

Office of the President

September 14, 2022

Daemen University Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you had a productive and enjoyable first week of the semester.

I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone of the many celebratory events taking place over the next several weeks as we commemorate our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This is a special year for the university, and we are looking forward to celebrating together.

There is currently an excellent exhibit in the VPAC titled 75 Years of Creative Excellence: A Celebration of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts. Next week we welcome our 75<sup>th</sup> keynote speaker, Baratunde Thurston, to campus. He will give an address on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the social room.

The following week we head into our 2022 Founders Week events starting with the bell ringing ceremony. I encourage everyone to join us in front of Rosary at 11 a.m. on the 29th for this annual tradition followed by a special ceremony where 75 community members will have the opportunity to ring the bell in honor of our 75 years. I hope to see many of you over the weeks to come as we honor and celebrate this milestone year. Please check our <u>dedicated website</u> for a list of all events.

Finally, please help me congratulate Tony Fulgenzio, who has been appointed Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement. Tony is doing an excellent job of building a first-rate advancement operation for us all. A search for a permanent vice president will be announced in the near future.

Cordially, Lary A. Olson

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President