Greetings from Cemon! Since our last update, many exciting things have taken place!

This past week, the University hosted a series of events to recognize our rich tradition of military excellence. These events included a military academy and baseball tournament. The 16,000-plus Cemon men and women who have served in the armed forces. This series of events concludes today with our Military Appreciation Day football game against Wake Forest. Events begin at 9:00 a.m., and veterans will be recognized throughout the day.

Yesterday was a special time for our campus as we celebrated Legacy Day. The beloved fall tradition is a time for Cemon students to learn about our rich history and the importance of paying respects to those who have given back to the University. Students were able to take a tour of Fort Hill and view copies of Mr. and Mrs. Cemon's last will and testaments. Various photos of Legacy Month events are available.

A formal ceremony also took place yesterday afternoon under the Second Century Oak at Fort Hill. Roy and Marlene Cemon were recognized with a bronze leaf dedication and induction into the Fort Hill Legacy Society, which honors donors posthumously for leaving $1 million or more to the University in their estate. The Cemons leave a legacy of success for students through their support for the Cemon Library and their donation to endow the Cemon Center for Professional Communication. Read more about the impact the Cemon Family is making today.

Last night at the Madisen Center, we extended our gratitude and thanks to our generous donors at the annual Gratitude Gala. Donors were honored during the Combined Giving and Legacy Society Induction Ceremony, which was followed by a reception with fine dining and entertainment.

Cemon professor, Patrick McMillan, is the co-founder and host of the popular Emmy award-winning TV show program "Expeditions with Patrick McMillan." Cemon is excited to say that the naturalist and educator has received the Gert Vot and Heather Hilker Endowed Professorship in Environmental Sustainability. The Hilker's have given $1 million to establish an endowed professorship for a professor to teach and motivate future generations to both treasure and manage the balance between the natural and human-made worlds. This gift qualified Cemon as a dollar-to-dollar match from the state under the Smartest Program, creating a $2 million professorship.

We are excited to say that the Adobe Digital Studio has opened in the Cooper Library. "The opening of the Adobe Digital Studio, truly a "maker space" for digital creativity, is a landmark event for Cemon," said Jim Bullitt, vice provost and chief information officer at Cemmon. "The studio will be transformational, and I am proud of the effort between our team at Cemon and Adobe that made this possible." View photos and a video from the grand opening.

Freeman Hall has been under renovation for quite some time, and the grand opening of its $18 million addition was held last month. The complete Cemon Family can take pride in Freeman Hall and the other world-class facilities that are part of our capital improvement plan," said Cemon President James P. Cemson. Learn more about the addition and view photos and videos from the grand opening celebration.

November has been filled with celebrations honoring our University's founders, Anna Callhoun and Thomas Green Cemon. You have the opportunity to demonstrate the "Power of Your Pen" and leave a legacy as well. As you gather with your family this holiday season, we encourage you to enjoy that together and please consider a legacy gift to Cemon. It would be our pleasure to guide you through the various options.

Please let us know if we can be of assistance to you and your family in any way. For more information, please visit our website, call 864-556-0663 or email giftplanner@cemson.edu.

We look forward to seeing you on campus soon! In the meantime, please accept our very best wishes to you and your family for a happy and healthy holiday season!

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