



October 21, 2020

Daemen College
Students, Staff, and Faculty

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are having an enjoyable and productive semester, and that you and your family are continuing to be safe and healthy.

On October 14, Governor Cuomo signed legislation designating Juneteenth, June 19, as an official state holiday. In keeping with the Governor's state-wide effort to celebrate Juneteenth, and consistent with Daemen's ongoing commitment to celebrating diversity and inclusion, I am pleased to announce that henceforth Juneteenth will be an official holiday for the college.

Juneteenth celebrates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans throughout the United States, and the college welcomes the opportunity to recognize the significance of this historic day and supports observing the date as a holiday.

Because June 19 falls on a Saturday during this academic year, we will observe this holiday on Friday, June 18, 2021. Offices will be closed and classes will not meet. When this date falls during the week, we will observe the holiday on the actual date: June 19.

I wish you well with the remainder of the semester.

Cordially,