

Greetings from Tigertown!

The moment we have been waiting for all summer has finally arrived! We celebrated our newest undergraduate and graduate alumni during August commencement ceremonies last week. We thrive on the opportunity to applaud them for their determination, hard work and accomplishments, and we are looking forward to their continued success in the communities in which they will serve around the globe!



We have also been preparing for a record-setting class of 4705 freshmen. These incoming students are athletes, artists, volunteers and leaders. They aspire to be the next generation of educators, engineers, healthcare workers, entrepreneurs, researchers and innovators. Every new Tiger is part of a high-achieving group of students ready to learn – in and out of the classroom. We look forward to seeing what the Class of 2026 will accomplish throughout their Clemson Journey and beyond.

If you are driving around campus this weekend, you will encounter moving trucks parked curbside; parents moving furniture and boxes; and students reuniting with friends. Today marks the beginning of a new academic year. For our freshmen, it can be an exciting and overwhelming adventure. It is a memory that will stay with them forever – feelings of independence as they leave their home to find a new “home” and opportunities to engage in a living and learning environment of peers from 45 states, the District of Columbia and 16 countries. They will develop new friendships that will last a lifetime and experience defining moments – like walking into their freshman dorm for the first time. It can be an unforgettable memory. For Kay Wolfe '86, it was especially noteworthy. She says, “It was the day my life changed forever.”

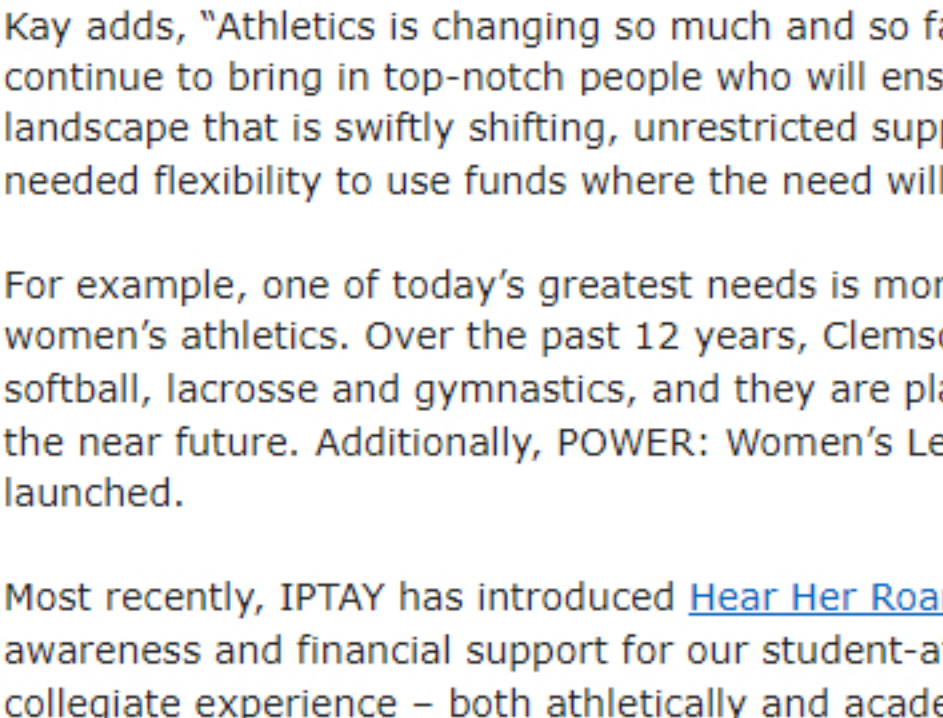
Kay started Clemson in 1982. With her parents in tow, she opened the door to her freshman dorm room in Manning Hall. Hanging photos on the wall was, as she describes him, “the most incredible boy I had ever seen in my entire life.” It truly was love at first sight. And to her delight, the sophomore boy was her roommate’s cousin.

Kay reminisces about meeting Robert at the walkway between Hardin Hall and Brackett Hall between classes. She remembers the smell of the air and the excitement she felt in knowing he was waiting for her.

After they graduated from Clemson, Robert pursued a graduate degree from the University of South Carolina. Kay began working and focused on planting roots for their future together. After graduate school, Robert began working for Georgia-Pacific and has now been with the company for 34 years as a human resource executive.

Robert and Kay married in 1989, and they lived in Atlanta, Georgia, for many years. However, their long-term plan was always to return to the place where their great love story began – Clemson. They built a house on Lake Hartwell where they would eventually retire. During the pandemic, opportunities to work remotely allowed them to accelerate their timeline for moving into their dream home – and they love every minute of it. While in Atlanta, they attended every home football game; however, living in Clemson has provided numerous opportunities to experience a variety of sports – like men’s basketball and women’s softball. They love the students and atmosphere in Littlejohn Coliseum and McWhorter Stadium on gamedays.

