



DAEMEN COLLEGE

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Office of the President

May 15, 2013

Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I hope the academic year is winding down smoothly for you. I am writing with a brief update.

The Daemen College Board of Trustees, at its May 7 meeting, voted unanimously to approve sabbatical leaves for three faculty: Felice J. Koenig, Claudiu Mihai, and Norollah Talebi. The sabbatical leave process at Daemen is rigorous and competitive, so receiving a leave is a special tribute to the strength of these professors' sabbatical proposals and to the faculty committee's faith in their ability to carry out their projects. Please help me congratulate all three.

At that same meeting, the Board voted to confer emeritus status on fifteen retired faculty. The fifteen new emeriti are Lynda Cessario (Nursing), Richard Cimbalo (Psychology), Joan Gunther (Physical Therapy), Abu Ismail (Natural Sciences-Physics), Richard Johnston (Physical Therapy), Karen Little (Social Work), Carol Maull (Nursing), Gayle Nason-Churchill (English), Alex Pleshkewych (Natural Sciences), William Predmore (History and Government), Charles Reedy (Philosophy and Religion), John Segman (Psychology), John Starkey (History and Government), Virginia Suhalla (Education), and Christopher Wilson (Theatre/Acad.Computing). Please help me congratulate them for this great distinction.

By now you have seen the inaugural issue of the *Daemen Voice*. It will be published weekly during the academic year and less frequently during the summer. Please keep us informed when you have news—an award, a publication, a grant—for the *Voice*.

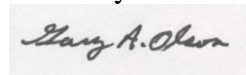
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In its first week, the Daemen 100-Tree Challenge has earned over \$10,000 toward our campus beautification campaign. We hope to have a late spring planting and another in the fall. There is still time to be included in the spring planting if you want to dedicate a tree or bench to someone, or simply make a donation toward the project (remember, the \$199 does not cover the full cost of the tree; we are counting on overall donations to help us pay for the entire project).

For your convenience, I am attaching my original letter and the pledge form. Thanks for helping to make Daemen an even greener campus than it has been.

I look forward to seeing you at Commencement this Saturday.

Cordially.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary A. Olson". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored rectangular background.

Gary A. Olson
President



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May 7, 2013

Dear Friends of Daemen,

I am delighted to invite you to participate in *The Daemen One-Hundred Tree Challenge*, an adopt-a-tree campaign that will transform the Daemen campus grounds into a beautiful green space, not only for the Daemen family but for the Amherst community at large.

We will plant up to 100 mature trees and landscaped areas according to a professionally designed landscaping plan. An engraved brick will identify your name or the name of someone you wish to honor on each adopted tree.

Adopt a tree for the cut-rate price of **\$199** (a fraction of the actual cost), and choose who to dedicate it to: yourself, a spouse, a friend, a deceased relative. We are able to offer this artificially low price thanks to the generosity of some of our donors.

Because the adoption price is so low, we encourage donations in excess of the \$199 from those who wish to provide additional support of this green initiative. **EVERY PENNY** of your donation will be used exclusively for landscaping, not for advertising or other activities.

The entire cost of the tree and any additional donation is tax deductible.

I am pleased to report that several friends and officials of Daemen have already adopted trees or contributed to the campaign, including Bob Beiswanger, Mike Brogan, Pat Brown, Dave Cristantello, Sherrie Gustas, Chris Malik, Richanne Mankey (in honor of her father, Richard R. Cunningham), Guy Marlette, Bobby Mills, Darrell Moore, Gary Olson, and Lynn Worsham.

We hope departments, offices, and local businesses will participate as well (donations must be from department members, not official Daemen accounts). The Office of Enrollment and the Office of the President have already made pledges.

Thank you for helping to make Daemen College not only one of the finest liberal arts colleges in the nation, but also one of the most attractive campuses in the region.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson
President

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Yes, I wish to join the Daemen One-Hundred Tree Challenge!

My Support

Number of trees @ \$199: _____

Personalized stone

bench @ \$600: _____

Additional donation: _____

Total donation: _____

My Payment

___ Check enclosed, payable to Daemen College

___ Payroll deduction (Daemen employees) Name _____

Please deduct \$_____ from the next 10 pay periods beginning _____ (date)

(NOTE: must be completed by last pay date in 2013 or December 18, 2013)

___ Credit card type: _____, Number

Expiration date: _____, Full Name on Card

Billing address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Security code (3 digit number on back of card): _____

My Preferences

___ I wish to donate but do not wish to designate a tree in someone's name.

___ I would like to designate a tree or bench in someone's name. (Supply a dedication for each adopted tree or bench of no more than 40 characters.) Use a second sheet if necessary.

Return this form to: Jillian Covert
100-Tree Challenge
Box 969
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