

Greetings from campus! The new academic year is upon us, and we could not be more excited. We have a lot of great things in store for our students, faculty, staff and, of course, our loyal alumni and donors!

On August 7, 864 students were awarded degrees at Clemson's summer [graduation ceremony](#), which took place at the Bon Secours Wellness Arena. "Welcome to our home-away-from-home in downtown Greenville," President James P. Clements said. Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., addressed the summer graduates. "Do something that matters. You can start tomorrow," Gowdy said. "For today, congratulations." The Greenville arena will continue to host upcoming graduation ceremonies as well as men's basketball games while Littlejohn Coliseum is being renovated.

You do not want to miss the annual Welcome Back Festival on Monday, August 17! Sponsored by the Clemson Alumni Association and the Student Alumni Council, the festival will take place from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on College Avenue in downtown Clemson. [Read more](#) about this year's festival.

We are thrilled to welcome the Class of 2019 to Clemson University! It will not be long before this group of bright and talented students realizes that there truly is "something in these hills." The freshmen will arrive on campus and move into their new residence halls on August 15 and 16. [View a message](#) from a few of our current Tigers welcoming the Class of 2019.

The excitement on campus never ends! According to the 2016 edition of *The Princeton Review's* "Best 380 Colleges," Clemson is [ranked No. 1](#) in the categories of Student Career Services, Town-Gown Relations and Students Pack the Stadium. Go Tigers! Click [here](#) to see Clemson featured on the *Today Show* for ranking No. 1 in Career Services.

From the Bon Secours Wellness Arena to Main Street, Clemson is stamping its paw all around downtown Greenville. [Experience Clemson](#), located in the ONE building at the intersection of East Coffee and North Main street, is an interactive virtual museum where people can learn about the University's history and traditions. Lane Sulhan, director of the center's design and development, said the ground floor space allows for a lot of flexibility, and the experience will change over time with new videos and attractions. The lease of the prime street-level space was donated to Clemson as part of a larger gift of 70,000 square-feet from Hughes Development Corporation and GAB Properties, LLC for office and classroom space in the new building. This gift-in-kind was part of the [Will to Lead for Clemson](#), a \$1 billion capital campaign to support faculty and students with scholarships, professorships, facilities, technology and enhanced opportunities for learning and research.

Clemson has embarked on a once-in-a-generation physical transformation to move the campus forward into the next 50 years. Building Futures — a capital improvement plan — will ensure Clemson's role as a leader in education and economic development for the state of South Carolina. I encourage you to take a moment and watch this [video](#) about the largest building program in our University's history.

The 2015 football season is almost here which means the First Friday Parade is just around the corner! The parade will take place on the afternoon of September 4, the Friday before our [first home game](#) against Wofford. The First Friday Parade is only one of Clemson's favorite traditions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jo Claire Harvey Hickson, and her husband, Dr. Harry T. Hickson have bequeathed a portion of her family property to Clemson's Timberland Legacy Program, where it will be used as a living classroom. [The Hicksons](#) are a great example of a family who has ultimately left a legacy. You have the opportunity to leave a legacy as well. Please take a look at our free [Wills Guide](#). This guide has been designed to assist you throughout the planning process.

In conclusion, thank you for your continuous support. We could not do it without you. Every time I turn around, something exciting has happened. You and your family play a big role in these positive changes taking place around our campus.

Please let us know if we can be of assistance to you and your family in any way. For more information, please visit our [website](#), call 864-656-0663 or email [giving@clemson.edu](mailto:giving@clemson.edu).

We look forward to seeing you on campus this fall! Many thanks and GO TIGERS!

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