

Office of the President

January 12, 2023

Daemen University Students, Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

We continue to make great strides at our Amherst campus in repairing the damage in Duns Scotus Hall caused by the blizzard. Our dedicated team has been working nonstop on this important project. As is often the case with this type of work, though, our initial timeline will have to change as the repairs unfold. Our main focus continues to be ensuring community members' safety while starting classes with as minimal interruption as possible.

With this in mind, we have determined that the best course of action is to delay the start of the spring term by one week, with classes now beginning on February 1, 2023. Spring Break will remain intact as it is a necessary reprieve for community members; however, we will need to cancel the spring holiday (Friday, April 7; Monday and Tuesday, April 10 and 11). This plan will not affect any other dates, including Academic Festival, the last day of classes, final exams, and Commencement.

Senior Vice President Nayor will follow-up this message with more detailed information in short order, which will then be placed on our <u>DS Rehab website</u> and will include additional information on temporary office realignments, room closures, and so on.

In addition, Provost Brogan will convene a meeting of all faculty for this Friday at noon to share details and answer questions. Academic Affairs will send out a separate message to faculty shortly with login information.

Please know that this situation remains fluid, and we will continue to pivot as the situation dictates.

While it is unfortunate that we have yet another crisis to manage, Daemen continues to navigate challenges creatively and with alacrity.

Thank you again for your continued patience and support.

Cordially,

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President