



# DAEMEN

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Office of the President

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Daemen College  
Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this unprecedented and constantly changing situation. By now you have probably seen that a number of colleges and universities around the country are closing their operations for the remainder of the semester and laying off staff or instituting furloughs. We have made the determination to stay open as long as possible so that there is no interruption in pay for our faculty and staff. We will continue to do this for as long as feasible.

Remaining open and working remotely is essential to making sure we weather this pandemic. We are fortunate here at Daemen to have a cutting edge and first-rate Information Technology team. The hard work of our IT staff over the last several years has made the transition to working remotely much smoother than some of our peers. The investments in dialpad and zoom allow for our departments to continue to operate and communicate efficiently and effectively.

Many colleges have made the decision to cancel their commencement ceremonies as well. Our commencement ceremonies are currently scheduled for May 16, and, at this time, we plan to proceed as planned. If the COVID-19 pandemic prevents us from holding it on this date, we will look to move it to a date later in the summer or early fall. We will be in touch with the campus when we have more details to share.

I am sorry to announce that we will have to cancel our in person State of the College address scheduled for April 17 in the Wick Social Room. I will, however, be recording a State of the College Address to share with the campus during that same time frame. Our outstanding faculty and staff awards committees will still complete their work and submit recommendations for this year's winners. We will postpone the ceremonial distribution of these awards until the fall.

Again, I want to thank you for your continued support and dedication to the college as we navigate this national emergency.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson  
President