



December 30, 2020

Daemen College
Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are having a restful holiday break with family and loved ones. I am writing to report some tragic news. Paula Witherell, Director of Institutional Communications, passed away on Tuesday from a long-term illness.

On behalf of the entire Daemen community, I would like to extend my heartfelt thoughts and prayers to Paula's family and friends. She will be dearly missed by all.

Paula joined the Daemen family in 2013 from Buffalo State, where she served as assistant to the president for communications and deputy chief of staff. She has been a dedicated member of our institutional advancement team for the last seven years. Most recently, she played an integral role with our crisis management through her work with the Emergency Response Team.

The wake will be held this Saturday, January 2 at Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home at 2510 Union Road. Viewing hours are from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Monday, January 4 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Gabriel's Church at 5271 Clinton Street.

Let's keep the Witherell family in our thoughts at this difficult time.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Gary A. Olson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name of the sender.

Gary A. Olson
President
