

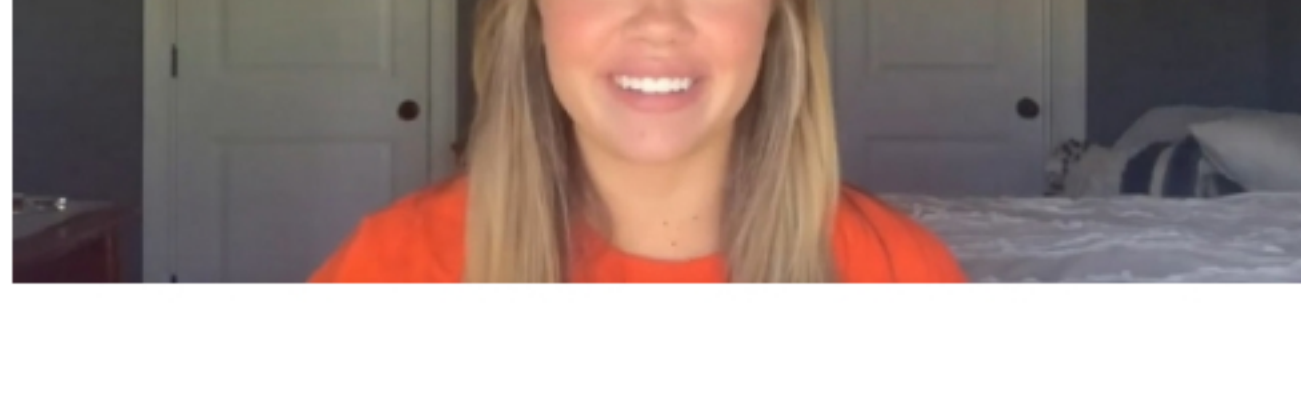


Greetings, Tigers!

Thomas and Anna Clemson had an extraordinary vision for Clemson to become a "high seminary of learning" during a turbulent time in our country's history. With the power of their pen, they gave birth to their dreams and significantly improved the lives of many generations of South Carolinians and those far beyond our state's borders. Throughout our University's history, we have faced numerous challenges, and we have always stood strong and proud. Today, Clemson, the nation and the world are facing unprecedented trials, yet I am confident we will triumph over the Coronavirus pandemic and get through this together. We will continue to encourage one another as we tread through uncharted waters, and we will emerge from this experience stronger than ever before.

Expressing our gratitude for Thomas and Anna's bequest and each subsequent gift from loyal members of the Clemson Family is an important part of our University's culture. Last week, we celebrated a Week of Gratitude, which afforded our students the opportunity to express their heartfelt gratitude to the donors who have impacted their educational journey.

More than 600 student profiles were assembled and mailed out to scholarship donors. We also hosted an exclusive Zoom event with top economist Dr. Scott Baier from Clemson, who shared valuable information and context amidst the current economic environment. To conclude our Week of Gratitude, a special video featuring Clemson students was sent electronically from University leaders across campus. It was encouraging to see our students' faces and to listen to their gratitude for everything you have done for them. Please view this inspiring video [here](#).



Our faculty, staff and students have risen to the challenges of online education, and they are thriving. Clemson remains devoted to the success of our students, and the best interests of our students, faculty and staff are at the forefront of each decision made by University leaders. Online instruction has been extended through the summer, and we are prepared to adjust to these changes with the same excellence, determination and grace that characterizes the Clemson spirit.

We are committed to doing everything we can to make sure that this moment in our history, despite the unusual circumstances, brings our Clemson Family closer together. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, many people in our local communities have found themselves struggling to provide for and protect their families. We, like many of you, are looking for ways to lend a helping hand to those most affected by this tragedy.

On Tuesday, May 5, 2020, Clemson is joining others across the globe for **Giving Tuesday**, a movement encouraging others to give back in ways that empower their communities and the world. Support your fellow Tigers by giving to the [Student Emergency Fund](#), [the Staff and Faculty Emergency Fund](#), or where the need is greatest which supports all University initiatives.

The student or the staff and faculty emergency funds are available to assist during times of financial hardship due to unexpected, unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances, such as the COVID-19 pandemic or the severe weather that struck the Clemson area on April 13, 2020. Clemson has received more than 300 requests from our students who are facing unique challenges. Gifts to the Tigers Helping Tigers funds will support the needs of our faculty, staff and students, like Mary, a senior at Clemson, who says, "It's not even the money (that has me so grateful); it's the support. I really appreciate the team behind this fund."

Gifts to Where the Need is Greatest allow University administrators to have the ability to direct funds to initiatives of the University. Unrestricted gifts allow the University to meet unforeseen needs as they arise and to capitalize on opportunities as they emerge. President Clements and his team are in constant communication and continue to keep their fingers on the pulse of our University community, and they will deploy funds to maximize their full potential.

I invite you to join me Tuesday, May 5, in making a gift to our beloved Clemson. Your continued support will help us pave a path toward a brighter future for our faculty, staff and students.

