Greetings from Campus!

Summer is full swing at Clemson and we have not slowed down since Spring Graduation! Our campus has been extremely busy with summer camps for football and basketball, alumni reunion weekend activities, and freshman orientation. The unusual temperatures did not damper our enthusiasm, and a good time has been enjoyed by all!

Anyone who has ever given to Clemson knows that it can be a life-changing experience, both for the giver and the recipient. Amanda Todd ’17 almost saw her Clemson experience slip away due to an unexpected family crisis, but thanks to many of you, she was able to return to the school she loves and is now one year away from graduation. Read Todd’s story here.

Financial hardship is not uncommon for our students, either through family crisis or basic lack of resources. It is rewarding to know that support from generous donors like you, many Clemson students are able to avoid leaving school because they cannot afford to. Often, these students are the ones who hold the highest appreciation for the value of a college education. The Barker Scholarships Endowment, in honor of our 14th president James F. Barker and First Lady Marcia Barker, is one source that enables students like Janet Miller not only to attend college, but to do so without a constant financial burden. Read about Miller and how the Barker Scholarship Endowment gave this deserving student a second chance to fulfill his dream.

President Emeritus James F. Barker and businesswoman James F. Bostic, Jr. were recently honored with the University’s highest public honor, the Clemson Medal. The Medal is presented to individuals who have rendered notable and significant service and support to Clemson University and who exemplify the dedication and foresight of University founder Thomas Green Clemson. See photos of the Medal ceremony and learn more about these two outstanding Tigers — James Barker and James Bostic.

Giving our students every advantage requires first-class facilities; and the new Watt Family Innovation Center is a perfect such facility. Compassion Inc., a South Carolina-based telecommunications company, is partnering with the Watt Center to transform student lives and campus academics. Compassion Inc. recently pledged $3 million, in financial support and in-kind products and services, and will be a Founding Innovation Partner in the new facility. Thank you, Compassion!

President James C. Clements recently published an article summarizing a year of progress here at Clemson. Read the President’s message and learn about all the great things that were accomplished last year and our plans for the year ahead. The President summed it up by stating, “We’re the Clemson family, will create our future. By working together, we will not only make Clemson the best that it can be, we will achieve greatness.”

President Clements is right! There is so much to be proud of at Clemson University, thanks in large part to the amazing support of our alumni, donors and friends. With our Will to Lead capital campaign coming to an end, we still need your help to finish strong! Please call or email us today to make a gift that will impact our students and faculty, and support many ongoing projects that are helping Clemson achieve greatness.

As always, it would be our pleasure to visit with you to assist you and your family in any way. Please visit our website at 803-656-7065 or write to us at planning@clemson.edu. You can learn more about IRA rollover benefits here. We also encourage you to download our free Guide, which has been designed to assist you throughout the gift planning process.

We are looking forward to seeing you on campus again soon. GO TIGERS!

Gratefully yours,

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