the Dean. : (

Yearbook portraits will also be taken in the Mary Seaton Room before and after the ceremony.

There is no cost for the sitting fee and participants will receive a complimentary copy of the Graduation Yearbook.

## Gifts and Things

The Daemen College Bookstore will have a booth set up in Kleinhan's Lobby to sell flowers, disposable cameras, and "Daemen College" gift items.

## Moving Your Tassel

Near the end of the ceremony, the Dean of the College will direct all the graduates to move their tassels from the right to the left hand side of the mortarboard.



## Rehearsal

Graduation rehearsal on Friday, May 21 is **mandatory** for all graduating students.

It starts promptly at 1 pm, in Wick Center at Daemen College.

## Carrying the Hood

The hood is carried on the left arm with the colored band near the wrist, and the pointed end of the hood laying out, away from the body. After accepting the diploma cover from the President and shaking his hand, you will transfer the cover to your right hand and present your hood to the person who will place it over your head.

## Diplomas

Diplomas will be available for pickup (in the Mary Seaton Room at Kleinhans) immediately after the Commencement ceremony to all May graduates who filed an Application for Degree form by February 1. Diplomas that are not picked up will be mailed to the address the student indicated on his/her Application for Degree form.

## Empty Hands

You will need both your hands free to accept your diploma cover, carry your hood, and shake the President's hand. Parents may present flowers and gifts after the ceremony. These may also be presented at the exit end of the stage. Alcohol is not permitted at Commencement.

## Graduation Attire

Academic attire is **required** to be worn by all processing graduates at the Commencement ceremony.

Graduates need to pick up and pay for their graduation attire in the Daemen College Bookstore, prior to graduation. If you have not already ordered your attire through the Bookstore, please contact them promptly at (716) 839-8245.

## Canadian Grads

Congratulations!

You persevered border crossings and many nights in hotels and motels to finally get your degree. As you make plans to celebrate with us, please consider coming early on Friday for rehearsal, staying for the Baccalaureate Reception festivities on Friday night, spending the night in the area, attending the Graduation morning Champagne Brunch, and then leisurely making your way to Commencement.

Canadian graduates in past years have had problems easily making it across the border during **Victoria Day** holiday, and have indicated they wish they had come the day before, as we suggest.

# **ACADEMIC ATTIRE for Commencement**

If you are planning to participate in the Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 22, 2010, at Kleinhans Music Hall, and even if you are not sure at this time if you will be able to participate, it is very important that you place an order for attire. A CAP and GOWN ARE REQUIRED to be worn by all participants. You will not be charged if you cancel an order. However, there is the possibility you will be charged a \$5.00 late fee if you order after MARCH 5, 2010.

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2010, in the BOOKSTORE so that you will be guaranteed to have your academic attire. Orders may be placed by using the link on the Registrar's page, by phone, or in person. Payment is made when you pick up your package before Commencement in May.

We are excited to announce that for the first time, all caps and gowns are made in the USA from 100% post-consumer plastic bottles, making the attire a sustainable choice!

Caps are elasticized and one-size-fits-all. The mortarboard is traditionally worn in a horizontal position, not perched vertically on the back of one's head. The tassel is worn over the right side of the hat before the degree is conferred, and moved to the left during the ceremony. Gowns are to be eight to ten inches from the floor while wearing shoes. Please note this when you are placing your order. We will add inches to your height if necessary to ensure the correct length. The hood is carried over your arm until you have walked across the stage at Commencement. Explicit instructions will be given to you at rehearsal.

The colors inside the hood are blue and white to represent the college. The velvet trim on the hood signifies the degree: gold for the Sciences, white for the Liberal Arts, dark brown for the Fine Arts and teal for Doctor of Physical Therapy. If you are getting a dual degree, the Science degree takes precedence over the Liberal Arts or Fine Arts degree.

The Bookstore has a selection of diploma frames and other gifts available for purchase. The Balfour/Art-Carved class ring representative will be in the Bookstore February 17-18, 2010. Rings ordered at that time should be shipped before graduation.

The Bookstore will be open 8-11am the morning of Commencement for last minute purchases. Bookstore staff will be present as well at Kleinhans with a small selection of flowers and gifts available for purchase before and during the ceremony.

## **PRICES FOR ACADEMIC ATTIRE PURCHASES FOR 2010 ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

BACHELORS	Complete (gown, hood, cap & tassel)	\$62.00
MASTERS	Complete (gown, hood, cap & tassel)	\$66.00
DOCTORATE	Complete (gown, hood, cap & tassel)	\$79.00

Any questions concerning Commencement attire or announcements should be directed to the Bookstore, 716.839.8245. Thank you and CONGRATULATIONS!

