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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Daemen University
Students, Faculty, and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the entire Daemen community, we are deeply saddened to share that graduate student, Elizabeth Smith, passed away on August 21. Elizabeth enrolled in Daemen in 2022 and was pursuing her Nursing Education M.S. degree.

Elizabeth's passion for caring for others was evident in her roles as a nurse and nursing professor, and her impact spanned across patients and students throughout Western New York.

A [visitation](#) will be held Friday, August 29, from 3 – 8 p.m. at Lombardo Funeral Home (Northtowns Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, August 30, at 9 a.m. at St. Leo the Great, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst (please assemble at church).

If anyone in the Daemen Community needs support, counselors in the CHIP Center will be available for drop-in hours on Wednesday, August 27, between 2 – 4 p.m. They can also be reached via phone at (716) 839-7380 or email at chip@daemen.edu.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Elizabeth's family and friends.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson
President