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Daemen College
Students, Faculty, and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are enjoying the summer while staying healthy and safe. In the next few days you will receive a video of a State of the College Address. I think you will be surprised and impressed with how far the college has come despite the disruptions caused by the pandemic.

I am writing now to let you know that recently a business school professor posted on his website an article in which he predicts that up to 90 colleges nationwide are in danger of closing in the near future. A Syracuse news forum noticed this blog and reported that 14 of these institutions were in New York, including several prestigious, high-profile institutions such as Skidmore College, Fordham University, St. Lawrence University, St. John's University, and, I am sorry to say, Daemen College.

As I point out in the State of the College Address, many colleges nationwide are likely to close in the near future, but I can assure you that Daemen is certainly not one of them. We weathered the financial strains caused by the pandemic better than any college I know, and we are poised for a very robust new academic year.

This professor's blog post is not the product of rigorous peer review; in fact, it is shockingly shoddy "research." It does a disservice not only to our institution but to others on his dubious list. We have retained legal counsel to address this matter, and I hope you will help us spread the word that this is just another example of using the internet to spread falsehoods and misinformation.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson
President