



Office of the President

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Daemen College
Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that you are having a productive and restful summer and are ready for an exciting new academic year.

As you know, over a year ago the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities predicted that private colleges in New York would experience two difficult years—last year and the present year—while they adjusted to the state’s new free-tuition program for public universities. Last year was indeed a difficult year for most private colleges in New York—including Daemen—and we are all braced for another challenging year.

I am happy to report that at this point in time, our student enrollment numbers are looking somewhat promising. We recognize that, as with many colleges, this year’s entering class is smaller than in prior years; however, we anticipated this challenge, and we planned accordingly. Our first-year student total is only four away from our budget goal, and transfer and graduate numbers have exceeded our goals. While enrollment numbers traditionally remain in flux throughout the summer and these numbers could in fact erode, these are encouraging developments.

That being said, the challenge that Daemen faced last year was less with new students and more with an unexpected