

Office of the President

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Daemen Faculty, Staff, and Students

Dear Colleagues,

As we return to campus after what has been a painful and tumultuous week nationally, we must acknowledge the impact that the violence in Baton Rouge, St. Anthony, MN and Dallas has had on us as individuals and as a community. As a campus community, we value diversity and we recognize that these events, and the violence affecting our world, are becoming too frequent and we must not let ourselves be desensitized to the violence. We hope that each of us will resolve to speak up and speak out issues in an effort to unite, find solutions, and heal.

This year, for the first time, Daemen will sponsor diversity education through a new peer mentor program at New Student Orientation and Welcome Back programs, which is an effort to help maintain a campus where our community members feel safe and welcomed.

We ask that you continue to respect and support each other, keeping in mind that doing so will undoubtedly have a positive impact on our entire community. It is crucial that we, as a College staff, do everything possible to support an incident of bias, assault and harassment. You do not have to be a member of a specific gender, sex, class, race, or ethnicity to be a victim of bias, misconduct, assault, or harassment; however, we each have a duty to report any threats, whether immediate or perceived, to Campus Safety at 839-SAFE (7233).

Counseling services are available for students who want to talk and/or process their emotions from recent incidents of violence. The office is located on the 2nd floor of Duns Scotus.