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To: Dr. Volker Burkert

From: Dr. Allison Lung on behalf of the 12 GeV Upgrade Project Team

Dear Volker,

I am so pleased on the occasion of this special session of the Strong QCD Workshop celebrating your distinguished scientific career, to extend thanks and appreciation on behalf of the 12 GeV CEBAF Upgrade Project Team for your significant contributions to the realization of the exciting new research facility that is the CLAS12 spectrometer.

You had a vision for the science reach of this instrument from the earliest days of planning, and dedicated yourself to making it the best instrument that it could be. Of course, as seen in the photos we have pulled from the project archives, your hands-on involvement was critical to the CLAS12 success. You covered everything from the technical specs for the beam and detectors to the detailed design parameters for the superconducting magnets. While the project took longer to complete than expected, your commitment did not waiver. Now our research community has a magnificent new tool to continue their exploration of the fundamental building blocks of matter with unparalleled strength in the arena of 3-dimensional imaging.

Congratulations on your recognition by the Commonwealth of Virginia as Outstanding Scientist of the Year. I, once again would like to thank you for the hard work and dedication you brought to the 12 GeV Project, and wish you many years of successful research using CLAS12.

Yours sincerely,

Allison Lung

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