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Dear Ambassador Brigety:

I’m delighted to congratulate you as you step into your role as vice-chancellor and president of The University of the South.

Your election as the first African-American vice-chancellor of Sewanee represents an important step in the long effort to make educational institutions nationwide more equitable and representative.

I’m grateful for your commitment to public service, dialogue, and diplomacy, and I look forward to following the university’s progress under your leadership. You have my best wishes.

Sincerely,

William Jefferson Clinton

(Handwritten note: I loved your statement on the civil rights debate in America. They called people... do we want progress. They want change. That they do. You have been and will be a big part of it.)