



Greetings, Clemson Family!

February 13 is a busy day for most of us as we prepare to celebrate Valentine's Day with our loved ones, and many of you had the joy of expressing your devotion to your loved ones last weekend.

February 13 is also the birthday of a very special member of the Clemson Family. On February 13, 1817, our beloved Anna Calhoun Clemson made her debut into the world. As her parents decided upon her beauty, little did they know the vast and extraordinary impact her decisions would have on founding and shaping what is now Clemson University. Anna's beauty, intellect and engaging personality captured the heart of Thomas Green Clemson, which brought him to South Carolina. They wed in the parlor of the Fort Hill mansion and solidified their lifelong partnership to make a difference in the world around them. You may not know that Anna inherited the home and the land adjoining Fort Hill from her parents. She specifically directed Thomas to use the land to carry out their vision for a "higher seminary of learning." The unwavering love that they shared for one another and the love they extended to all of us who have grown to cherish this amazing institution is priceless. Our heritage is indeed rich and full of love. Every time someone becomes a member of the Clemson Family, we share a unique bond that enriches our connection to each other and positions us to enhance the Clemson experience for future generations.

No one could have anticipated that during our 132 year history, this University, formed as an all-male agriculture and military college, would grow and expand into a coeducational university with national prominence in both academics and athletics. This evolution of love and devotion inspires us – those who believe in Clemson's ability to change the lives of its students – to invest in its future.



As the first pitch of the 2021 softball season was thrown, our University was celebrating the generosity of Stuart McWhorter '91 and Leigh Anne Hendrix McWhorter, of Nashville, Tenn. Their strong sense of dedication and commitment to the future of Clemson athletics inspired the McWhorter family to pledge \$2.5 million in support of our softball program. In recognition of their outstanding generosity, the softball stadium will be named in their honor.



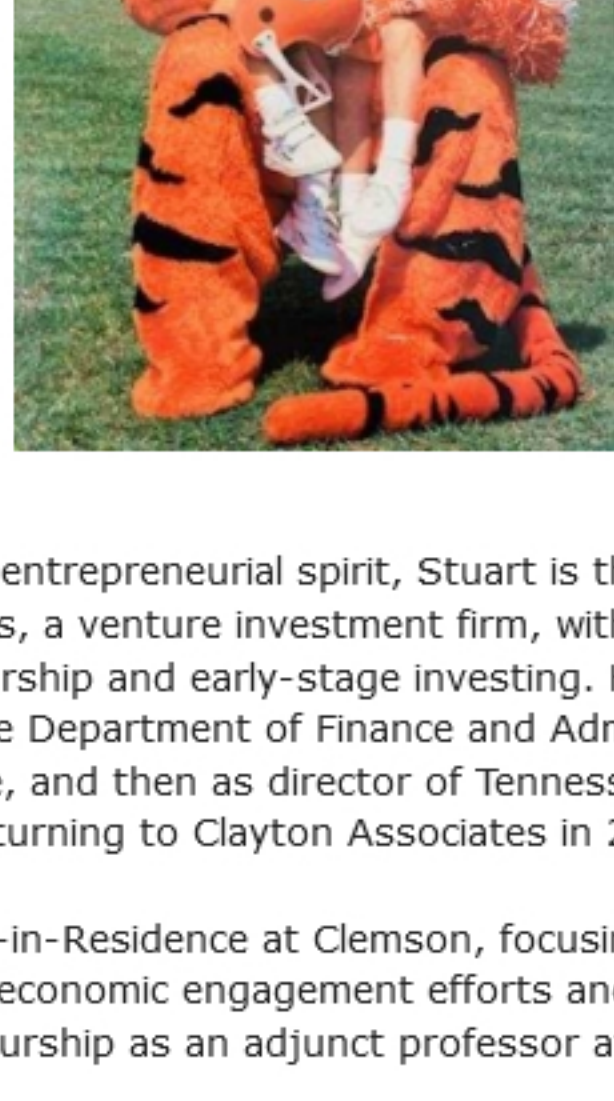
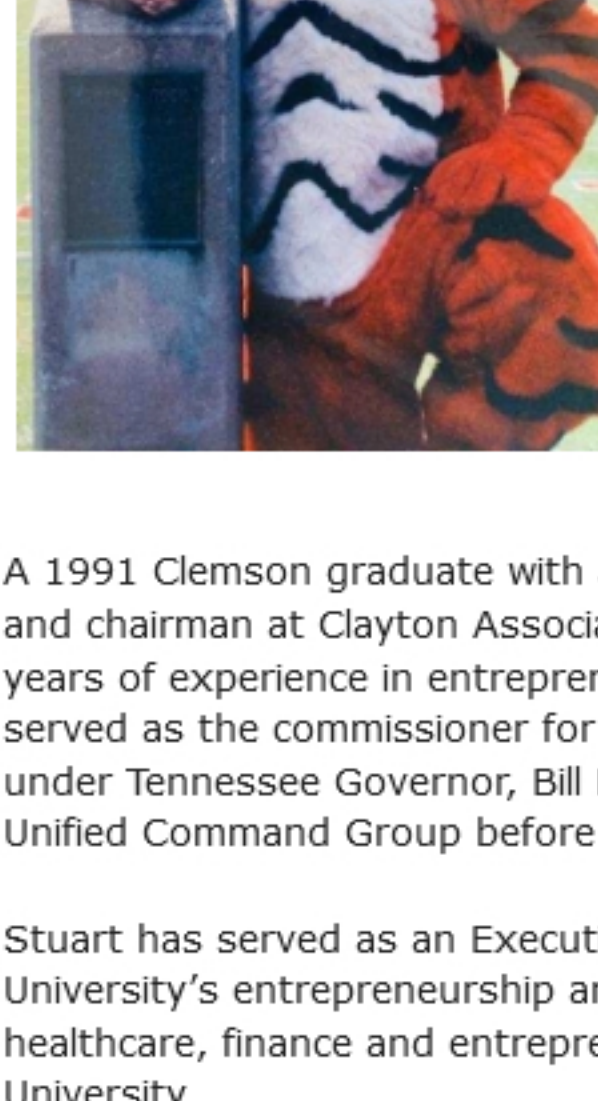
The softball program played its inaugural season in 2020, joining Clemson's elite sports programs. This transformational gift from the McWhorter family ensures Clemson's softball program will maintain a strong momentum and high level of success, matching the University's other winning programs.

