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Daemen College
Faculty, Staff, and Students

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the start of another great academic year at Daemen. I hope you had a relaxing and productive summer. I am writing with some very important updates.

As you know, we have implemented a number of changes recommended by the parking task force that should substantially improve parking on campus. Principal among them is that we have gained 75 additional parking slots now that residents of Canavan cannot bring vehicles to campus. Your experience parking on campus this fall should have been the best ever; however, life is never that uncomplicated. The Department of Transportation has just informed us that while they should have completed their work in front of campus by now, they will be continuing their work for at least another month. That means that we will lose approximately 60 slots on Main Street while work progresses.

The good news is that had we not gained the 75 new slots and then lost the 60, this fall would have been the most miserable experience parking on campus in a long time. Once the DOT has completed its work, we will be able to experience the parking relief that we have all wanted for so long.

Work on the new Academic and Wellness Center is complete, and we are working with the Town of Amherst to obtain all the required inspections so that we can use the building for the beginning of classes. If all goes as planned, we can occupy the academic spaces in the building on Tuesday and the fitness spaces later in the week; if any snags occur, however, there may be some slight delays. These inspections are out of our control. We will give you updates as we have them.

I look forward to seeing you at Convocation, the State of the College Address, and all of the many events coming up in the next several weeks.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson
President