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Daemen College Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

As you undoubtedly know by now, Daemen College has been named to the *Chronicle of Higher Education's* 2014 Honor Roll as a "Great College to Work For."

Specifically, this prestigious national distinction names our college as one of the top 10 small four-year institutions to work for in the entire United States. It recognizes groups of colleges, based on enrollment size, for specific best practices and policies. Daemen excelled in 9 of 12 categories in the 2014 survey. In fact, of the 10 institutions in our category, only 4 scored 9 or above, so this clearly means that Daemen is actually in the top 4 in the nation in our category.

Receiving this national distinction reflects what we at Daemen have long known—that we have a remarkable work environment filled with dedicated, talented, hard working faculty and staff who continually strive for excellence each and every day. Being named a Great College to Work For nationally underscores the collaborative, supportive, and friendly culture that characterizes our great college. I want to congratulate each and every one of you and thank you for all you do every day to make our college unique.

And here is some more good news: the State Board of Education has just approved our new Master of Social Work (MSW) Program. The purpose of this program is to educate students at the advanced practitioner level so that they may work with diverse and special populations (the Military, Child Welfare, and Gerontology, for example) with complex issues. Students entering this two-year program will complete sixty credit hours. Congratulations to all of our faculty and staff who worked hard to create this new niche for Daemen.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson President

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