"My father taught me the meaning of giving back and paying it forward at an early age. As a result of my experience as a student and today as an alumnus, I want to meaningfully continue my support. Leigh Anne and I are thrilled to support Clemson and in particular, Clemson softball," says Stuart.

Leigh Anne adds, "This is the opportunity to give these young women the chance to participate in the sport and grow from lessons they learn far beyond the field of play. We have three daughters, and my hope is that they too will have the same opportunities, whether that's through sports or other life experiences."

Stuart was the official Clemson Tiger mascot while a student from 1987 to 1990. The Tiger embodies the fierce dedication and devotion to the spirit of the Clemson Family. Just the appearance of the Tiger causes a wellspring of excitement, thrill and immediate connection to the Clemson experience. The Tiger draws out a sense of belonging for both young and old and causes our hearts to soar with pride at the excellence Clemson represents. Each time Stuart stepped into the official suit of the Clemson Tiger mascot, he felt the determined spirit and enthusiasm of his fellow Tigers. Stuart's service as the Tiger was a part of an honored tradition, and today, Stuart and Leigh Anne continue to embody the very best of what it means to be a part of the Clemson Family.

The lessons he learned and honor he felt wearing the striped suit served to strengthen his passion and desire to give back. Prior to being a Cornerstone Partner, Stuart and Leigh Anne gave generous support to the Tiger Pride Campaign, funding the bronze Tiger located at Gate 1 of Memorial Stadium. Many of us have had our photos taken next to the bronze Tiger, and what wonderful memories their gift has enabled for many of us to pay tribute to one of our great Clemson traditions!

