Hello NOBCChE Family!

As 2022 has gotten underway, I want to take a moment to acknowledge all that we have accomplished in the past year. In 2021, NOBCChE brought in new leadership, hosted another successful virtual conference, grew our student and professional membership, established and grew in our partnerships, chartered new NOBCChE chapters, and engaged with our members through a number of amazing virtual programs.

With all of the uncertainty in the world and the on-going pandemic, we are grateful to have another year ahead of us to continue to advance the mission that our Founders set forth for NOBCChE. This year is a special year for us NOBCChE family. We look forward to beginning the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of NOBCChE! 50 years of advancing Black chemists and chemical engineers. 50 years of giving back to the larger STEM community. 50 years of making an impact on society as a whole.

We are thrilled to continue partnerships with other organizations, form new partnerships, and forge ahead with our 2025 strategic plan. Our impact in K-12 will grow this year and we are excited for the first-ever NOBCChE Jr. Scholars National Summit on “Innovating Science” to be held virtually February 25-26th. During this summit, we will engage parents, teachers, and K-12 students on the importance of STEM and showcase the scientific talent of K-12 students.

Our chapters and regions are getting stronger and we look forward to the joint regional meeting for the Southeast and Southwest regions April 14-17th. There’s a lot more to come and all I can say is “Stay Ready NOBCChE”. Spread the word about NOBCChE in all your circles and invite a friend, colleague, or science buddy to become a member. There’s room for our family to grow.

Yours truly,

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