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Daemen College
Students, Faculty and Staff

Dear Daemen Community Members,

As we head into finals week, closing out the academic year, we are also looking ahead to Fall 2020, and I am sure many of you are as well. I want to make clear that Daemen has every intention of holding classes on campus this fall, and we are fully prepared to meet the standards and requirements that will allow us to welcome community members back to campus safely, albeit somewhat differently from in the past.

While there are many details to work out, I want to share a little of what that will look like. We envision that people being back on campus, until there is a vaccine or other treatments, will require some social distancing mechanisms for academic and co-curricular activities, some combination of screening and/or testing of community members before returning to campus, the limiting of density in the residence halls, the use of technology to support the academic experience, and other similar measures. We will be providing community members with a “welcome back kit” when they return that will include masks that will need to be worn around campus.

Again, there are many details to work out, but the College remains committed to two key priorities: getting people back on campus safely this fall so students can begin, continue, or complete their degree; and protecting full employment of faculty and staff as long as possible. The college’s senior leadership, our professionals in Academic Affairs, and the College’s Emergency Response Team, are all doing a tremendous job in continuing to respond to the challenges presented by this crisis, and I have no doubt that the College will be well prepared for the new academic year.

These are unprecedented times and a very fluid situation, and we will continue to keep you informed when and if things change. I want to thank each and every one of you for your service and commitment to students and this College. I look forward to seeing you on campus this fall.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be 'D. J. ...' followed by a flourish.