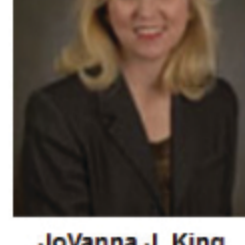


# eNEWSLETTER



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Greetings Tigers!

It is a gorgeous and exciting time to be on the Clemson campus. Every day in Clemson is majestic, and this season of spring trumps all others. Surrounded by the colors of the fresh blooms and the smell of freshly mowed grass on the ever-so green Bowman Field, one can watch our students bounce through campus with an extra spring in their step as they prepare to wrap up another semester.

Amidst the seasonal beauty of our campus comes a time of joyful traditions. This season is filled with moments of the Clemson Family coming together in celebration, from the exciting Spring Game in Death Valley to the Ring Ceremony in Littlejohn Coliseum, the BEST EVER Give Day on April 3 to our annual celebration of Founders Day. These traditions exist because underlying them is a connected beauty between each of us and the University. These traditions are a chance to reminisce on our days in college, watch the growth that has occurred on these grounds and carve a path forward so others may share in our loving connection to Clemson.

The Abney Foundation knows what it means to carve this path forward. Since 1975, the Abney Foundation Scholarship Endowment has provided university-wide scholarships to South Carolina residents who demonstrate financial need. In 1984, the Abney Foundation established a second scholarship endowment for South Carolina residents. Together, these two scholarship endowments support the largest scholarship program at Clemson University. We recently had the distinct pleasure of celebrating with the Abney Foundation Trustees for their remarkable generosity to Clemson University. Their faithful generosity and enthusiasm to provide scholarship assistance is extremely important because it helps so many of our students achieve their educational goals. We are grateful to the Abney Foundation for their tremendous financial support for our Abney Foundation scholars! You can view photos from the event [here](#).



Even before they met, John and Laurie Gutshaw have relished the educational opportunities afforded to them. They have seen how using their education can help build substantive careers and lives. The couple, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, is putting their collective power behind Clemson University through the establishment of the **Kenneth John Gutshaw, Jr., (Class of '72) and Laurie B. Gutshaw FIRST Generation Scholarship Endowment**. The couple recently had the opportunity to meet several of their scholarship recipients reflecting that, "Laurie and I believe one of the best gifts you can give to any young person is a college education. College prepares you for a future career, helps you understand learning experiences and establishes enduring friendships. In the absence of having children, we decided this endowment was the best avenue to open the door for a first generation college student to achieve their dreams". Thank you, John and Laurie, for making a difference in the lives of our FIRST generation students. You can read more about John and Laurie [here](#).



Our fourth annual Give Day was a huge success! During a period of 24 hours, 4,125 donors gave \$2,087,947 to create life-altering experiences for students, faculty and staff. This incredible total included a \$500,000 gift made by the Schwehr family of The Woodlands, Texas. Michael '81, Linda and their daughters, Laurel and Victoria '16, offered their support to enhance global service learning. Together, we are making a powerful impact on the lives of our students, and what an amazing example we are setting for the next generation! You can read more about our fourth annual Give Day [here](#), view photos from the [event](#) and watch a special thank you [video](#). Thank you, Tigers, for supporting Clemson, our students and the University we dearly love.



One tradition remains constant - our Clemson rings are more than a piece of jewelry. They represent a special bond we share as Clemson Tigers. The small weight on our right hand symbolizes the magnitude of memories on this campus and a reminder of our experiences as we journey through various stages of life. This year, I was particularly touched by an inscription in the ring, "Dum Spiro Spero," which means, "While I breathe, I hope". The Latin phrase, which also is our state's motto, is a trademark characteristic of each of our students. No one knows where the winds of life may take us, but we are reassured that every time we look down at our hands, we know that we are part of the Clemson family, giving us hope for the future. This is a special time of year for our seniors as they soak up every ounce of their Clemson experience on campus before graduation.



We recently celebrated Founder's Day at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pendleton, where Provost Jones led the ceremony and Dr. Bill McCoy delivered the benediction. Dr. McCoy shared insightful words about Thomas Green Clemson as the University honored our founder. He so eloquently said, "What you do for yourself will die; but what you do for others will live on. Thomas Green Clemson lives on in all of us, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, political affiliation and the like; for we are his legacy. We stand in strength, we stand in numbers, and we stand in service." I hope Dr. McCoy's words resonate within you as they have within me.



We find purpose in doing what we can for Clemson today so that the lives of Clemson students will be impacted tomorrow. As you explore the many ways that you can impact our faculty and students, we are here to help you navigate that process. Please visit our [website](#), call us at 864-656-0663 or write to us at [giving@clemson.edu](mailto:giving@clemson.edu) if we can be of service to you or your family in any way.

We enjoy hearing from you and encourage you to let us know how we can assist you and your family. You may download our free [Wills Guide](#), which has been designed to assist you throughout the gift and estate planning process. Please learn more about IRA rollover benefits [here](#). Thank you for your heartfelt generosity to our wonderful University! It is because of each and every one of you that our Clemson family is strong and thriving.

It is a beautiful time to be on our campus, and we hope you are making plans to visit us in Tiger Town this spring! Best wishes to you and your family for an enjoyable Easter weekend.

Go Tigers!

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