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Office of the President

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Daemen College
Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to announce that Bridget Niland will be stepping down as Daemen's Director of Athletics in January to take on an exciting new challenge: she has accepted a position to work for the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo and the Ralph C. Wilson's WNY Youth Sport Initiative.

In addition to that work, Bridget will continue to have a faculty role here at Daemen. She will continue to be involved with the Business Administration/Sport Management program and the recently launched Center for Allied and Unified Sport and Exercise, for which Daemen recently received a \$50,000 grant.

When Bridget began as AD in July 2014, she was given three specific goals: to transition the college to full NCAA Division II status, build a competitive DII athletics program, and establish external revenue streams. Along with an extremely talented group of people here in Daemen Athletics, we have reached and exceeded these three goals. We have a very capable leadership team in place, and the stage is set for the next AD to take our 17 sports even further in WNY and nationwide.

Bridget will continue work in the AD role over the next few months to ensure a smooth transition for the next Daemen AD. I will be sharing additional details on the transition and replacement process within the next few weeks.

Please help me thank Bridget for her service to Daemen and congratulate her on her new position.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson
President