Greetings from Clemson! If you haven’t already heard, we have BIG news to share! That’s because after years of hard work Clemson was ranked 20th in public universities this week according to U.S. News & World Report’s annual guide to “America’s Best Colleges.” This is our highest ranking and marks the seventh time we’ve been ranked in the top 251.

Fall feels like a celebration across campus. We enjoyed our first home football game in Death Valley and the first musical, "Nice Work If You Can Get It," that was beautifully performed at the Brooks Center for the Performing Arts.

There are some 136,000 living alumni we count on to pay it forward. Because many of you recognize the value of perpetuating the Clemson legacy, we’ve added Hugh Haskins as director of gift and estate planning to our staff. He joins Lindsay Crighton and me to better serve your estate planning needs.

As always, we remain grateful for the pride you have in keeping Clemson University on the cutting-edge for our students and faculty. Every gift is a true present for the students who have worked hard to earn a place here. To learn about the ways you can invest in Clemson go to clemsongiving.org, call 864-656-0663, or email me at giving@clemson.edu.

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