Dear Friends,

Happy Labor Day!

As of June 1, 2021 the new Alumni Chapter Board has been elected. We are so glad to have them and excited for what the new board will achieve. We would like to thank our previous board for all of their hard work and dedication. Here are the new officers:

- President—Adam Carpenter, ‘19
- Vice President—Samantha Fields
- Secretary—Julie Zhao
- Treasurer—Erik Schacht
- Member-At-Large—Nick Walker, Member-At-Large
- Student Representative—Lona Sanches, ‘21
- Teacher Representative—Oscar Urdaneta

I would also like to recognize and thank the following alumni who are continuing to serve as part of the alumni chapter board:

- Lee A. Solomon
- Fernando Mendez
- Alex Martinez
- Derick Nkomo
- Richard Friesner, ’15
- Brian DiNovo
- Matthew Borges
- William Price

We are so glad to have them all and we look forward to a great year.

As of June 1, 2021, Mason Science alumni are fully vaccinated. We strongly encourage our friends and loved ones to get vaccinated as well. As a scientist—and as a Dean whose first priority is the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff—I fully support this vaccination mandate. My family and I are fully vaccinated, and we have encouraged our friends and loved ones to get vaccinated as well. As an overwhelming majority of faculty in taking this extraordinary step for the sake of our students, faculty, and staff, Mason Science is proud to be one of the few Virginia universities with a 100% vaccination rate.

The Mason Environmental Alumni Network is now active and open to any interested Mason alumni. Our goal is to build a community of Mason alumni, from both inside and outside the Mason community, and to help our environment, ecosystems, sustainability, climate, and related things we are passionate about. If you are interested in joining, please visit our website at masonalumni.com/environment. If you have any questions, please email committee chair Emma Gregory at ecoalumn@gmu.edu.

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Thank you for your support. We are so grateful to everyone who has contributed to our continued success. It is with your support that we can continue to achieve our mission.

Sincerely,

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Dean, Mason Science