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Greetings from Tigertown!

"It's called team, and one of the ingredients of team is sacrifice. Gotta be willing to sacrifice for the betterment of the team. Together, everyone accomplishes more. It's common purpose. It's having a common purpose." Spoken by Dabo Swinney during Clemson Day at the South Carolina State House, these words ring true not just for our football team, but for all of our University. The collective purpose of our family is to make Clemson the best, both academically and athletically. I am reminded of this, year after year, by your humbling gifts of time, talents and treasures given back to Clemson. It's because of each and every one of you that we continue to show the state, the nation and the world what it means to be a Clemson Tiger. Your generosity gives others the understanding that there really is "something in these hills." As Dabo so appropriately reminds us, success does not come without sacrifices; however, I am forever grateful and immensely humbled by the sacrifices you have made, and continue to make, for the betterment of our wonderful University.



Even those without a direct connection see how special Clemson is – like Mary Welch, who came to know Clemson vicariously through her father, Joel Hallman Radcliffe. A graduate of the Great Class of '39, Joel studied engineering at Clemson and would go on to serve as a much-admired officer in World War II. A man of uncompromising character, Joel was part of a class of men known for both their courage and charitable nature. Most of the class would serve in World War II, 26 of whom would be killed in action. On their return from combat, the brotherhood would stay together, giving back to Clemson every step of the way. Their gift back to Clemson was the Natural Heritage Garden, located on campus in the South Carolina Botanical Gardens, and also included the '39 Bell Tower in the Carillon Gardens as well as the Class of 1939 Award for Excellence. Mary has created **The Joel Hallman Radcliffe '39 and Mary Radcliffe Welch HA '39 Heritage Gardens Endowment** to provide unrestricted support for the preservation, maintenance and improvement of the Gardens in perpetuity. Mary's gift will help sustain these gardens, forever memorializing her father and his classmates in the year-round beauty of the flowers, shrubbery and garden paths. The Class of '39 Heritage Garden offers us an important lesson about Clemson. The flowers may wilt, the leaves may brown and the cold will return; however, a love of Clemson runs through every season and every generation. You can read more about Mary and her gift to Clemson [here](#).



Our University had the opportunity to celebrate an amazing and generous couple who have – once again – made a tremendous commitment to Clemson! Dan and Nancy Garrison of Cypress, Texas have made a \$2.5 million Academic Cornerstone gift supporting the new College of Business building and the Sales Innovation Program. Dan and Nancy are Clemson's first donors to be "One Clemson" Cornerstone Partners for both academics and athletics. What an amazing testament to their devotion and dedication to Clemson University! Please watch this special [video](#) honoring Dan and Nancy, our fourth Academic Cornerstone Partners, and view [photos](#) from the gift announcement. You can also read more about Dan and Nancy and their unwavering support of Clemson [here](#). Thank you, Dan and Nancy, for your vision and thoughtful generosity to Clemson! You are truly an inspiration to me and the entire Clemson family.



I hope you have marked your calendars for April 3, when the Clemson Nation will come together for Give Day! We each have our own special memories of Clemson that stand out among the most meaningful of our lives. Our reason for giving is to make sure the students, faculty and staff who come after us can make their own wonderful memories. It is a privilege to give back to Clemson, a place that has given each of us so much. [Julio Hernandez's favorite memory](#) of Clemson is feeling welcomed into the Clemson family and winning the National Championship on his first day of work. That's why he gives back to the FIRST program: to provide first-generation college students the opportunity to make their own Clemson memories. Watch more about Julio [here](#).



Please join Julio in giving to Clemson on April 3 and share with the world why you give to Clemson with #clemsongiveday! As Dabo said, "Together, everyone accomplishes more." When we stand together, Clemson can stand strong forever. We are ONE CLEMSON FAMILY!

Your own experiences of Clemson powerfully influence how and why you give back to Clemson, the place we all call home. We are here to help you navigate this important process. Learn more about IRA rollover benefits [here](#). You may download our free [Wills Guide](#), which has been designed to assist you throughout the gift and estate planning process. It is a pleasure to hear from you, and I hope you will let us know how we can help you.

With every day, the grass becomes a little greener, the daffodils and camellias become more vibrant and the weather gets warmer. After two months of hustle and bustle, students and faculty are enjoying Spring Break, exchanging long hours in the library for rest and community service in the sunshine. Their return will bring a fresh start to the rest of the semester with our beautiful campus full of shining opportunities and new beginnings for all of us.

As many of you celebrate St. Patrick's Day this weekend and coordinate your Clemson orange with a little green, I leave you with this:

"May your day be touched by a bit of Irish luck, brightened by a song in your heart, and warmed by the smiles of the people you love."

I consider myself and our University enormously lucky to have such wonderful supporters like you, and we hope you are lucky enough to visit our beautiful campus soon!

Happy St. Patrick's Day and GO TIGERS!

Gratefully yours,

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