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Office of the President

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Daemen University  
Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I hope your spring semester is off to a good start. We are looking forward to warmer days and the blossoming of the new trees on Saffrin Public Square.

I am writing with a few updates. I am delighted to inform you that the state has approved a new and unique academic offering: a BS in criminal justice. The program focuses on community-based and restorative justice practices. I'd like to thank Provost Brogan, and Drs. Emer, Marchione, Parshall, and Wendland for their hard work in developing this unique program.

The New York State Department of Education has also approved a newly updated Doctor of Nursing Practice program designed to prepare nurses at the highest level for advanced clinical practice. Students will acquire new skills and knowledge for patient care, with a focus on informatics, technology, leadership, healthcare financing, and health care policy.

Finally, after a long and successful career, the last 5 years at Daemen, Vice President for Business Affairs, Dr. Robert Rood has decided to retire. His last day will be May 30. His leadership in the areas of Student Accounts, Financial Aid, and Business Affairs ensures that Daemen is in a strong financial position as we move closer to the "enrollment cliff" that all of higher education will experience beginning in 2025. His leadership of the Employee Engagement team helps make Daemen a community of professionals committed to the success and well-being of our students and each other. We will form a search committee for his replacement in the near future. Please help me thank Dr. Rood for his dedicated service to Daemen [rrood@daemen.edu](mailto:rrood@daemen.edu). We wish him well on his retirement.

I hope you have a productive and rewarding semester.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson  
President