



DAEMEN COLLEGE

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Daemen College
Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

More good news: we have just received a report indicating that so far 48% of our faculty and staff have completed the survey in our bid to receive the *Chronicle of Higher Education's* "Great Colleges to Work For" designation. This is a very respectable participation rate. A *Chronicle* official informed us that participation is typically in the low 30% range. I say that this is good news because a strong participation rate will factor positively in the *Chronicle's* decision, so if you were chosen to receive a survey I hope you will take a few minutes to fill it out and tell our good story before the April 14 deadline. I hope we will win this second "great places to work" distinction so that the entire nation knows what a special college we are.

Also, we just learned this morning that Daemen will receive two other awards as part of this year's "Amherst Awards for the Arts." The College has been named outstanding "business supporter" of the arts in the local community, and Professor Chris Brandjes has been named outstanding "individual artist." The formal presentation of these awards will be on May 13.

You may have noticed that the first-ever Daemen College flag is flying proudly under the American flag on the College's flagpole. The deep blue flag displaying the Daemen logo helps remind passersby who we are. I hope you'll take a moment to look up and notice our new flag.

During a planning session this summer, the Leadership Advisory Council identified a number of measures to help move the College forward. One was the installation of an official suggestion box that would enable faculty and staff to provide suggestions for improving various aspects of our operations. I am pleased to report that our facilities professionals will be installing a suggestion box in the Wick Student Center this week. Please feel free to give us your input about ways to operate more efficiently or economically. We always appreciate your ideas.

I look forward to seeing you and your students at Academic Festival in a few weeks.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson
President