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Daemen College Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing with more good news. NCAA officials have just informed us that they have advanced Daemen College forward in the three-year application process for full NCAA membership. As you are aware, we spent the 2013-14 academic year in "Candidacy Year 2" status. We have now advanced to the Provisional Year, which commences on September 1, 2014. This means that Daemen is on track to full membership status next summer, making us the first and only NCAA Division II institution in the Greater Buffalo Region.

Our continued advancement in the NCAA membership process is a tribute not only to our excellent coaches and student-athletes but also to our hard-working Athletics staff and administration. I want to especially single out Vice President Richanne Mankey, our newly appointed Director of Athletics and Special Assistant to the President, Bridget Niland, and Jessica Gorski for their tireless work in helping us advance in the process.

Benefits of progressing to the Provisional Year include use of the widely recognizable NCAA logo, as well as the College's right to officially brand itself as an NCAA Division II member. Provisional status will require us to function as a full-fledged Division II institution.

Please help me congratulate all of our Daemen Athletics professionals.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson

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President