It was their experiences with Clemson Athletics and IPTAY that inspired them to create an estate plan for Clemson. Robert and Kay have thoughtfully and generously left their entire estate to IPTAY for unrestricted purposes. Around 15 years ago, Kay suffered a very serious medical event. Unsure if she would make it, Kay began a deep reflection of her life and everything she was grateful for. She says, “You start looking at what you’re leaving behind.” She adds, “Everything came back to what we had created together.” At the core was Clemson – the place that brought them together. Kay says, “Clemson set everything into motion for what we have become – personally and professionally.” She began asking herself, “What do I want everyone to remember about us?”



The answer to that question was simple. Robert and Kay want to be remembered for the impact they have on others. They are passionate about providing future students with the same opportunities that they were fortunate to experience. Robert says, “We benefited from Clemson, and I want others to benefit; I wouldn’t change a thing about my experience, and by helping others, they will have an even greater opportunity to be successful.” Supporting IPTAY through an unrestricted planned gift will allow Robert and Kay to make the greatest impact. While they may never see the impact their investment will have on future generations of Clemson students, they are witnessing IPTAY’s current impact on our student-athletes and devoted fans. It has inspired them to create a planned gift, confident that the administration will utilize their gift for the most effective and efficient needs.

Kay adds, “Athletics is changing so much and so fast, but we know Clemson will continue to bring in top-notch people who will ensure top-notch support.” With a landscape that is swiftly shifting, unrestricted support affords Clemson the much-needed flexibility to use funds where the need will be greatest at that time.

For example, one of today’s greatest needs is more emphasis and support for women’s athletics. Over the past 12 years, Clemson has added women’s golf, softball, lacrosse and gymnastics, and they are planning new athletic facilities in the near future. Additionally, POWER: Women’s Leadership Academy was officially launched.

Most recently, IPTAY has introduced [Hear Her Roar](#), a fundraising initiative to raise awareness and financial support for our student-athletes, providing them a premier collegiate experience – both athletically and academically. This initiative will:

- Provide scholarships, a nationally acclaimed academic experience, and state-of-the-art training facilities and competition venues ensuring success both academically and athletically.
- Empower and develop female student-athletes to become leaders in their workplace, family and community.
- Recruit exceptional women to be part of the Clemson Family.
- Ensure an elite student-athlete experience that is unrivaled across the country.

Support for these initiatives is imperative to the success of our student-athletes, and unrestricted gifts allow Clemson to allocate funds to the areas of greatest need. Women sports represent a vibrant need for more support today, and once the Wolfe’s planned gift is realized, the needs of Clemson and IPTAY will likely have shifted dramatically – which is why unrestricted support from donors like Robert and Kay is so vital for our future. It requires a great deal of trust between the individual and the institution, and for the Wolfes, there was no hesitation. Robert says, “We trust Clemson. It is in good hands, and they will make excellent decisions.”

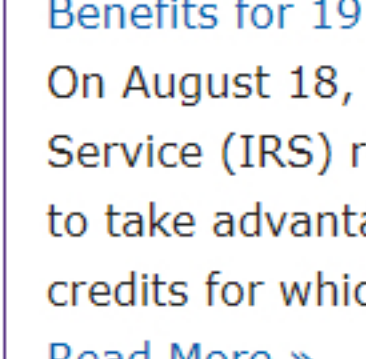
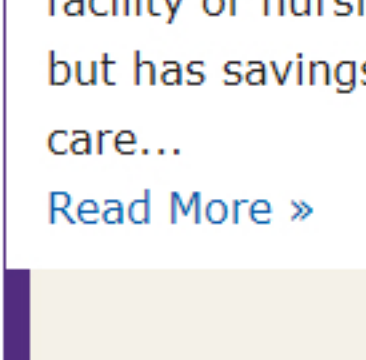
As Robert and Kay reflected on the legacy they wanted to leave, Clemson was always front of mind. First as students and now as alumni and donors, the couple has garnered an understanding and appreciation for the generosity of others that has impacted their lives. It was the generosity of one special couple that laid our foundation. Kay says, “Thank you, Thomas. Thank you, Anna. We greatly appreciate the fact that you donated and created this school that led to this.” Thomas and Anna – and all of those who followed in their philanthropic footsteps – have inspired her and Robert to do the same for those who will follow them. It’s a cycle that has withstood decades, wars, depression, recession and numerous challenging times, and through it all, the generosity of the Clemson Family has never faltered. When you are the recipient of extraordinary philanthropy from others, you feel inspired and empowered to pay that generosity forward to the next generation. It is a human chain of philanthropy that established the Clemson University we all know and love today, and it has given us the tools we have needed to grow into one of the nation’s leading public research universities. Click [here](#) to read Robert and Kay’s full story.

