



Office of the President

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Daemen College
Staff Members

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing with some good news, and to ask for your help on behalf of the college.

A longtime goal has been to change our name from Daemen College to Daemen University. In every state in the union except one—New York—we would have been able to have done this long ago, but our state tightly regulates which institutions can be called a university, based on an old and, frankly, academically questionable definition.

This unnecessary and arbitrary regulation has disadvantaged many private colleges throughout the state. It severely restricts our ability to recruit international students, adversely affects federal funding for research, and places public universities in a competitively advantageous position over many of the state's private colleges.

The Board of Regents of the state of New York—the body that oversees higher education in the state—is