

Dear Friends,

Love founded Clemson University.
Love has allowed it to grow and flourish.
And love will keep it here forever.



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Love has been in the air at Clemson University. Despite the unpredictable weather, students have been out and about, loving campus, loving their involvements and (maybe) loving their studies. Moreover, a casual stroll will allow you to see joyous relationships, budding friendships and memories being made on our beautiful campus. Valentine's Day was a sight – boys rushing last minute flowers to their partners, campus covered in pink and red-colored festivities to celebrate relationships and so many students realizing “the one” might be living just down the hall or studying just a few desks over.

Each year, as we celebrate Valentine's Day with hearts, chocolate and flowers, we are reminded of the foundation on which Clemson was built. It was a foundation of love, admiration and generosity between Anna Maria Clemson and Thomas Green Clemson. It is harmonious that we also celebrate Anna's birthday during the week of Valentine's Day – a time when we can also celebrate the love story of Clemson University's founders.



Thomas and Anna shared a passion to establish a state agricultural college. With a single act of philanthropy, Clemson University became more than just a vision. It became the “something in these hills” that we so cherish today. The rolling hills of campus filled with students who, as of late this semester, have been soaking up the spring-like temperatures on Bowman field, frisbees and books in hand. For each of us, Clemson has been a way of life – a culture instilled in our hearts, a family born through a commitment to place.

Clemson donors often share a powerful motivation for philanthropy; they give back to the place that has given them so much – personally and professionally. As you think back on your time at Clemson, filled with the sentimental memories of long walks with friends and times cheering in Death Valley – even those long nights studying in Cooper library – ask yourself, “What has Clemson given me? What can I give to Clemson that will impact the future of Clemson students?” Clemson donors have asked themselves these questions. After thoughtful consideration, they have been able to integrate their greatest passions into the most critical needs of Clemson and leave their mark on our wonderful University. Ultimately, they are passing down Clemson's tradition of philanthropy to future generations of Clemson students and supporters.

One example of this is Paul Barnett '80, who recently made a significant commitment in honor of his mother, Bonnie P. Barnett, and his father, Dr. Bob Barnett, former Head of Poultry Science and Professor Emeritus at Clemson. Paul's dedication to helping others also includes his service at Fort Myers Youth Academy as a Christian mentor to young incarcerated men ages 13 to 18. A giving spirit is as much a part of the Barnett's family history as Clemson. Bob and Bonnie are an amazing example of people – like their son – who continue to give back to their community and causes they are extremely passionate about. Paul explains that he is directing his gift to the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences to honor his parents and to commemorate his love and appreciation for the University and the entire Clemson community. Like his father, Paul realizes good nutrition is the basis of life. As a professional pilot, Paul has seen and experienced the world from many vantage points, which shaped his decision to invest in a place that he will always call home. You can read more about Paul and his commitment to giving back [here](#).



When he was only 13 years old, Ray Anderson '74 knew he wanted to become an architect, making Clemson an obvious choice when he headed to college. What he didn't know, however, is what a special member of the Clemson family he would become over the years. The Clemson Alumni Association chose him as the 2018 recipient of the Frank Kellers III Volunteer of the Year. Ray is a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, the University Restoration Institute Advisory Board and a volunteer for the Charleston County Clemson Club Board of Directors, and those positions are only his current roles. Ray intends to create an endowed university-wide, unrestricted scholarship at his death, and he has made a current commitment to establish the Raymond H. Anderson, Jr. '74 Annual Travel Grant-in-Aid for the School of Architecture. Ray gives back in gratitude for his Clemson experience. You invest in your future, he says, and that philosophy has translated into his remarkable dedication to Clemson through his time, talent and treasures. You can read more about Ray and his many contributions to Clemson [here](#).



Thank you, Paul and Ray, for your remarkable and thoughtful support of this great University. You are an inspiration to each of us as we consider how we can individually impact the future of Clemson University.