Robert and Kay’s rich experiences inspired this wonderful couple to provide for Clemson in a meaningful and thoughtful way, and we sincerely hope you will reflect on what has occurred throughout your life that would prompt you to leave a legacy for those who will follow in your footsteps. Our team is always here to support you through that journey and we would like to help you explore a plan that can benefit you, your family and the future of this great University. Our [website](#) features useful online resources to guide you through a planning process. For information about general estate planning, our free [Wills Guide](#) is available to help you prepare your thoughts and ideas before visiting with your legal and financial professionals. We always appreciate hearing from you and sincerely hope you will contact us directly at 864.656.0663 or by email at giving@clemson.edu.

With the Fall semester beginning and football season just around the corner, I know many of you will be planning trips to visit our beautiful campus. We are looking forward to seeing you and visiting with you and your family and friends very soon!

Go Tigers!

Gratefully yours,



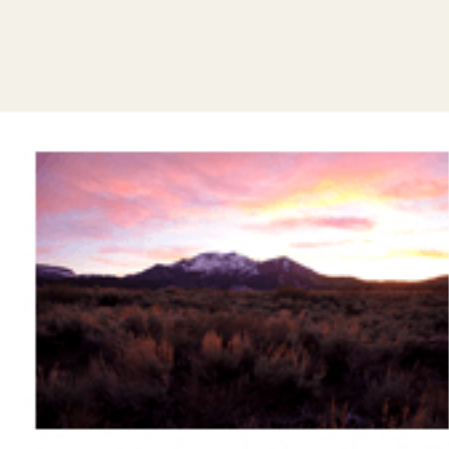
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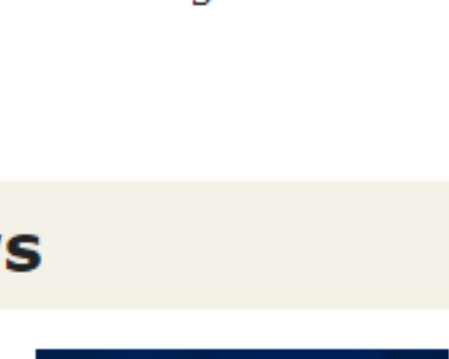


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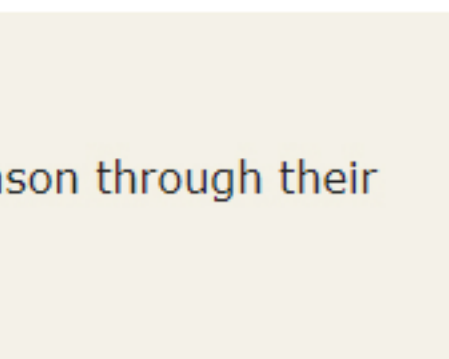


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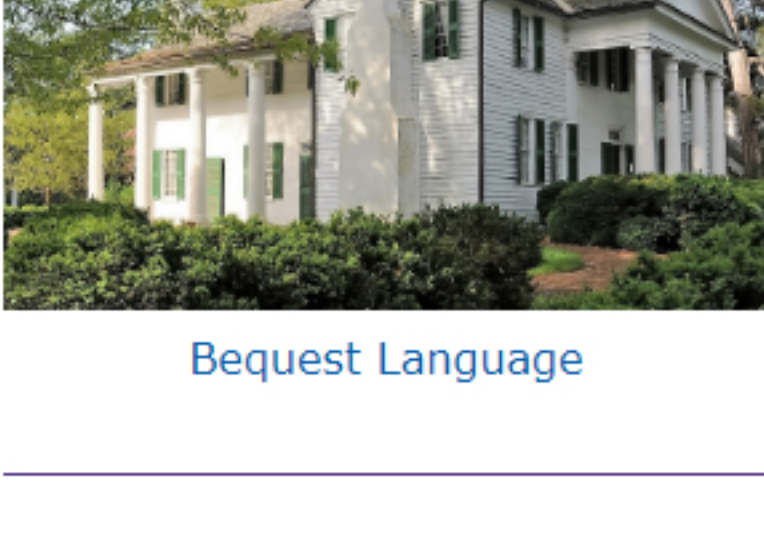
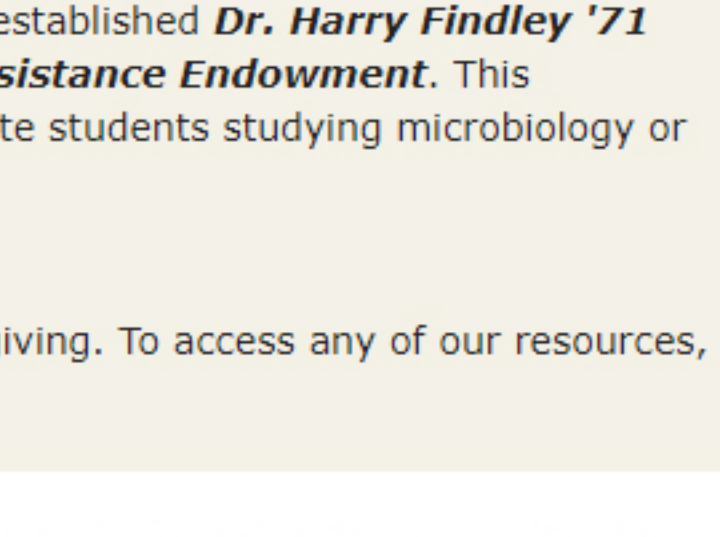
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It takes a strong constitution to lead a life devoted to service and science. One must be dedicated to purposes greater than oneself. Harry Findley '71 exemplifies that dedication. From his time serving in the Armed Forces to teaching to giving back with this time, talent and treasure, Harry has always been committed to paying it forward. In that spirit, he has ensured the education of students in the field of biology for years to come through an estate gift that supports the previously established **Dr. Harry Findley '71 and Catherine T. Findley Student Assistance Endowment**. This endowment provides support for graduate students studying microbiology or biology.

