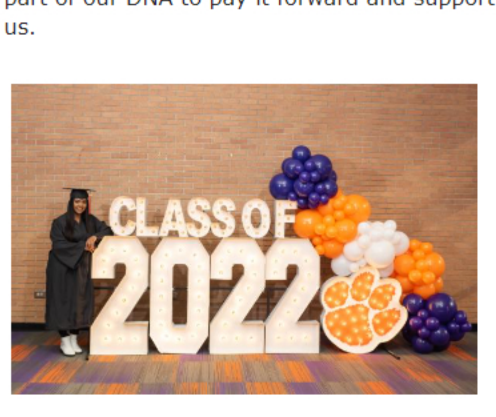
Season's Greetings, Tigers!

The holiday season is upon us, and it is the most wonderful time of year! I always count my blessings and my sincere appreciation for each of you who are ensuring the future of our great University so that it remains as bright as the stars shining down upon us each night.

We are proud of our all of our students, especially those who will graduate this year. We will have the opportunity to celebrate with them during graduation ceremonies on December 21 and 22. President Clements always looks forward to shaking their hands and wishing them well as they begin the next exciting chapter of their lives. We know they will be successful and make a significant impact around the globe. As members of the Clemson Family, they will officially become alumni, and they will represent Clemson in the communities in which they live and serve. We sincerely hope they will make plans to return to campus often – to support and cheer on the next generation of Tigers. After all, it is part of our DNA to pay it forward and support those who come behind us.



We have so many students who have received encouragement and financial support from our alumni and friends. They know firsthand the impact that your gifts can have on them and their families. James (Jim) E. Reeves, Jr. '67, and his wife Jane accepted the challenge to positively impact the lives of our students, and one of their scholarship recipients shared with us that it was one of the greatest blessings he had ever received.

In the Spring of 2020, Hunter Condrey, '22 was a sophomore at Clemson, majoring in mechanical engineering, when he and his family received devastating news. Hunter had cancer.

The medical bills were daunting for Hunter's family. They had been blindsided by his diagnosis and were not prepared for the financial toll it would take on their family. A scholarship from Jim and Jane Reeves changed everything for Hunter and his family. The scholarship allowed Hunter to focus on his studies without worrying about student loans, in addition to his overwhelming medical bills that would be waiting for him post-graduation.

Hunter says, "This scholarship meant so much to me and my family; it has been life-changing." Hunter had the opportunity to meet the Reeves and thank them in person. The Reeves were elated to meet a student who directly benefited from their generous philanthropy.

The outpouring of support from the entire Clemson Family exceeded Hunter's expectations. He and his mother met with his advisor, Spencer Davenport, who reassured them that she would do everything she could to help him.

"She made sure to email me routinely to keep me up to date on my withdrawal process and to check on me," Hunter said. "Another staff member spoke to my mother several times to check on me and my family."

When Hunter returned to campus that Fall, Davenport ensured Hunter had the best class schedule possible to accommodate his medical appointments. And what Hunter found truly amazing was that Davenport was no longer working within the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Hunter's story represents the spirit of the Clemson Family—how we come together at the happiest, scariest and most daunting of times of life.

For some, this level of caring and concern for others might be surprising. However, for members within the Clemson Family, it's just who we are and what we do. Any Tiger will attest to this – that we take care of one another. It's the Tiger Spirit. It's the "Something in these hills" that all Tigers recognize.

Last year, Jim and Jane also met their second annual scholar, Cooper Kelly '22. Across several months, the couple made appointments to have lunch and spend time with Hunter and Cooper, reaffirming their decision to support the next generation. Jim says, "Jane and I could not be happier with the Clemson scholarship experience. If Hunter and Cooper are the type of people graduating from Clemson, then the world will be a better place in which to live and work."

Hunter and Cooper are now Clemson graduates – which was made possible with generous support from the Reeves. Today, Hunter and Cooper have begun successful careers as mechanical engineers. While life is busy for these recent graduates, Jim and Jane are hopeful that they will stay in touch and afford them the opportunity to cheer them on during life's journey. The Reeves are confident Hunter and Cooper will be successful in every endeavor, and they are most anxious to see where life will take these talented young men.

This month, the Reeves will meet their third and fourth scholarship recipients, and they are looking forward to the day when they can meet additional beneficiaries of their thoughtful generosity.

In addition to their annual scholarships, Jim and Jane have made provisions in their estate to provide significant support for Clemson students in perpetuity. They cherish the opportunity to engage with the students who are benefiting from their investment today, and they are passionate about ensuring tomorrow's generation has the same financial support.

When discussing their generosity to Clemson and our students, Jim says, "We've only just begun." Their philanthropy began with an annual scholarship, and it has grown to include a planned gift that will support future generations of engineers. What they have built today will continue to grow over time.

Their greatest hope is that those who witness and benefit from their amazing generosity will be inspired to do the same.

When the couple met Hunter and Cooper, both students expressed their desire to pay the generosity they received forward. Jim and Jane helped to fill the financial gap in their college experience, and aside from expressing their deepest gratitude, the greatest gift they could give Jane and Jim is to do the same for others in the future.

