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Professor Ihor Pasichnyk
Rector of the National University “Ostroh Academy”
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Dear Dr. Pasichnyk,

On behalf of the faculty and administration of Nazareth College, I wish to extend my greetings and best wishes to you for 2015! My name is Nevan Fisher, and I serve as the interim director of the College’s Center for International Education. I am also a professor of history in the Department of History and Political Science. I look forward to working with you to determine how our institutions can build upon the strong foundation that was established in 2013, when Nazareth and Ostroh first signed the Memorandum of Understanding. Strengthening our ties is a priority, and it would seem that the next logical step in moving in this direction is to extend a formal invitation to you and a delegation from Ostroh Academy to come to the United States.

If you are amenable, I would like to invite you to visit Nazareth in October 2015, for 7-10 days. Students and faculty are actively engaged and on campus in October, and the weather is beautiful and cooperative. It is a perfect time to see Upstate New York.

We have hosted many delegations of visiting faculty and administration from our overseas partner schools, and these visits are always productive and rewarding exchanges that lead to mutually beneficial outcomes. Typical arrangements include a campus tour and overview of our facilities and academic curriculum, a guest lecture or presentation by a member of your faculty, meetings with relevant department chairs and program directors, auditing classes, and meeting with the College President or Vice President of Academic Affairs. One of my department colleagues is Ukrainian, Professor Olena Prokopovych, and she will work closely with my office to help host and coordinate your visit. From conversations with Tamara Denysenko, I also understand that she and the Ukrainian community of Greater Rochester are eager to organize additional opportunities for you and your group during your visit. Rochester and the surrounding region are known for many artistic, cultural, and natural points of interest, including such sights as Niagara Falls and the Finger Lakes Region, famous for white wine. No visit to us would be complete without seeing some of the wider community where the College is located.

Accommodations are free at the campus Guest House, and my office will provide you with meal tickets for on-campus dining. We can therefore provide room and board for up to 4 guests from Ostroh Academy, and for a total of 7-10 days in October.

Further details of a proposed visit by you and your colleagues can be determined in future email communications, but I invite you to ask any questions of us, particularly with respect to specific academic programs that are of interest to you. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future, and I wish you good health during these cold winter days.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Nevan A. Fisher

*Cc: Eduard Balashov, Head of the Department of Foreign Relations
and Tamara Denysenko*

