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Greetings,

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students of Virginia Union University, it is a pleasure to welcome the Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society to our historic campus. The Virginia Union family congratulates you on 100 years of promoting public awareness of chemistry through community outreach and working with chemistry and science students.

It is fitting that you have chosen Virginia Union as the site of your 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting as we are in the middle of our Sesquicentennial Celebration. We cordially invite you to visit our web site at <a href="https://www.vuu.edu">www.vuu.edu</a> and join us throughout the spring semester as our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary programming continues.

Virginia Union University's commitment to the sciences has been a part of its legacy for many years. VUU alumna Dr. Yvonne Maddox currently serves as a deputy director at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Research chemist J. Harrison Ager retired from NIH after 40 years of service. Alumnus James Drew was one of the first African American scientists at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Alumna Dr. Cora Marrett recently retired as deputy director of the National Science Foundation. Virginia Union is proud to recognize the contributions of its alumni who have chosen the sciences as a career path and we look forward to the exciting work that will be accomplished by our current students.

Again, we are so pleased that you have chosen Virginia Union for the site of your 2015 meeting. We hope that your work here is productive and Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Sincerely.

Claude G. Perkins, Ph.D.

President and CEO