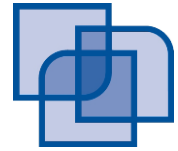


2020 Community Leader in Sports Award



The Center for Allied and Unified Sport and Exercise (CAUSE)

CAUSE is a groundbreaking initiative of Daemen College that offers individuals with disabilities unified sport and recreational activities. It is designed to bring people with and without disabilities together in physical activity, providing opportunities to improve fitness, demonstrate courage, and experience the camaraderie and sportsmanship that comes with athletic participation. CAUSE provides a supported venue for caregivers to access athletic-based care, participate in health and wellness programs, or simply experience the joy of watching a loved one compete.

CAUSE links Daemen's NCAA athletics with sports management, social work, applied behavior analysis, and service learning programming. Closely aligned with Daemen's NCAA Division II athletics program, CAUSE's students and student-athletes are paired with participants to serve as teammates and to provide peer support, giving participants strong individual attention. Receiving many accolades and recognitions, the program has served countless individuals with disabilities and their families.

For its innovative work to provide athletic opportunities to a historically underserved population, the NFJC is proud to recognize Daemen College's Center for Allied and Unified Sport and Exercise with the 2020 Community Leader in Sports Award. Accepting this award is Director Brooke Densing.