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Daemen College
Students

Dear Students,

The most recent federal stimulus act signed by Congress contained a portion of money to be exclusively used to assist students and their families with “expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care.” As we did last spring, Daemen has received \$936,000 for this purpose.

This time, these dollars can also be awarded to any student who is a US citizen and currently enrolled in classes (or plans to enroll in classes for the Spring 2020 semester), regardless of whether they are taking classes online or face-to-face. We are going to implement the same process that we used last spring. A committee has been formed with administrators from academic affairs, student affairs, diversity and inclusion, and financial aid who will accept applications for these funds. They will use the same straightforward process in making award decisions, prioritizing students who have been directly affected by COVID-19.

To be clear, this process will be inclusive of all students who are US citizens at the Amherst and Branch campuses. We will not be using a one-size fits all model, but rather awarding funds based on need and impact. Last spring, we were able to put money in the hands of 775 students and hope to be able to do so again.

On Monday morning, the application for this process will be live and will be sent out to students via email from the Division of Student Affairs.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson
President