



Greetings from Clemson!

Our excitement and gratitude continues as we celebrate the annual fundraising results for the 2017 fiscal year. We had an ambitious goal of \$105 million, following the extraordinary success of our Will To Lead campaign, which ended in 2016. While most universities experience a reduction in gifts immediately following a comprehensive campaign, Clemson proved that we are champions, both on and off the field. Your thoughtful generosity and determined spirit yielded \$151 million for academics and athletics. To be successful in every endeavor, we must remain united as "One Clemson," and if we do, we can accomplish anything! THANK YOU for everything you have done to help us achieve these remarkable results.



JoVanna J. King
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People give to Clemson for many reasons, and we love to hear each unique story. A common thread throughout these experiences is that Clemson University holds a very special place in their hearts and minds. This was especially the case for [Wayne Ouzts](#), whose relationship to the university began with his oldest brother's enrollment in 1946. After Wayne served his country in the U.S. Army, he enrolled at Clemson and graduated in 1961. He spent a career with AT&T Missile Defense Systems as a lead engineer, developing state of the art communications systems. He established the Ouzts Family Scholarship Endowment, which provides merit and need-based scholarships for deserving students. Wayne has continued to make significant annual investments into his endowment, but his story does not end there; to commemorate his 50th anniversary, Wayne created an ROTC scholarship in memory of a friend he met during his freshman year, 1st Lt. Glenn Dalton Allen, Jr. Thank you, Wayne, for your dedication and amazing generosity to Clemson. You are making a tremendous difference in the lives of many students.

Please take a moment to read [President Clements' Blog](#), where he shares a reflection of the university's many accomplishments of the past year. He recognizes Clemson's exhilarating national championship win, the completion of our record-setting Will to Lead capital campaign, the exceptional success of our students and the research efforts of our outstanding faculty. We share President Clements' sentiments of appreciation for the hard work that made last year a memorable one for all of us.

We invite you to view a once-in-a-lifetime event at a one-of-a-kind place on what will be a memorable day. The National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration is predicting that Clemson will have the best viewing conditions in South Carolina for the [total solar eclipse](#) on Aug. 21. We hope you will make plans to join us for our "viewing" party. There will be plenty of parking, open space, scientific experiments, expert demonstrations and vendors. Clemson will also provide solar glasses to protect viewers' eyes from the sun's damaging rays.

Your remarkable support of Clemson, each and every day, is a "special" gift to all of us. Thank you for your words of encouragement, financial contributions and loyalty. We are here to serve you as well! Please visit our [website](#), call us at 864-656-0663 or write to us at giving@clemson.edu if we can be of service to you or your family in any way.

We enjoy hearing from you and encourage you to let us know how we can help you. Please learn more about IRA rollover benefits [here](#). You may also download our free [Wills Guide](#), which has been designed to assist you throughout the gift and estate planning process.

We are extremely proud of our Clemson family and sincerely thank each of you for making this an exceptional year for giving. Your support directly influences Clemson and moves us forward as we continue to reach new goals. We hope you are enjoying a delightful summer and making plans to join us on campus very soon! GO TIGERS!

Gratefully yours,



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