April 15, 2020

Daemen College
Students

Dear Daemen Students,

The recent $2 trillion stimulus package passed by the federal government included $14 billion in funds for institutions of higher education. Those funds are awarded to a college based on a formula using Pell eligible students. Daemen College is expected to receive approximately $936,000 to be used exclusively to assist students and their families for "direct payment of grants to students for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care." Daemen has created a straightforward and simple process for students to apply.

Any student who is registered for courses this summer and/or this fall, and has experienced a financial hardship as a result of COVID-19, may complete a brief application for funds. The application form, which will be available to the campus community in the near future, will ask some basic questions and ask students to describe the impact and their request. The application will then be reviewed confidentially by a small committee chaired by Financial Aid and include a professional staff member from the Divisions of Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, and Diversity and Inclusion.

Decisions will be made and awards allotted directly to students on a first-come, first-served basis. The DOE suggests a maximum individual award of $6,195, but final decisions will be made based on the impact on the student and other objective criteria including a review of information on the FAFSA. More detailed instructions and criteria will be sent out in the near future.

We know how trying all of this has been for students and their families. We are hopeful that this grant will provide a little glimmer of hope and support as you finish this semester and register for the semester ahead.

My best wishes to you and your family.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson
President