

Fall 2017

Dear parents and family members,

The college years are a time of exploration, experimentation, and learning on many levels for students and their parents or family members! Some student challenges may seem more positive than others, but all contribute to the educational outcomes of the Daemen College experience.

Throughout these years, students are developing a "record of achievement" that will be evaluated by employers and graduate schools as they move beyond college:

- Academic achievement: The grade point average (GPA) is one factor considered by competitive employers and graduate schools. It is one of the few tangible indications of a student's ability to learn and perform effectively, at least in the academic environment. Therefore, students need to do as well as possible in the classroom, especially in courses related to their major.
- Related work experience: In today's competitive employment market, many employers seek students who have related internship, summer, or part-time job or volunteer experiences. In fact, employers often look to their own such programs as primary sources for their new hires. These experiences are particularly critical for liberal arts students whose majors may not appear to be directly related to their area of career interest.
- Responsible involvement outside the classroom: Extracurricular and co-curricular activities provide the opportunity for students to gain many valuable and career-related skills, such as the ability to work effectively with others in a team environment; leadership; planning and organizational skills; priority-setting and time management. These are part of the package of skills employers seek in their new hires. Please encourage your students to take advantage of the many opportunities including study abroad and internships in DC, Albany and overseas.

Know that the Daemen College Career Advisors sole purpose is to support your student towards their success. Please encourage your student to regularly engage with Career Services every year.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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