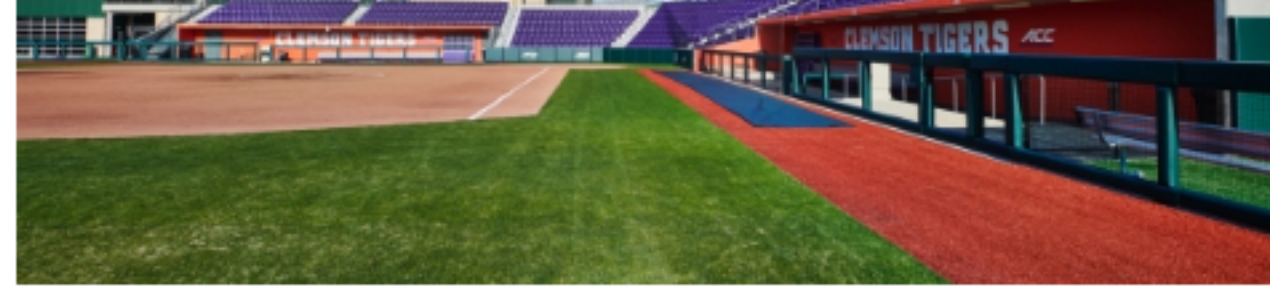


A 1991 Clemson graduate with an entrepreneurial spirit, Stuart is the co-founder and chairman at Clayton Associates, a venture investment firm, with more than 25 years of experience in entrepreneurship and early-stage investing. He recently served as the commissioner for the Department of Finance and Administration under Tennessee Governor, Bill Lee, and then as director of Tennessee's COVID-19 Unified Command Group before returning to Clayton Associates in 2021.

Stuart has served as an Executive-in-Residence at Clemson, focusing on the University's entrepreneurship and economic engagement efforts and has taught healthcare, finance and entrepreneurship as an adjunct professor at Belmont University.

Leigh Anne pursued a Bachelor of Science in human learning and behavior from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville and then worked for several pharmaceutical manufacturing companies in sales, including GlaxoSmithKline.

The McWhorter family has given generously of their time, talent and treasures, inspiring all of us to find meaningful ways to demonstrate our own personal commitment to enhance and expand our great University. Please join me in celebrating and thanking Stuart and Leigh Anne and their five children, Clayton, a freshman at Clemson, Thomas, Caroline, Marleigh and Layla, for all they have done and continue to do for Clemson.



With this gift, the McWhorter family becomes the 18th member of the [Cornerstone Partner program in Athletics](#), joining those who have pledged a minimum of \$2.5 million to propel Clemson forward in the University's quest to educate and prepare student-athletes who will compete and win at the highest levels.

"I've spent 25 years investing and advising start-ups and other small businesses. I am wired in a way to get ideas and projects off the ground. Clemson softball is much like that. Still in its infancy, the program is comprised of talented coaches, players and staff that are passionate about the team, the sport and this university," says Stuart. I invite you to read more about Stuart, Leigh Anne and their gift to Clemson [here](#).

We are grateful to donors like Stuart and Leigh Anne whose gifts provide immediate benefit to Clemson. The McWhorters' investment will ensure that Clemson remains a beacon of hope and change and a place where students can continue their quest for excellence both on and off the field of competition. Their thoughtful act of generosity reflects back to the devotion Thomas and Anna Clemson shared so many years ago.

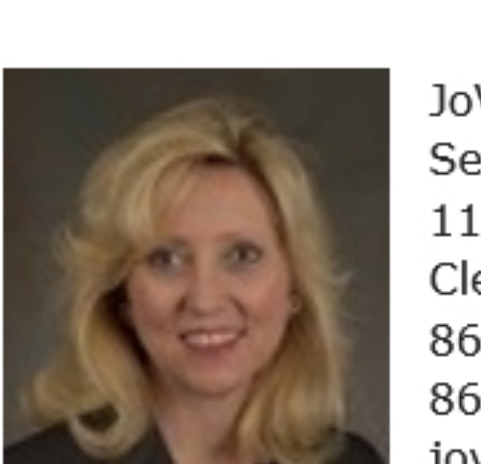
Thomas and Anna's life together had great purpose, and their decisive actions to support something they would never see was also a great example of how we can secure Clemson's future through our estate plans. During this season of love, we celebrate our founders and the McWhorters for their loyal devotion and service to our University. This a beautiful reminder of what it means to be a Clemson Tiger!

We encourage each of you to reflect on the legacy you would like to leave at Clemson. It would be a privilege to help you explore ways in which you can make a difference at Clemson today, tomorrow and forever. Please visit our [website](#) or send a personal email to us at giving@clemson.edu, as we always enjoy hearing from you. Additionally, you can find information about general estate planning, please download our free [Wills Guide](#), which is designed to help you navigate your thoughts and plans before you visit with your attorney and/or financial advisors.

We look forward to the time when we can reunite on campus with our fellow Tigers in the special place we call "home." Until then, we sincerely hope you and your families enjoy excellent health, happiness and love every day.

Go Tigers!

