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Office of the President

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Daemen College  
Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I hope the opening of the semester went well for you. I am writing with a few updates.

From 8:00 a.m. Saturday, September 19 until 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 22, we will not be able to park in the small parking lot closest to Main St. and to where the DOT is currently working. This is so that the DOT can position a huge crane on the lot to complete some work. You can blame me for that inconvenience. The DOT originally wanted to cut down the two ancient maple trees right there at the periphery of campus where they are working, but we would not allow them to do so. They then determined that they could conduct the necessary business if they had use of the small parking lot for a few days. I hope you agree that this was a good trade off. The DOT officials just today assured me that they will complete their work within the next three weeks.

Also, I am delighted to announce that the College has made an historic change in its legal representation. After careful discussion and analysis, we have engaged Harris Beach to serve as our official legal counsel. We believe that this firm is best positioned to serve our needs as we become an increasingly more complex and sophisticated institution. The College will also continue our close relationship with Phillips Lytle, and they will likely do specialized work for us in the future. In order to coordinate contact between Daemen officials and our new law firm, we ask that you please check first with the Cabinet member that oversees your area before contacting any of the lawyers.

Finally, I wanted to remind you that Saturday, September 19 is the inaugural, annual Daemen Day in Amherst celebration. Throughout the day, the College will operate a trolley from the campus up and down Main Street, enabling all of us to shop, enjoy good food, hear live music, and visit the various establishments that we might not have visited in a long time. Many businesses have agreed to offer discounts that day to anyone presenting a Daemen College ID card. Participating businesses will display a “Daemen Day in Amherst” logo on their front door, allowing everyone to know in advance that they are participating businesses. The Irishman and Glen Park Tavern will host live music, Sweet Jenny’s Ice Cream will host a raffle, and the first 100 people who take the trolley downtown will receive free Daemen Day in Amherst shirts. The night will culminate with a screening of “The Avengers: Age of Ultron” at 8:30 on the front lawn—an event that is open to both Daemen and nearby community members. Please help us make the inaugural Daemen Day in Amherst celebration a great success.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson  
President