In addition to facing the challenges of COVID-19, our local community and surrounding region experienced devastating effects of the recent storms and tornadoes. Several homes sustained damage, and some people lost everything. Members of the local communities have rallied behind their neighbors, providing reassurance through donations of food, water and clean-up assistance. It has been inspirational to witness our community support for one another, devoting our time, talent and resources as needed.



One of the benefits from this unique situation has been the opportunity to pause and to spend quality time with our immediate family and friends. During these quiet moments, we often direct our attention toward meaningful and lasting decisions that will greatly impact our families and communities. There have been countless students and faculty members whose lives have been impacted by those who have made the decision to invest in the future by creating a lasting legacy at Clemson. Thoughtful generosity takes planning, and our team is here to offer you assistance, information and guidance in any way we can. We also have useful online resources you can access at your convenience. You may link to our [website](#) or write to us at [giving@clemson.edu](mailto:giving@clemson.edu). In addition, you can find information about IRA Charitable Qualified Distribution (QCD) benefits [here](#). For information about general estate planning, please download our free [Wills Guide](#), which was designed to help you navigate your thoughts and plans before you visit with your attorney.

This is an unprecedented time for our local communities, our nation and the world. Schedules have been disrupted, events have been canceled and valued programs – including the ring ceremony and graduation – have been postponed. But no matter our current circumstances, the Clemson Family's unwavering dedication to our great institution and to each other cannot be shaken. Together, we stand proudly and firmly as Clemson Tigers – today, tomorrow and forever.

Tough and uncertain times define our character and bring out the best in each of us. It is also a time to be intentional with our actions, words and deeds. The second stanza of our beloved alma mater is seldom heard; however, its words carry a powerful message to all of us during these unusual times:

"Where the mountains smile in grandeur  
O'er the hill and dale.  
Here the Tiger lair is nestling  
Swept by storm and gale."

We will weather the storm together, and we will show the world the resilience and power of the Clemson Family.

I am looking forward to the day when we can all return to our beautiful Clemson campus, however, until that time, please take special care of yourselves and your loved ones.

Today, tomorrow and forever, I remain,  
Gratefully yours,



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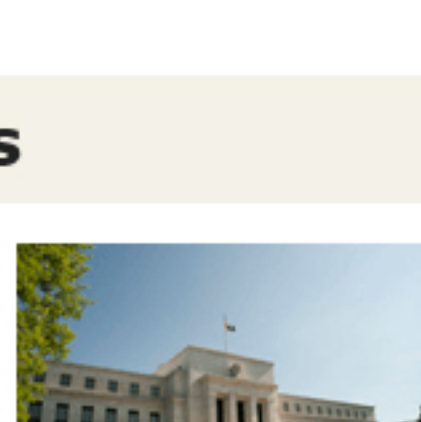


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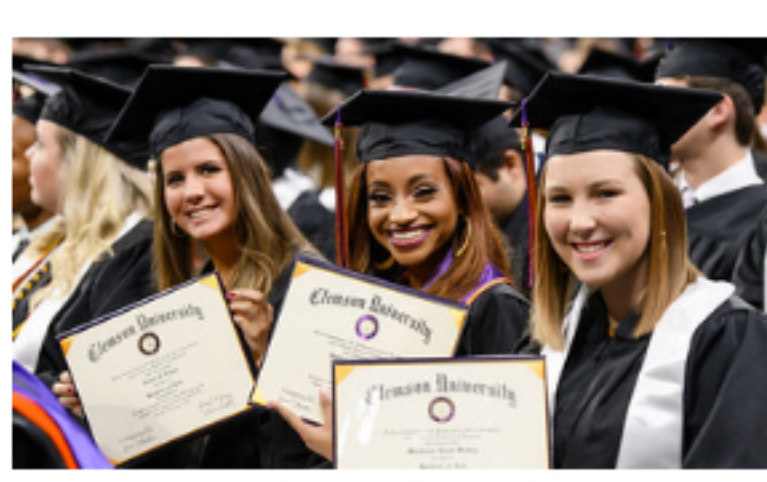
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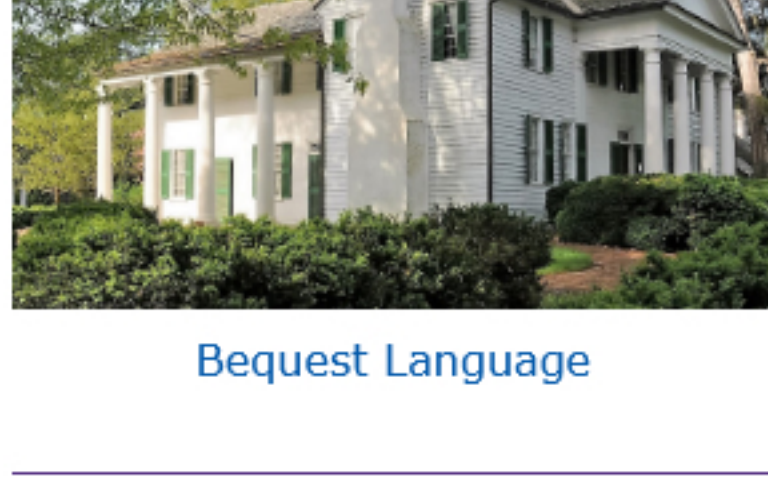
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