

Greetings from Clemson! As the seasons change and the weather warms, campus grows full of excitement. On April 1-3 and 8-10, we welcomed 4,300 visitors to Tigertown for our annual Spring Blitz program. This is a meaningful time of the year because students, faculty and staff have the opportunity to show future Tigers and their families just how special Clemson really is. In addition to a record number of visitors, we also have lots of other good news to celebrate.

Longtime Clemson supporter [Betty Poe](#) has made the second cornerstone gift of \$2.5 million to Clemson University Athletics for facilities. The Clemson Athletic Cornerstone Program is a vital part of the new athletics facilities initiative. With new facilities, upgrades or rebuilds planned for football, basketball, baseball, tennis, soccer and Vickery Hall, it will be the most comprehensive change to the facilities of athletics ever undertaken at Clemson. Mrs. Poe makes this generous donation in honor of head football coach Dabo Swinney and his staff and in memory of her late husband, Billy "Tweet" Poe, a football letterman for legendary coach Frank Howard at Clemson in 1944-46. The [Poe Cornerstone Gift](#) was celebrated during a special luncheon on April 10 and is part of the University's The Will to Lead capital campaign. We are very appreciative of Betty Poe's continued generosity.

Jo Claire Hanvey Hickson, with her husband and property co-owner, Dr. Harry T. Hickson, has bequeathed a portion of the family property to the Clemson University Real Estate Foundation as part of Clemson's [Timberland Legacy](#) program. [The Hicksons](#) look forward to seeing the land being used as a learning laboratory for undergraduate and graduate students by Clemson's Department of Forestry.

We're excited to announce that the Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR) has received a [\\$1.625 million gift](#) from CoreTech System Co. Ltd. (Moldex3D) to support education and research. [The gift](#), which includes 25 seats of the latest [Moldex3D](#) Advanced package and Solution Added-on modules, including Fiber and MuCell, will provide hands-on training for students, faculty and professionals in Clemson's Automotive Engineering Academic Program.

On March 30, a reception was held to honor [Gantt Scholars](#) past and present. Donors to the Harvey Gantt Endowment had the opportunity to attend and meet these recipients as well as hear President Clements give a background on Mr. Gantt, the first African American to attend Clemson and a man who ultimately transformed the University.

In closing, we thank you for your support. Clemson is unlike any other place, and without you the University wouldn't be where it is today. Every day, I have the privilege of setting foot on Clemson's beautiful campus. It is truly a blessing to see the students' smiling faces, and we want you to know that you are making a difference in their lives. As always, please let me know if we can be of assistance to you and your family. For more information, please visit our [website](#), call 864-656-0663 or email giving@clemson.edu.

Many thanks and GO TIGERS!




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