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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Daemen University  
Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are having a productive semester while finding time to enjoy our unusually mild fall weather. I am writing with a few updates.

Please be aware that for the next two days, the final mature trees will be installed on Saffrin Public Square. At times there will be several pieces of heavy equipment in use in this operation, so please exercise all due precautions as you traverse the square. I want to thank those of you who have already adopted or contributed to the trees and remind you that there is still time to do so if you wish to support the project.

I am delighted to report that Ms. Kari Costelloe has been appointed chief of staff and will begin her duties on Monday. Kari brings to Daemen a great depth and breadth of experience in higher education, having held positions in Academic Affairs, Business Affairs, and Information Technology at the University at Buffalo and Medaille College over the last 17 years. She earned an Ed.M. in Higher Education Administration and a B.A. in English from UB, and an M.A. in Literature and Publishing from the University of Galway. She also is a certified project management professional. Please help me welcome Kari to the Daemen family:

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Finally, I hope you will join me at a special reception on Friday at 3:30 in Alumni lounge to celebrate Amanda Gross for her half decade of dedicated service to Daemen. This is a wonderful time to celebrate true excellence!

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson  
President