



DAEMEN COLLEGE

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Dear Colleagues,

I want to welcome each and every one of you to another great year at Daemen. I am writing with another update on recent developments.

At its September 10 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved our new Records Retention Policy, an updated procedures manual for Institutional Advancement, and an operating budget for this year. Members of the College's external auditing firm reported that the College's finances are in good order and that no irregularities were found. Also, I reported to the Board many of the new and exciting developments since the last meeting, such as the demolition of Serra Hall and the creation of a new parking lot with 23 spaces; the inaugural meetings of the Emeritus Faculty and Community Advisory Boards; renovations in Duns Scotus to create a new 52-seat classroom and new faculty offices; and technology upgrades, including a new state-of-the-art computer classroom in Duns Scotus and technology in the Social Room and the Executive Dining Room for presentations.

We have 146 new parking spaces this year and forty new employees, eighteen of whom are faculty. And I am delighted to report that we exceeded our enrollment goals for the year—and importantly, the quality of our incoming students continues to rise. Daemen is continuing to become a college of first choice for many prospective students.

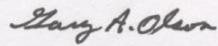
Several in the Daemen community have recently won awards and honors. Our International Center for Excellence in Animation has won the Amherst Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award for Innovation. Bob Beiswanger has won the *Business First* Award as being among the Best of Western New York's Top-Level

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Executives. Professor Laura Edsberg has won *Business First's* Women of Influence, 2013 Award. The New York State Society of Physician Assistants has named Professor Joel Patterson its 2013 Physician Assistant Educator of the Year. Professor Matt Kearns, a Clinical Instructor of Physical Therapy, has won *Business First's* "30 Under 30" Award. And Richanne Mankey is one of five finalists for the Greater Buffalo Partnership's ATHENA Award for the Highest Level of Professional Excellence. Please help me congratulate them for these well-deserved distinctions.

I will continue keep you updated as developments occur, and, of course, at the State of the College Address in early October. I wish you a pleasant and productive semester.

Cordially.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary A. Olson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Gary A. Olson
President