

September 20, 2001

Evaluation Committee  
21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund  
c/o Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo  
712 Main Street  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Please accept this letter in support of the Western New York Partnership for Regional Internetworking grant request to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund.

Daemen College is a career-oriented, liberal arts college located in Amherst, New York, that offers comprehensive undergraduate and graduate programs in Nursing, Physical Therapy and Physician Assistant disciplines. Daemen College has become a key provider of distance education to health professionals in rural areas of WNY State. Our faculty are committed to continuing to provide and enhance its services to students, rural health care practitioners and the public with the best in tele-health education. Daemen has focused considerable efforts toward building productive partnerships with educational, health care and community groups in order to address our Western NY community's needs for high quality, educational learning experiences.

Daemen College is in support of the Western New York Partnership for Regional Internetworking group initiatives and will contribute to the partnership by providing access to and use of grant-funded equipment (valued at \$30,000) as allowable under the regulations set forth by the Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service grant.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Klejna  
Director- Distance Learning and Continuing Education  
Daemen College