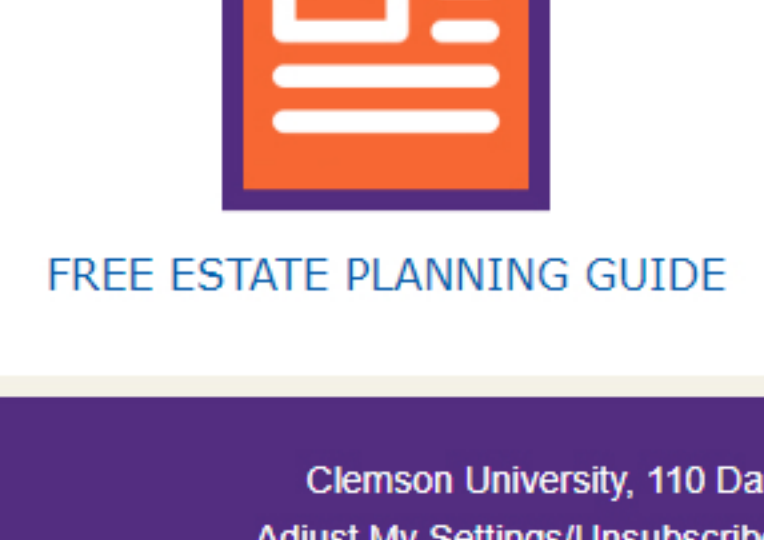
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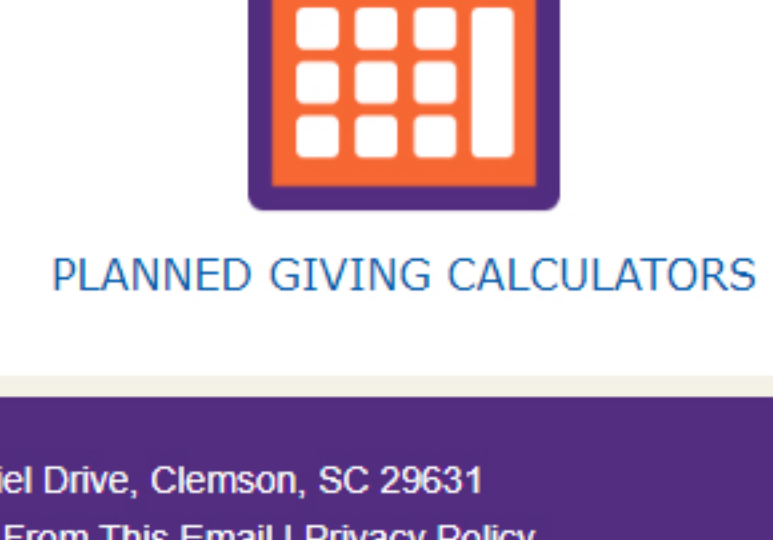
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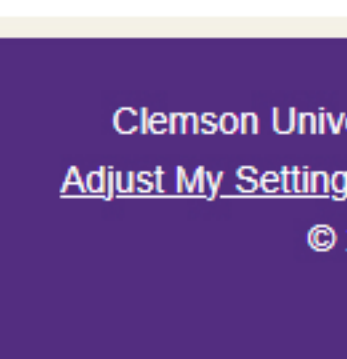
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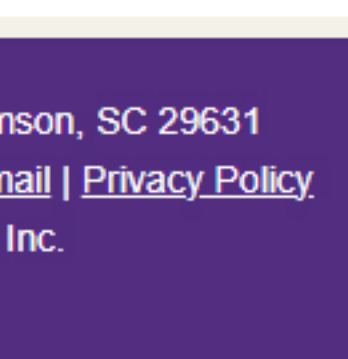
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