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Office of the President

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Daemen College  
Students

Dear Students,

As our spring semester comes to a close, I wanted to reach out to extend my heartfelt appreciation for all that you have overcome these last few months. You have been faced with an unprecedented challenge to your academic career, one that none of us could have seen coming. I am proud to say that, true to form, our Daemen family stepped up and persevered. This is a testament to the strong foundation of hard work, discipline and innovation deeply rooted in a Daemen education.

When we talk about the future, there is still a great deal of uncertainty. What we want you to know, without question, is that the college remains committed to the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff. College leadership is working tirelessly to plan for the safe return of on-campus activities and teaching for the fall semester. This involves the incorporation of social distancing, protective masks, and other such measures.

We continue to operate under the guidance of state and local officials, and, at this time, we remain cautiously optimistic that we will resume in-person classes for the fall semester. That being said, we want to be prepared should circumstances outside of our control prohibit this from happening. Our information technology professionals in coordination with academic affairs are working on contingency plans for extending our distance education into the fall semester. To be sure, this is a last resort measure that we hope we will not need to implement.

College leadership is constantly monitoring and evaluating the situation and is being prudently proactive in planning for all potential scenarios for the 2020-2021 academic year. Our goal is to make certain that any scenario continues to provide a first-rate academic experience for all Daemen students. We will continue to utilize strategic collaboration, innovative problem solving and community-wide support to navigate this global crisis. As always, we will keep the campus updated as decisions are made.

The end of every academic year presents an opportunity for both the celebration of accomplishments and evaluation for the future. As I look back on this past semester, I can say that the Daemen family has much to celebrate in its perseverance and strength during this complete upheaval of life as we knew it. I encourage you to take the time to reflect on the difficult path you have forged this semester as we weathered a truly catastrophic storm. You are stronger, wiser and better prepared for what lies ahead than ever before.

I wish you continued health and safety, and best of luck with your final exams.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson  
President