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Office of the President

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Daemen College  
Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing with some exciting news. First, the College has completed its budget planning process for the upcoming year, and the Board of Trustees approved a 2% raise for all faculty and staff, effective July 1. This is especially good news given the fact that a number of other colleges are struggling to meet their enrollment goals.

I am also pleased to announce that after a national search, Daemen College has appointed Craig Harris, an accomplished fundraising professional with more than 18 years of experience in education, as vice president for institutional advancement. His appointment is effective July 5. In this role, Harris will oversee the areas of fundraising, alumni relations, publications, and conferences and events.

Harris comes to Daemen from Canisius High School, where he served as vice president for institutional advancement. Prior to this, he held advancement positions at Hilbert College, including associate vice president for development and director of alumni relations and annual giving. He is also an experienced student affairs professional, having worked in various capacities in this area at C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University, St. Lawrence University, and SUNY Fredonia.

Active in the community, Harris is currently a trustee on the Kenmore Mercy Foundation and president-elect of the Association of Fundraising Professionals Western New York Chapter. He holds a master's degree in student personnel administration from SUNY Buffalo State and a bachelor's degree in communication from SUNY Fredonia. He also participated in the Council of Independent Colleges Senior Leadership Academy. Please help me welcome Craig to the Daemen family: [charris8185@yahoo.com](mailto:charris8185@yahoo.com)

I would like to publicly thank Deb Scott for serving as interim vice president while we conducted this search. She did a fabulous job of continuing to lead Institutional Advancement to new levels of excellence. Please also help me thank her for her efforts on our behalf: [dscott1@daemen.edu](mailto:dscott1@daemen.edu)

I hope you have an enjoyable and productive summer.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson  
President