



DAEMEN COLLEGE

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Daemen College
Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing with another update on issues of importance to you and our community.

At its recent meeting, the Daemen College Board of Trustees appointed a new member of the Board: Kevin Carter, a prominent judge for the Erie County Family Court. Mr. Carter, who has served as a judge since 2003, received his B.A. degree in philosophy from Canisius College in 1986 and his J.D. degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1989. This is a significant appointment for Daemen and our governing Board.

The Board also approved our proposal to transition to a single provider for our retirement program—TIAA CREF—eliminating AXA as an option. You will hear more about this from the professionals in Human Resources.

I am delighted to report that we have appointed Dr. Richanne C. Mankey Vice President for Institutional Advancement. In her half year as interim in this position, Dr. Mankey has made substantial progress in leading this important Division to new levels of excellence. Our fundraising efforts are showing impressive results, and, most importantly, Dr. Mankey is the perfect fit for this particular position: she has exhibited demonstrable success, has developed a rapport with her staff, and has over many years cultivated the kinds of relationships and personal contacts that will help us move forward on many Advancement initiatives. Please help me welcome Richanne as our new VP for Institutional Advancement.

Now that the Institutional Advancement position has been filled, we will immediately launch a national search for a Vice President for Student Affairs. In the interim, Dr. Mankey will continue to work with Student Affairs as the interim VP and Chris Malik will provide day-to-day support as Acting Dean of Students.

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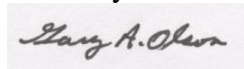
Many of us—myself included—have been frustrated by the sluggishness of our internet connection recently. Our IT professionals have been working diligently to correct the problem. A key piece of equipment has worn out, and we have ordered a new, modern, upgraded replacement. Because these devices are custom-made, we have had to wait to receive our replacement device. We expect to receive it in the first week of December. Please know that your frustration is our frustration, and a fix is on the way.

Finally, Susan Arrigo of the Amherst Symphony Orchestra has extended an invitation to you and our students to attend the Symphony's holiday concert, "Take Time for Traditions," conducted by Steven Thomas, on Sunday, December 8 at Amherst Middle School Auditorium, 55 Kings Highway. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m., with a pre-concert at 6:15 pm (WNHS Choirs). The concert is free and open to the public and will feature Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*, Vivaldi's *Gloria*, a *Fiddler on the Roof* medley, a traditional holiday sing-a-long, and a post-concert cookie and punch reception.

I will continue keep you updated as developments occur, and, I hope to see you at the holiday reception on December 12 at 3:30 in the Social Room. If you have not done so, please confirm your attendance at the link provided in the e-invitation or by calling the Office of the President at 839-8210.

I wish you a restful holiday break, and I thank you for all you do to make our college such a wonderful place to work and learn.

Cordially.



Gary A. Olson
President