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Office of the President

December 5, 2017

Daemen College
Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are having a productive and rewarding semester. I am writing with good news.

First, thanks to scheduling changes at Kleinhans Music Hall, Daemen will be able to take advantage of a more favorable schedule for our two Commencement ceremonies. Beginning with Commencement next May, our annual undergraduate ceremony will be held at noon, and our graduate ceremony will be held at 4:30. This schedule will provide a more enjoyable experience for our graduates and their families, and should also be less onerous for participating faculty and staff.

Also, I am pleased to announce the launch of a national search for a permanent Vice President for Business Affairs. The committee will be co-chaired by Dr. Greg Naylor, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Kelly Duran, Chief Information Officer. The committee comprises Mame Yaa Ankoma-Mensa, Student-Athlete Success Coordinator; Robert Chur, Trustee; Jillian Connor, Director for Advancement Services; Dr. Laura Edsberg, Associate Professor of Natural Sciences; Alan Gracie, Trustee; Robin King, Director of Academic Grants and Sponsored Programs; Dr. Linda Kuechler, Professor of Accounting; Jeff Pagano, Director of Financial Aid; Lisa Rosati, Bursar; and Rachel Shapiro, Political Science student. The committee hopes to invite finalists for the position to campus in the spring.

In addition, I am delighted to announce the appointment of Brandi Guerinot as Interim Director of Athletics, effective January 5. Brandi currently serves as Daemen's Senior Associate Athletics Director for Internal Operations, and she brings substantial experience to this new position. She has worked at NCAA headquarters as an intern, at Boston College as an associate director for compliance and recruiting, and at SUNY Buffalo as the assistant athletics director for compliance. Please help me congratulate Brandi: bguerino@daemen.edu

Finally, as you know, we are experiencing a period of austerity as we adjust to the state's new Excelsior "free-tuition" program for public colleges. With this in mind, Dining Services has generously offered to underwrite the entire cost of the college's upcoming holiday party on December 20, from 3:30 to 5:00 in the Social Room. Please help me thank Ryan Richardson for his generosity in helping the college get through this difficult year: ryan.richardson@hallmarkdining.com

I look forward to seeing you on the 20th!

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson
President