Gratefully yours,



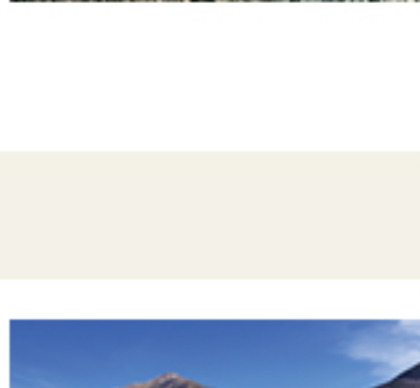
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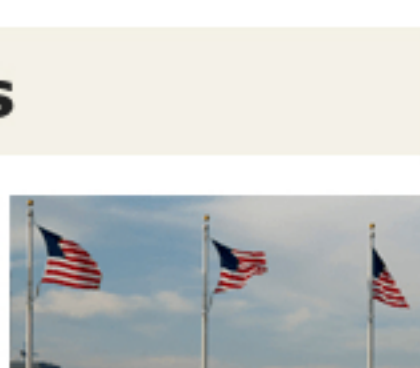


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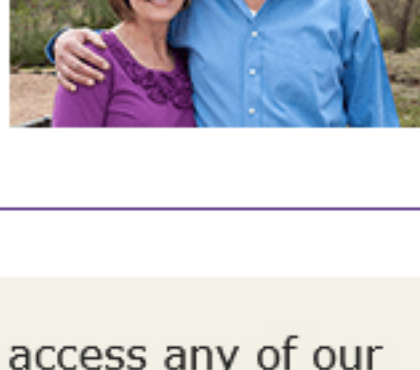


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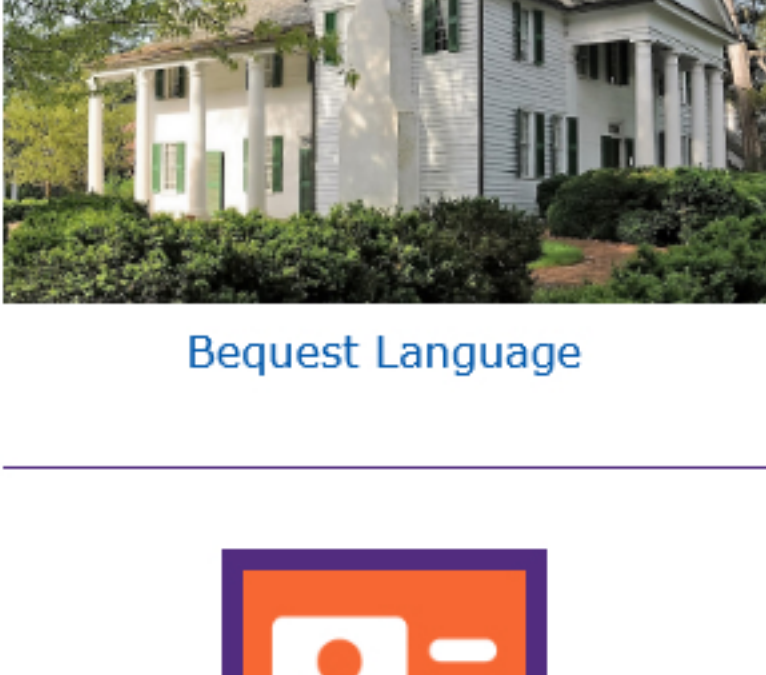
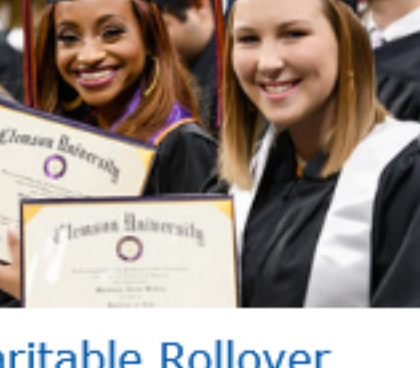


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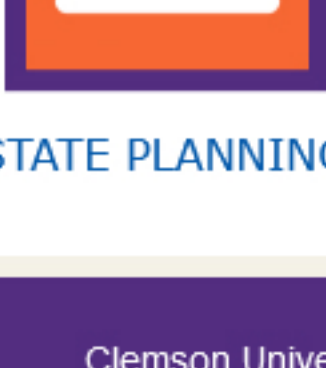
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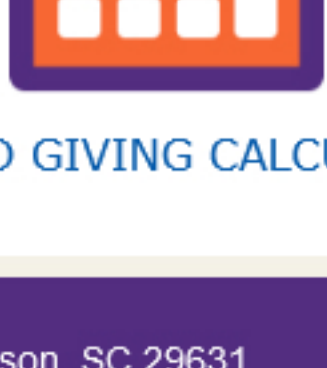
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