



Greetings from Tiger Town!

It truly is the most wonderful time of the year! The holiday season is upon us – and it is the perfect time to appreciate our many blessings. The holidays are also a time when we can offer our generosity and compassion to those in need – which is an amazing gift to others as well as a gift to ourselves.



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It's hard to believe that the fall semester has ended. It seems that we were just celebrating the new semester at the Welcome Back Festival and anxiously waiting for football season to begin.

We are now looking forward to celebrating our graduates as they prepare to walk across the stage in Littlejohn Coliseum next week. We wish our alumni much success in their chosen careers and look forward to interacting with them often as the newest members of the Clemson family!

Rhonda Aull Hyde is a perfect example of someone who came to Clemson and left with an education that greatly impacted her future. Hyde entered Clemson in 1976 and graduated with a B.S. in math in 1980. She continued her education at Clemson to earn a master's in that same field. But Hyde didn't stop there. While in graduate school, she was awarded an assistantship – an important factor in helping her with tuition. In 1987 she earned her Ph.D. in management science. In 2015 Hyde created the Aull Family First-Generation Scholarship Endowment that will provide merit-based, need-based scholarships to first-generation students enrolled in the Clemson FIRST Program and the College of Engineering and Applied Science. Recipients must be residents of South Carolina. Hyde said when she was at Clemson the tuition cost was supplemented more by the state. Now, she feels need-based scholarships are even more important as state support declines. You can read more about Rhonda Aull Hyde and the endowment [here](#). Thank you, Rhonda, for your thoughtful generosity and continued support for the university and our students!



We have had many reasons to celebrate recently – from wonderful gift announcements to the football team winning the ACC Championship! We are thrilled that our TIGERS are on their way to defending their national title. Many members of our Clemson Family will celebrate the New Year in New Orleans when our TIGERS face Alabama at the Allstate Sugar Bowl. If you're traveling to the game, the following links will be helpful as you plan your trip. You can link [here](#) to the Clemson Athletics website for information and activities tied to the playoff game. For available travel packages from the Clemson Alumni Association and IPTAY, please link to our travel partner [PrimeSport](#). You can find additional information about the semi-final game [here](#).



Clemson University continues to have an amazing determined spirit – both on and off the field! This is evident when you walk across campus and see all the wonderful changes that are taking place. We all felt a tremendous sense of nostalgia when the Clemson House came down; however, we are excited about what lies ahead for our great university. The new College of Business will be located in this area, and it will be a magnificent addition to our campus. These changes will not diminish our history or our memories. Instead, they will make our university stronger and provide our students with greater opportunities for success. You can view photos from the Clemson House implosion [here](#).



Thank you very much for ALL you have done for Clemson University throughout the year. We always enjoy hearing from you, and we 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.

Best wishes to you and your family for a safe and blessed holiday season. We hope you are making plans to visit campus often in 2018.

Merry Christmas, and we hope you enjoy a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Gratefully yours,



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