President’s Greetings

Good morning to all and welcome to the 2018 Virginia Association of Educational Office Professionals Annual Spring Institute.

Let me begin by giving special recognition to the President and President-elect of the state association – Denise Monroe and Tammy Johnson. Denise, thank you for your leadership of VAEOP. Your success is evident by the strong participation at this year’s Institute. Tammy, congratulations on your election as President. As a member of the Norfolk State family, I am confident that you will lead the state association with a high degree of pride and professionalism.

I also want to recognize any representatives from the national association who may be in attendance.

As Interim President of Norfolk State University (NSU), I know firsthand the critical role office professionals play in advancing the business of educational institutions. I am proud to work alongside NSU’s dedicated cadre of office professionals, and strongly support NSU’s Association of Educational Office Professionals as it serves as host of this year’s Institute.

I want to acknowledge the President of the Norfolk State Association of Educational Office Professionals, Patrice Johnson and the 2018 Spring Institute Co-Chairs Janet Timberlake and Lillian Harding. Ladies, would you please stand and be recognized. We would not be here today without your hard work. Thank you and your membership for rising to the occasion to plan and execute this very important event.

Each and every day, school divisions and institutions of higher learning rely heavily on office professionals to help support the delivery of high quality educational experiences for our students.

Whether as Executive Assistants, Office Managers, or Bookkeepers, many of you serve as the first point of contact and information for our students, faculty, and visitors. Through these frontline roles, you serve as ambassadors for your institutions. Through your professionalism and technical competence, you help advance a culture of excellence that will leave lasting impressions that bring great credit to the schools and institutions you serve.
With workshops on time management, professional standards, and servant leadership, this year’s Institute will offer a diverse range of programming. Participation in this programming will enhance your technical skills and support your professional development.

The Institute will also provide an opportunity to network, gain valuable lessons learned from your peers, and renew your commitment to this association, and to making a difference in the lives of the students we serve.

I want to personally thank each of you for your ongoing contributions to public education. We could not do this work without you. Enjoy the rest of the Institute and all that the City of Norfolk has to offer.

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