Greetings from campus! Over the past month, Clemson has been filled with activity and a number of special celebrations honoring generous donors. Not only were we able to induct the inaugural class of Barker Scholars, named in recognition of president emeritus, Jim Barier and his wife, Marcia, we also dedicated the John H. Butler and Bruce F. Cook Tiger Band Plaza which will serve as one of the premier college marching band rehearsal spaces in the country. This past week, our Student Alumni Council conducted the annual week of gratitude to educate fellow students and raise awareness of the importance of private gifts for Clemson. Students were invited to visit various facilities around campus to receive free giveaways while learning about the donors who made the buildings possible.

There is indeed “something in these hills” that inspires individuals to give back to Clemson as the Hendrix family did with their commitment of $2.5 million to become the first Cornerstone Partner for Clemson Athletics. We also appreciate collaborations with corporations including the new one established with SCRA (South Carolina Research Authority) making them the first South Carolina founding innovation partner for the University’s Watt Family Innovation Center. The technology they bring to Clemson will connect innovation centers virtually across the state. Without the dedication and foresight of friends like Bill and Pam Hendrix and their family and our corporate partners, Clemson would not be looking toward such a bright and sustainable future.

Finishing touches are being put on our Legacy Day plans for November 21st, which reminds us of the significance of Thomas and Anna Calhoun Clemson’s original gift that paved the way for our beloved University. Please view this special video to learn more about their powerful legacy and how it resonates throughout the Clemson family still today.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, it seems only fitting that we tell you how thankful we are for your friendship and your support of Clemson and our outstanding students, faculty and staff.

Gratefully yours,

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