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Office of the President

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Faculty and Staff  
Daemen College

Dear Colleagues:

I hope that you have had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break with family and friends.

As I mentioned in my last letter to the campus community, Dr. Ida Gibson has assumed the position of Chief Diversity Officer. In this capacity, she also serves as Title IX Coordinator, overseeing the campus Title IX deputies' efforts. I want to thank Laurie Walsh, JD, for serving as Title IX Coordinator over the last two years while we worked to create a more permanent position. Laurie has done a fabulous job, and we all owe her a debt of gratitude.

Also, I am delighted to report that our #GivingTuesday initiative on December 3 was our best #GivingTuesday to date! The Daemen community proudly came together and doubled both the number of gifts and the amount raised compared to last year for a grand total of \$11,450. I want to thank our dedicated alumni, parents, faculty, staff, students, and friends for their generosity and support.

You may be interested in another fundraising initiative that is still underway. Our "22 for 22" tree challenge that was launched in November is nearing the finish line. There is still time to participate as we have a few trees remaining. Your support will not only help to transform Daemen's grounds on Main Street into a parklike setting, but it will also allow you to honor a family member or friend with a commemorative paver stone in front of your tree. For more information, please visit <https://www.daemen.edu/about/give-daemen/tree-challenge> or reach out to our Institutional Advancement office.

I hope you have a productive and rewarding spring semester.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson  
President