Dear Alumni and Friends,

As someone who was trained as a scientist, I can attest to Sagan's words. I studied chemistry and then went on to get my Ph.D. in geochemistry. Let's start here on planet earth. Science has the power to shape the future of life as we know it - here on earth and beyond, if you will. Science is a way of thinking, more than it is a body of knowledge. ― Carl Sagan

As you are preparing for what comes next, I hope you remember that science is exhilarating. You Mason Science graduates know that better than most. Science is a way of thinking, more than it is a body of knowledge. It's something that will stay with you and serve you well for the rest of your life.

You have been members of the Mason community, Shukla's esteemed career spans the globe, from establishing the College of Science Professorial Chair of Atmospheric Oceanic & Earth System Studies to co-founding the Center for Ocean-Land-Atmosphere Studies (COLA) with Nobel Laureate Dr. Syukuro Manabe.

In 2020, Shukla and his wife established the Jagadish and Anastasia Shukla AOES Fellowship Endowment to support graduate students pursuing their PhD in climate science. In April, we honored Dr. Jagadish Shukla and his contributions to the field of climate science.

The event, which took place on the Fairfax Campus on August 14th, celebrated the kickoff of the Don Kelso Learning Pier Campaign.

Join Mason Science faculty, alumni, Dr. Kelso, his friends, and the Kelso family as we celebrate the kickoff of the Don Kelso Learning Pier Campaign at the Potomac Science Center on Saturday, June 11th.

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