



DAEMEN

COLLEGE

A World of Opportunity

Office of the President

March 7, 2015

Daemen College
Faculty, Staff, and Students

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to report today that both our Men's and Women's Basketball teams won USCAA National Championships—a first ever for the men. Senior Business Administration student Gerald Beverly and senior Health Care Studies student Raeann Stillwell were named 2015 USCAA Division I Basketball National Championship Most Valuable Players.

As we move closer to active NCAA Division II membership, these wins conclude our participation in the USCAA. My congratulations go out to Men's Head Coach Mike MacDonald, Women's Head Coach Dave Skolen, their assistant coaches, and, of course, the talented student-athletes who earned this honor for the College today.

As a College we are setting the goal of excellence in everything we do, from our classrooms, to the art and animation studios, to sports competitions. The championships won today mark our progress toward achieving all-around excellence as a College.

I'd like to take this opportunity to give you another update. As many of you know, we recently completed a Campus Climate Survey through the efforts of Title III and Dr. Heather Jenkins. Based on that report, and the recommendations from the Faculty, Equity and Diversity Initiatives Council (EDIC), the Diversity Action Committee, and others, I am pleased to announce the formation of a new Office of Multicultural Affairs and Diversity. This office, housed under Student Affairs in partnership with Academic Affairs, will be managed by a new director who will collaborate with faculty, oversee diversity programming, coordinate outreach and retention efforts with under-represented minorities and their families, provide leadership for key campus wide initiatives, and serve as an advocate for all diverse populations. This new office will be funded through a reallocation of existing funds and with financial support from the Student Association. A search committee will be formed under the direction of Dr. Greg Naylor, Vice President for Student Affairs, and will include representatives from all key areas of campus.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson
President