Statement from Nazareth College President Daan Braveman on the Election

November 9, 2016

This afternoon I had an open student forum to discuss the impact of the campaign and election. Many students expressed deep concerns that the campaign rhetoric over the past year unleashed hateful views about people because of their race, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual preference and disabilities. These views have caused some members of our campus community to be sad, angry, and fearful. I do not believe it is my role to promote my personal political views. It is my role, however, to ensure that all members of the Nazareth community feel included and supported.

I write to reaffirm that Nazareth is committed to building a community that values diversity and inclusion. As we state in our Statement of Respect and Diversity, “the College promotes civility and denounces acts of hatred or intolerance. . . . Respect for the dignity of all peoples is an essential part of the College's tradition and mission, and its vision for the future.”

My hope is that we as a community continue to work together to ensure that this vision is a reality on our campus.

- Daan Braveman, President