



# DAEMEN COLLEGE

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Office of the President

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Daemen College  
Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to report great news. As you know, in February Daemen College was named by *Business First* as one of the “Best Places to Work, 2014,” making us the only Western New York college to receive this honor. At a luncheon ceremony today, Daemen took first place (gold) in our category for that award: “extra large company” (201-500 employees). This is a well-deserved distinction. Congratulations to us all.

This is excellent momentum as Daemen attempts to win a similar, national distinction conferred annually by the *Chronicle of Higher Education*: The Chronicle’s “Great Colleges to Work For” designation. As you undoubtedly already know, the Chronicle’s research firm, ModernThink, has distributed a survey to a random selection of our faculty and staff. If you have been included in this random sample, you will have already received an email invitation encouraging you to take part in this survey. Please take a moment to complete this confidential survey—well, fifteen minutes, to be exact.

Receiving this award would do much to strengthen Daemen’s national reputation and enhance our ability to recruit top-notch faculty and students. As I mentioned in a previous memo, I genuinely believe that we deserve this designation. In today’s Chronicle, you will find news stories about faculty and staff layoffs at Oregon State University, Felician College in New Jersey and Carroll University in Wisconsin. Daemen, in contrast, continues to remain strong.

I hope we will win this second “great places to work” distinction so that the entire nation knows what a special college we are.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson  
President