

**Subject:** Monday Matters: New Chemistry Building Dedication

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Dear Colleagues:

Last Tuesday was a wonderful day for the College of Sciences! We held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the new Chemistry Building. The event was well covered by the media and I was happy that several members of our Advisory Board were able to attend.

As I said in my remarks that day, this building is an outstanding realization of the positive synergy between teaching and research. Faculty will be working in state-of-the-art research laboratories across the hall from students learning in excellent teaching labs. Students will see faculty at work on their research and hopefully will become interested in joining those groups. Many glass panes in the building give visibility to research and teaching labs from the hallways. John Cooper, Chair of the Chemistry Department, calls it "STEM on Display." The entire building has been designed with student and faculty success in mind.

I want to especially thank Tammy Subotich, a member of the staff in Chemistry, who has paid attention to every detail in this building. Without the many long hours and dedication of Tammy and John, this new building would not be the showcase that it is. The [new chemistry building website](#) has several videos that describe the features of the building. In addition, the university produced a recap video, which is available here: <https://odu.edu/buildingourdominion>

If you would like to watch the entire dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting, the 30-minute video is available here:

[https://vs.prod.odu.edu/kvs/interface\\_single/?cid=202020\\_1\\_Ont6hfx3VS\\_90937](https://vs.prod.odu.edu/kvs/interface_single/?cid=202020_1_Ont6hfx3VS_90937)

The planning process for the new Biology building has already begun so stay tuned!

Best Regards,

Gail

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