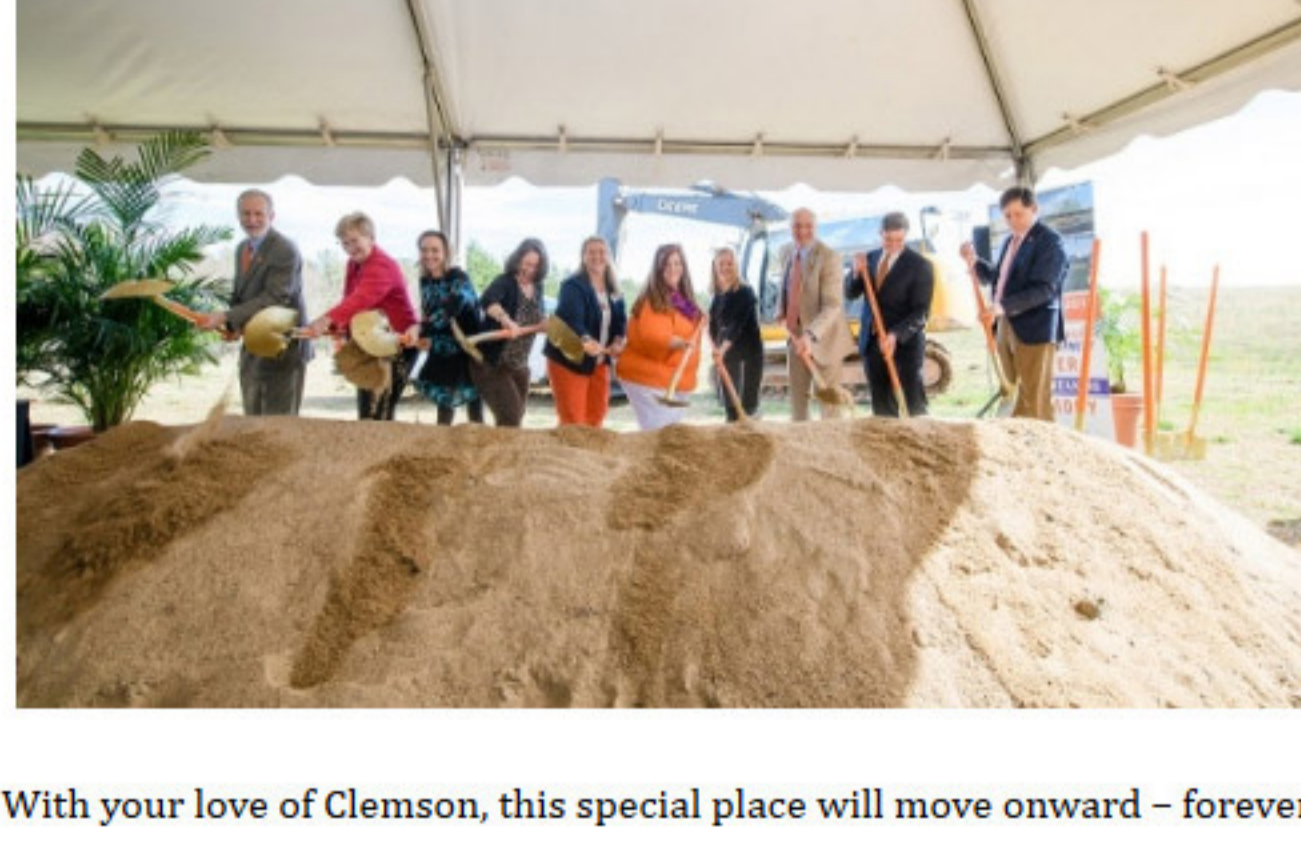
Heber N. Padgett '54 has always been profoundly aware of the impact that Clemson had on his life and success in the poultry production industry. Born into poverty in Saluda, North Carolina, Heber was an orphan by the time he was 14 years old. Despite hardships in early life, he was accepted at Clemson University, where he first experienced something many of us take for granted – a hot shower. Obtaining a specialized degree in Poultry Science paved his path to success in north Georgia, where he became renowned for his impact on the industry. He attributed much of his success – and his family's – to Clemson University. His son, Nat Padgett '78, is honoring his father and mother, Mary Anne Padgett, and the impact Clemson had on their lives by establishing a scholarship endowment on behalf of his mother's estate. This gift will provide financial assistance to students in the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences. Thank you, Nat! You are not only honoring your parents in an extraordinary way, but you are also making a powerful impact on our students' futures.

The faithfulness and compassion of our Clemson family fill my heart with hope and happiness. You each are a blessing to Clemson University – and to me. What started as a vision for Thomas and Anna, became a University built upon a philanthropic foundation, and is now the Clemson University we all cherish.

The love throughout the years has been tremendous; however, it can't stop today. Like all things, our University needs consistent love and nurturing for it to continue on its successful path. It takes you, me and others who love this University to take action.

We enjoy hearing from you and sincerely hope that you will contact us if we can assist you and your family in any way. You may link to our [website](#), call us at 864-656-0663 or write to us at giving@clemson.edu. We also invite you to learn more about IRA rollover benefits [here](#). Please download our free [Wills Guide](#), which has been designed to assist you throughout the estate planning process.

Last Friday, Clemson University Board of Trustees joined the Women's Commission to break ground on the new child development center. The 12,700-square-foot child care facility, located on the main campus at S.C. Highway 93 and Seneca Creek Road near the Snow Family Outdoor Fitness and Wellness Center, will be operated by a third-party provider for infant, toddler and preschool children. I am elated that the vision for this facility is reaching fulfillment. Many thanks for the determination and hard work of our University leadership and the Women's Commission who have made this wonderful and beneficial addition to our campus possible!



With your love of Clemson, this special place will move onward – forever!

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