Greetings from Campus!

One of the highlights of working at Clemson is having the privilege to meet some amazing Clemson families who care deeply about our University. A few weeks ago, Captain William N. Ginn Jr. (US Navy, retired) and his wife, Dorothy, along with their sons, William "Will" N. Ginn III, and his wife, Alice, gave $1 million to Clemson University to establish the William N. Ginn Family Endowment in honor of their father and grandfather. Their gift will be distributed in equal portions of unrestricted endowment support to four areas: mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, humanities, and the College of Liberal Arts. We are extremely grateful for families like the Gins, who make giving back to Clemson a multi-generational priority. Read more about this wonderful family, and see photos and videos from the gift celebration.

Another exceptional member of the Clemson family is cardiologist Wannamaker L. Miller and his wife, Sheila, of Frisco, Texas, who gave $2 million to the University to establish the Dr. Wannamaker L. Miller Jr. ’69 and Sheila M. Miller Endowed Chair in Medical Physics. Miller earned his physics degree from Clemson in 1969, and the couple grew up in Greenville. Read more about the Miller’s generosity. View videos and see photos from the luncheon announcement.

When we think about generous donors, it’s important to remember the impact their gifts will have on our students. Matt Doyle ’16 is one of those beneficiaries. Matt has developed a special friendship with Chuck 82 and Sue Fish, who established the Chuck 82 and Sue Fish Annual Scholarship four years ago for out-of-state engineering students. Read about the fish gift and how they are creating meaningful college experiences for students like Matt.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, and that is certainly true of these photos from our 2016 spring graduation ceremony held May 7 in Greenville, SC. So many smiling faces filled the stands of Fluor Field as the graduation confirmed that it was a joyful day for the graduates and their proud families. Congratulations to all!

Clemson President James P. Clements and Harvard University President Drew Gilpin Faust were featured commencement speakers at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) graduation ceremony on May 18. President Clements is a three-time alumnus of UMBC with a bachelor degree in computer science, a Master of Science and a Ph.D. of operations management. President Faust received an honorary doctor of education degree during the ceremony. “I’m so pleased and honored to return to my alma mater to address the graduate students of the university that has significant personal meaning in my life,” Clements said. Read more about President Clements here.

If you haven’t made plans for Memorial Day weekend, please consider joining us on campus as we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The public is invited to a ceremony on Sunday, May 29 at 4 p.m., at the University’s Scoit of Honor memorial. The service will feature patriotic songs, a 21-gun salute and remarks by Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Eric Turner, a 1982 Clemson graduate who served in the military in Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan. The Scuit of Honor Memorial is one of my favorite places on campus. It is located on Williamston Road directly across from Memorial Stadium.

Wherever you are on Memorial Day, I hope you will pause to remember those men and women, along with their families, who have served to protect and defend our great country. Our hearts are full of gratitude for their service and sacrifice. Please let us know if you can ever be of assistance to you and your family. You may visit our website, call us at 864-656-0001 or email us at progrsc/cm/t. You can learn more about “Warrior Forever” benefits, we also encourage you to download our free Warres Guide, which has been designed to assist you throughout the planning process.

Happy Memorial Day! We hope to see you back on campus soon. GO TIGERS!

Gratefully yours,

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