The Reeves have giant philanthropic hearts, and their financial support stretches across their community in Anderson, South Carolina, including Jane's active role as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, AIM (Anderson Interfaith Ministries) and the Cancer Association. While volunteering with these organizations, Jane witnessed their impact – giving her and Jim the confidence to provide support through their time, talent and treasure.

The Reeves are setting up the organizations they admire for tremendous success in the future. Clemson is a significant part of that, and the University is forever grateful.

When deciding which organization(s) they would focus on to support in perpetuity, Jim says Clemson stood out. He added, "I wouldn't be where I am today without Clemson University."

Jim has enjoyed a long and successful career as a mechanical engineer – a field he believes is the cornerstone for society's progress and innovation. After many years with Owens Corning Fiberglas, Jim started his own consulting business and worked for an additional 16 years. Jim and Jane have two children and three grandchildren. Their granddaughter is now a sophomore at Clemson.

In addition to professional achievements, much of Jim and Jane's financial success can be attributed to their interest in investments. They utilize the stock market to build their wealth, and they are actively engaged with several investment advisors. When they met with Hunter and Cooper, they encouraged them to get started with an investment professional early in their careers. Time can be the eighth wonder of the world when it comes to investing, and it is never too early to map out a plan for financial success. The Reeves have been actively involved with investments during their 54-year marriage. This, coupled with his professional success and Jane's creative thriftiness, has allowed them to become financially able to support Clemson University and our students, along with their community organizations. You can read Jim and Jane's full story here.

Just as Jim and Jane did many years ago, I encourage you to ask yourself, "When and how will I begin to grow my financial assets in order to provide richly for my family and also for others?"

As we begin celebrating the season, gathering with friends and family and recognizing our blessings in life, I hope you will also remember the importance of giving during this season. W.C. Jones said, "The joy of brightening other lives, bearing each others' burdens, easing others' loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of Christmas." It's a feeling that you can extend throughout the entire year when you make the thoughtful decision to give to Clemson. Together, we can provide exceptional Clemson experiences that will shape the future for our students and the world.

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Wishing you the happiest of holidays! May your lives be richly blessed with excellent health, good friends and much happiness. Warmest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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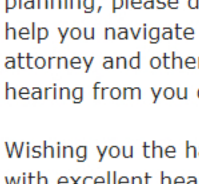
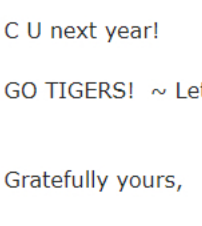
GO TIGERS! ~ Let's Beat Tennessee!

Gratefully yours,





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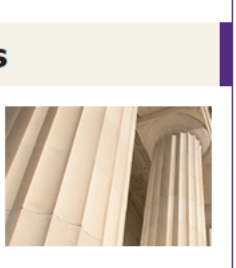

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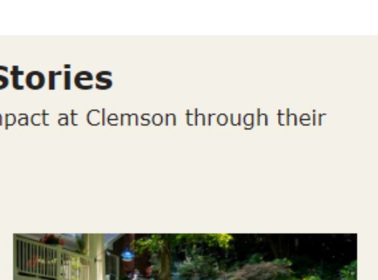

Joe and Cathy Turner represent the very best of Clemson. Joe says, "This was my place. It was her place. Then it was our place." With a shared love and deep appreciation for this great institution and its people, Joe and Cathy have made a commitment to honor this special place by investing in the lives of others through their time, talent and treasure.

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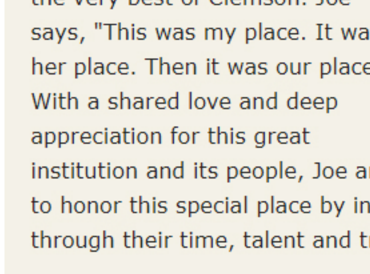

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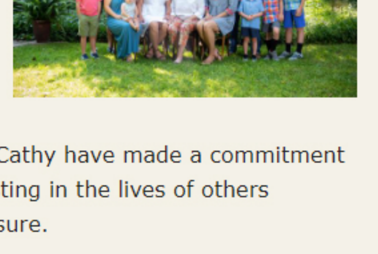

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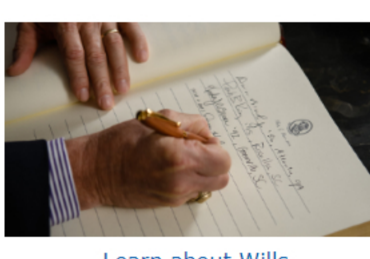

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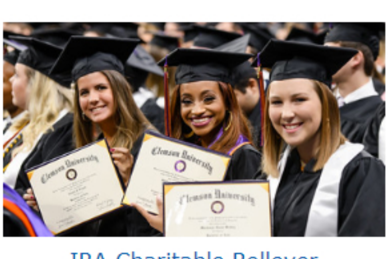

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