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Office of the President

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Daemen College
Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you have had a relaxing, enjoyable, and productive summer and are looking forward to another exciting academic year.

We continue to monitor student enrollment closely. Student registration on the Amherst campus is still ongoing, and registration in Brooklyn extends into October. We will not have any real sense of whether the state's new Excelsior (free tuition) program will adversely affect our enrollment until both campuses have completed the enrollment process. Given that fact, I think it is wise to postpone the Fall State of the College Address (originally scheduled for September 15) until October when I will be able to present a clear picture of where we stand. Once we determine a workable date for the re-scheduled address, we will send out a save-the-date notice.

In the meantime, please plan to help celebrate the college's 70th Anniversary during the various events comprising Founders Celebration. I especially look forward to the kick-off event—the bell-ringing ceremony meant to commemorate the college's deep commitment to academic excellence. Please join Dr. Brogan and me at Founders Bell outside Rosary Hall on Thursday, September 7 at 11:30 to celebrate exceptional teaching and learning.

I look forward to seeing you during Founders Celebration, and I will, of course, keep you updated on developments as appropriate.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson
President