



Office of the President

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Daemen College
Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I am deeply saddened to share the passing of Caroline Hassett Buerk. Caroline was a devoted supporter of the college and will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

A graduate of Daemen, class of 1959, Caroline was the longest-serving board member in the college's history, serving an impressive 42 years (1976-2018), including 10 years as chair. She was a tremendous advocate for the college and a dear friend to the Sisters of St. Francis. The college saw substantial growth and momentum during her long tenure as a trustee.

A prominent attorney in Buffalo, Caroline earned her law degree from the University at Buffalo. She was a past Chair of the Erie County Bar Association Surrogate's Court Practice and Procedure Committee and an active lecturer and instructor at several Western New York institutions. Caroline was also committed to serving the community through participation on numerous councils and committees, including the United Way of Buffalo, the Erie County Department of Mental Health, and the Citizens Advisory Salary Commission for the City of Buffalo.

Caroline was the proud parent to six children, grandmother to 10. Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this difficult time.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson
President