# MAP TO KLEINHANS MUSIC HALL AND THE BUFFALO AREA

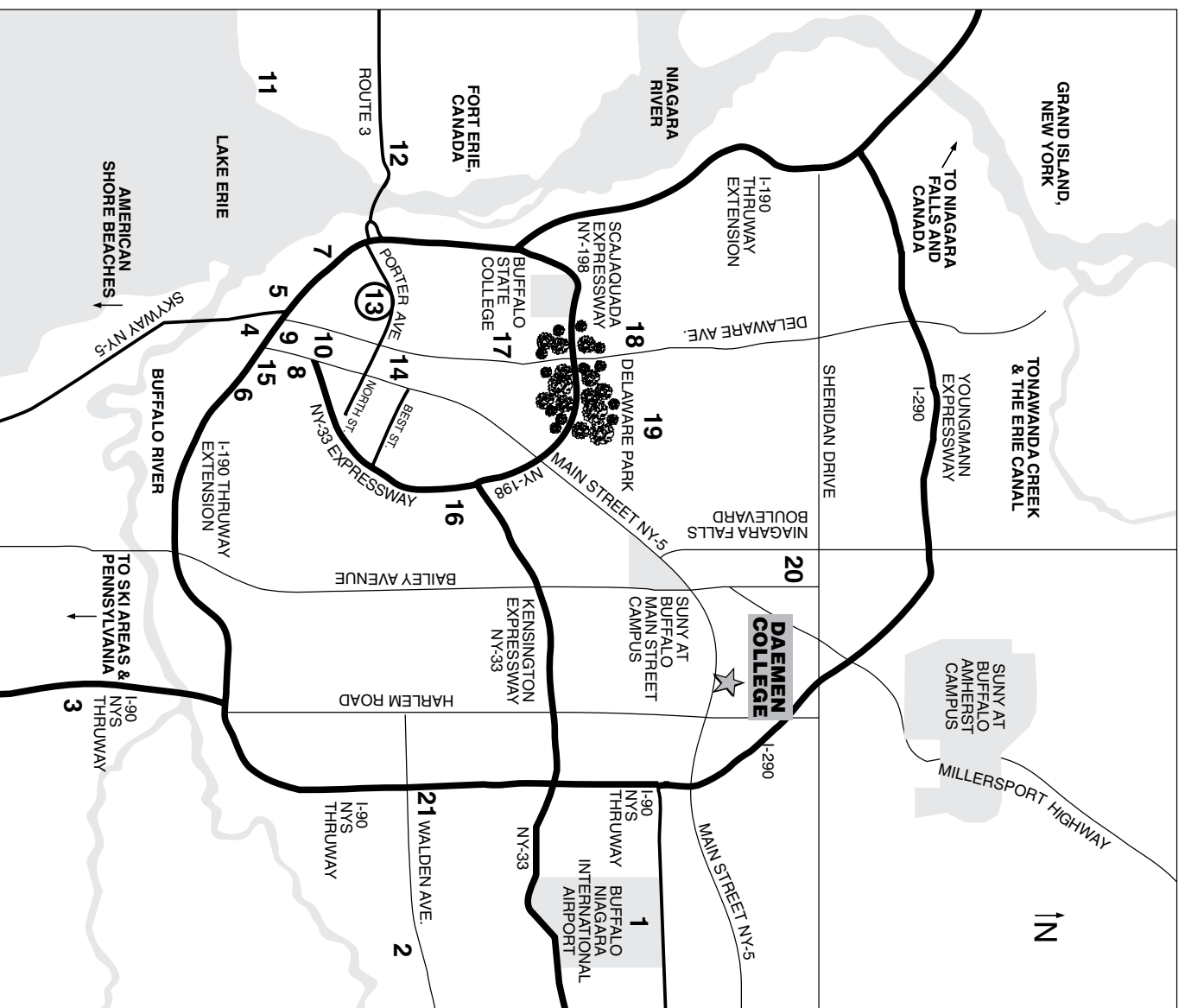
## Key to Buffalo, New York

### ★ DAEMEN COLLEGE

1. Buffalo Niagara International Airport
2. Amtrak Terminal
3. Ralph Wilson Stadium (NFL Football)
4. HSBC Arena (NHL Hockey)
5. Naval Park
6. Bus Terminal
7. Erie Basin Marina
8. Erie County Library
9. Buffalo Convention Center
10. Theatre District
11. Fort Erie
12. Peace Bridge to Canada
13. **Kleinhans Music Hall (Daemen College Commencement)\***
14. Allentown/Delaware Historic Area
15. Dunn Tire Park (Baseball)
16. Museum of Science
17. Albright-Knox Art Gallery
18. Historical Society Museum
19. Buffalo Zoo
20. Northtown Plaza
21. Walden Galleria

**Kleinhans Music Hall**  
71 Symphony Circle  
Buffalo, NY 14201

\* To go from Daemen College to Kleinhans Music Hall, allow 30 minutes driving time.



# RESERVATION FORM

Graduate's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address where we can send ticket confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

## ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATIONS

GRADUATING STUDENT (Resident during the 2009-2010 academic year)

(no charge for resident students) Available through SAT night.

Departure day \_\_\_\_\_ COST \$ 0

GRADUATING STUDENT (Non-Resident)

Number of nights \_\_\_\_\_ (\$5/night) Available THU - SAT nights.

Arrival day \_\_\_\_\_ Departure day \_\_\_\_\_ COST \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST - only **one guest** permitted.

Number of nights \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10/night) Available THU - SAT nights.

Arrival day \_\_\_\_\_ Departure day \_\_\_\_\_ COST \_\_\_\_\_

**Total cost for all On-Campus Accommodations-----\$** \_\_\_\_\_

## GRADUATION DAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH (prepaid reservation only)

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16.95 (adult)

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.50 (ages 5 to 12)

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ free under 5 (Please indicate if a high chair or booster is requested.)

**Total cost for Champagne Brunch-----\$** \_\_\_\_\_

## BUFFALO HARBOR PARTY CRUISE

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25/ticket (LIMIT of 2 tickets per graduate) =

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL -----\$** \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

\_\_\_\_ Check (made payable to DAEMEN COLLEGE)

\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_ Discover

Name on Acct \_\_\_\_\_

Acct # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Authorizing Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return  
this form by April 30.

DAEMEN COLLEGE  
Student Affairs Office  
4380 Main Street  
Amherst, NY 14226