Greetings from Campus!

We received great news this week. For the ninth straight year, Clemson was ranked among the country’s Top 25 public higher education institutions! The University is named the 23rd best national public university by U.S. News & World Report. The annual rankings honor institutions based on a variety of metrics including education outcomes, research performance, and student engagement.

"The latest U.S. News rankings confirm what so many of us associated with this outstanding university have known for years — Clemson offers one of the finest educational experiences in the country," President James P. Clements said. "Our outstanding faculty and staff continue to provide the best educational opportunities for our students, and it is extremely gratifying to see their efforts, along with the support of our incredible alumni base, continue to be recognized in this way."

Another way to measure greatness is through the commitment and dedication of our school’s leadership, and that was demonstrated twice this week. President and Mrs. Clements and the University community both made generous donations to University programs. The Clements’ family has been strong supporters of ClemsonEAT and its students since they first arrived on campus. This week, the Clements gave $100,000 in support of the ClemsonEAT program, which is named in honor of their younger daughters, Gracie and Greta. Kevin and Kathleen Clements Clemson U.S. Endowed Grantee in Arts and Humanities will provide financial assistance to students enrolled in the program.

Coach Dabo Swinney has always shared that running on the football field is not his primary objective. His identity and his legacy are rooted in building a world around them. The Swinneys reaffirmed their commitment through a generous gift of $1 million to the football program. This gift to the IPTAY will be used to invest in recruiting and building initiatives that will continue to propel the football program forward.

Another South Carolina family with an amazing spirit of giving is the Younis Family from Fountain Inn. C.S. Younis and Olive Younis, huge Clemson Tiger fans and lifelong philanthropists in our state, recently announced that the Younis Family is to be named the Clemson Athletics Donor Appreciation Partner through their gift to support student athletes and improvements of the athletic facilities. The recently renovated 160-seat Younis South Club at Memorial Stadium has been named the Younis South Club at Memorial Stadium in appreciation of their $1.5 million gift. Thank you, Younis and Doleo, for your generous gift to Clemson Athletics.

The board of trustees (leadership reception) was held last week and we recognized the outstanding leadership of our campus colleagues who have helped us surpass expectations with our Will to Lead Campaign for Clemson. Board chair Smyth McCliss, the Will to Lead executive committee and many others were acknowledged for their extraordinary efforts. View photos from this event. On a personal note, I was surprised at the event with one of the greatest moments in my life when I was named as one of the inductees of the 2019 University Hall of Fame. I am proud to work at Clemson and now I can truly call myself an official Clemson Tiger! Thank you so much for this esteemed honor.

The first home football game of the year is always a special time at Clemson. During the game, we took a moment to celebrate our own victory of the successful Will to Lead Campaign for Clemson. Equally exciting is the history of the Clemson and the impact it will have on our University and our state. These photos of the halftime recognition and university celebration activities from the President’s Suite.

So many of these wonderful things were made possible by the generosity of people like you. And I am extremely grateful for all the ways that you and your family have supported our beloved Clemson. Please let us know if we can ever be of assistance to you and your family. We invite you to visit our website, call us at 1-866-049-0493, or write to us at 2333 Mainland Boulevard. The BMW minority bond is permanent and it may be a creative way for you to use these assets to make a gift in your favorite charity. Read more.

We encourage you to download this guide to give with giving, which guides you to assist us avoid you through the planning process.

We look forward to seeing you on campus soon. GO TIGERS!

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Happy holidays,