

February 11, 2014

Daemen College Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are having a productive and rewarding semester. I am delighted to report that Daemen College has been named by *Business First* as one of the "Best Places to Work, 2014," making us the only Western New York college to receive this honor. We will be recognized in the "extra large company" category (201-500 employees) along with honorees in all the categories at a celebration luncheon taking place in March. The top three companies who ranked highest in each category will also receive special recognition at the celebration.

I'd like to thank all of you who took the time to complete the "Best Places to Work" employee survey, even during the holiday break, to help make this recognition possible for Daemen. It is truly a testament to the kind of dedicated faculty and staff and collegiality that we are fortunate to have at our college.

As we celebrate this great college-wide honor, we are hopeful for a similar recognition in the national "Great Colleges to Work For" list from the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. More information on how you may participate in this important survey will be provided in mid-March. Recognition like these regional and national distinctions go a long way to increasing our visibility, which in turn helps us continue to recruit first-rate students and faculty.

Also, I would like to remind you that on February 24, 2014 we have the privilege of hosting Congressman Brian Higgins at the College for our inaugural Distinguished Leaders Lecture. I hope you will be able to attend this event and welcome the Congressman to the Daemen campus. You may want to encourage your friends and students to attend, as well. So that we can properly plan for this event, please confirm (by February 17) your attendance at this lecture at the following address: presidentsoffice@daemen.edu

I will continue to provide you with updates as appropriate.

Cordially,

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