

Office of the President

February 1, 2020

Students, Faculty and Staff Daemen College

Dear Daemen Community Members:

The month of February is designated as Black History or National African American History Month. During this month, we celebrate the achievements of African Americans and recognize the central role of African Americans in United States history. As we embark on a new calendar year with exciting changes at Daemen, including growth online and beyond the boundaries of Western New York, we feel that this is an opportunity to show a united front in our inclusivity efforts and starting by recognizing this important month seems like a good way to start.

The Center for Diversity and Inclusion has a slate of educational and social programming planned for this month, which will be advertised in the February edition of the Diversity @ Daemen E-Newsletter. We hope that you will take the opportunity to come to some or all of these events as your schedule permits.

In the future, as Daemen celebrates other designated cultural heritage months, you should expect to see more robust communications and events from the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, in conjunction with other divisions at the College, for the purposes of educating, celebrating, and creating a greater awareness for all members of this community.

Best wishes for the semester ahead.

Cordially,

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President

Sincerely,

Dr. Ida Gibson

Chief Diversity Officer