

Greetings from Clemson!

Congratulations to all of our new graduates! Approximately 3,400 students made their walk across the stage to receive their Clemson degrees in four commencement ceremonies at Littlejohn Coliseum last week, and we held a separate doctoral hooding ceremony at the Brooks Center.



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President James P. Clements praised faculty and staff for another successful year in his remarks at the general faculty meeting: "I love looking into the eyes of our graduates and wondering what they will do with their lives, all the while thankful for our faculty and staff who helped make graduation possible for our students." [Read more](#) about the meeting and view highlights of this year's accomplishments.

If charity begins at home, Butch and Joy Ferree are "shining examples" of generosity and philanthropy. Both were born and raised in Clemson and attended Clemson University. After a career spent in education in other states, there was no doubt that they would someday give back to the place where their journey began. The Ferree's gift of more than \$1 million, in the form of a Charitable Remainder Trust, will benefit students in the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences through scholarships and it will support experiential learning opportunities for students. The Ferrees want to ensure that "hands on learning will remain a valuable and enhanced learning experience for our students." They are also members of the *President's Leadership Circle* and continue to support Clemson in any way they can. [Read more](#) about these "hometown folks" giving back to Clemson.

There are many reasons our alumni and friends make the decision to support Clemson, and one of the most frequent reasons is a family's love and loyalty to Clemson. Bill Linton made the decision to establish a family endowment to celebrate five generations of his extended family who have received a Clemson degree. [Read more](#) about the Lintons and how they are giving back to future generations of deserving students.

Another member of the Clemson Family who continues to give back is [William H. "Bill" Pelham](#), president of Pelham Architects, LLC of Greenville. Pelham's latest gift through the Jean T. and Heyward G. Pelham Foundation will support Clemson University's School of Architecture, the Clemson Architectural Foundation and other Clemson initiatives. View [photos](#) and [video](#) of the Pelham gift announcement.

Thank you to Butch & Joy Ferree, Bill Linton, and Bill & Laura Pelham for your continued loyalty and generous support of Clemson! It is so inspiring to read about these wonderful families who know the value of education, and choose to return their good fortune to the place where it all began. Looking into the faces of our new graduates last weekend, there is little doubt that an investment in Clemson today, is carried forward into the next generation.

Your thoughtful support is a wonderful gift to all of us who love this special place. We are here to support 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.

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

Congratulations to our new "Tigers" and their families. We are very proud of you! Please make plans to join us on campus again soon!

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