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Daemen College
Students, Staff, and Faculty

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to share with you that Daemen College history will be made tonight as our women's volleyball team becomes the first Daemen team in any sport to compete in an NCAA Division II National Championship event.

Qualifying for an NCAA Championship event is an accomplishment in and of itself, and this distinction is further magnified by the fact that the NCAA selected Daemen College to host the event. Our own Lumsden Gymnasium will be the site of seven matches over the next three days. Teams from eight NCAA member schools (American International University, LeMoyne College, New York Institute of Technology, Adelphi University, University of New Haven, Philadelphia University and Post University) will compete to determine the East Region's representative in the national quarterfinals. The estimated economic impact of the event on the local economy is three million dollars. Daemen will receive revenue through concessions sales and increased corporate sponsor interest.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Women's Volleyball student-athletes, as well as Head Coach, Stephanie Albano and Assistant Coaches Kaley Vasquez-Regan ('14) and Donnie Gleason. Coach Albano and her staff have built a team that includes student-athletes from as close as Williamsville and Depew and as far away as Colorado, California, and Romania.

I am especially proud of this team's academic efforts: the student-athletes earned an average Spring 2016 GPA of 3.4. This team truly exemplifies the kind of NCAA Division II program that we envisioned when the College made the decision to pursue membership at that level.

I invite each of you to come out and support the Wildcats tonight in their first-round match beginning at 7:30 p.m. against Post University. Admission is free to all Daemen faculty, staff and students, compliments of Daemen Athletics and our Division of Student Affairs. The first 200 Daemen fans wearing Daemen Blue will receive a commemorative t-shirt.

It's going to be a great night and a great weekend of NCAA Division II volleyball! Please join in on the fun.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson
President