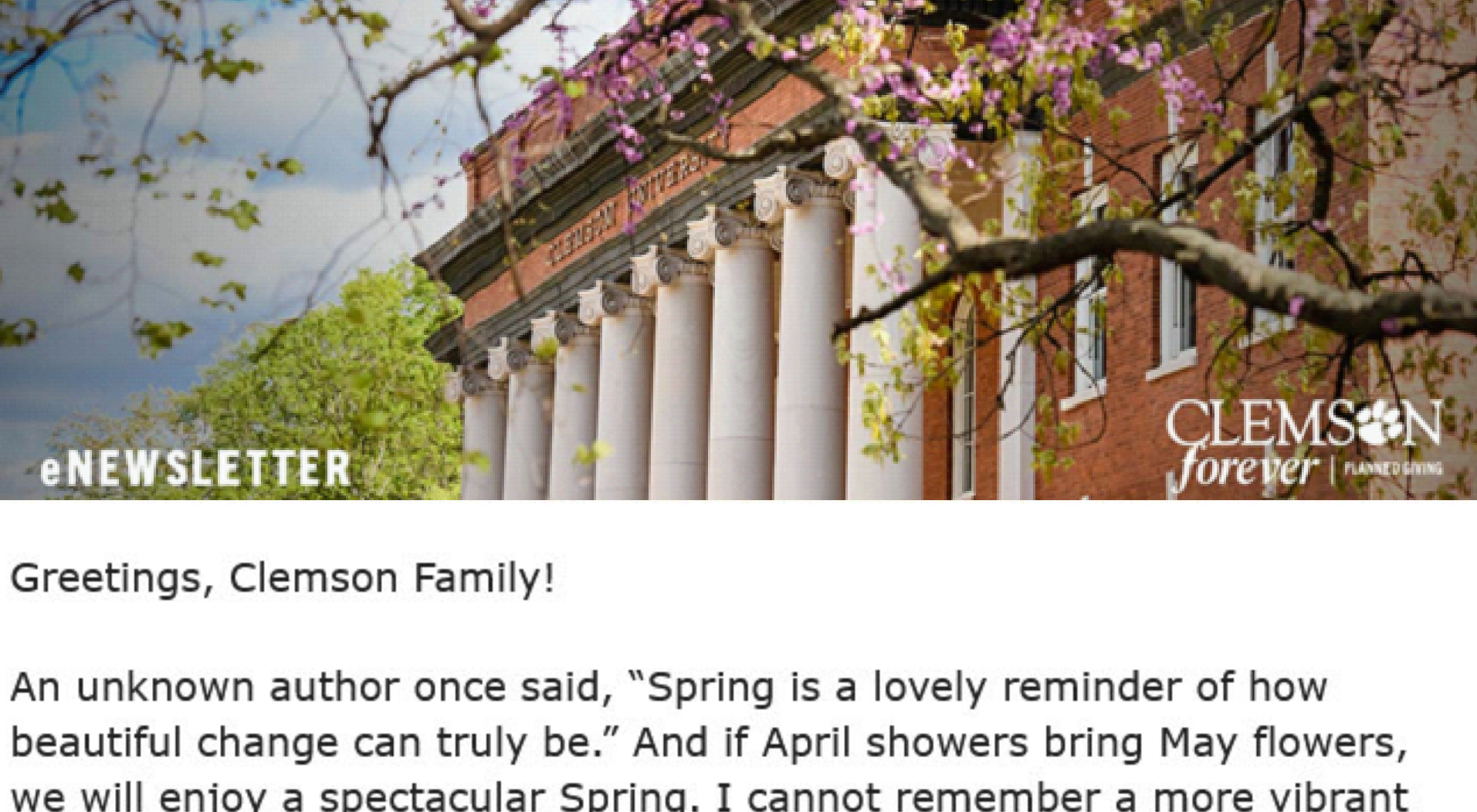




Greetings, Clemson Family!

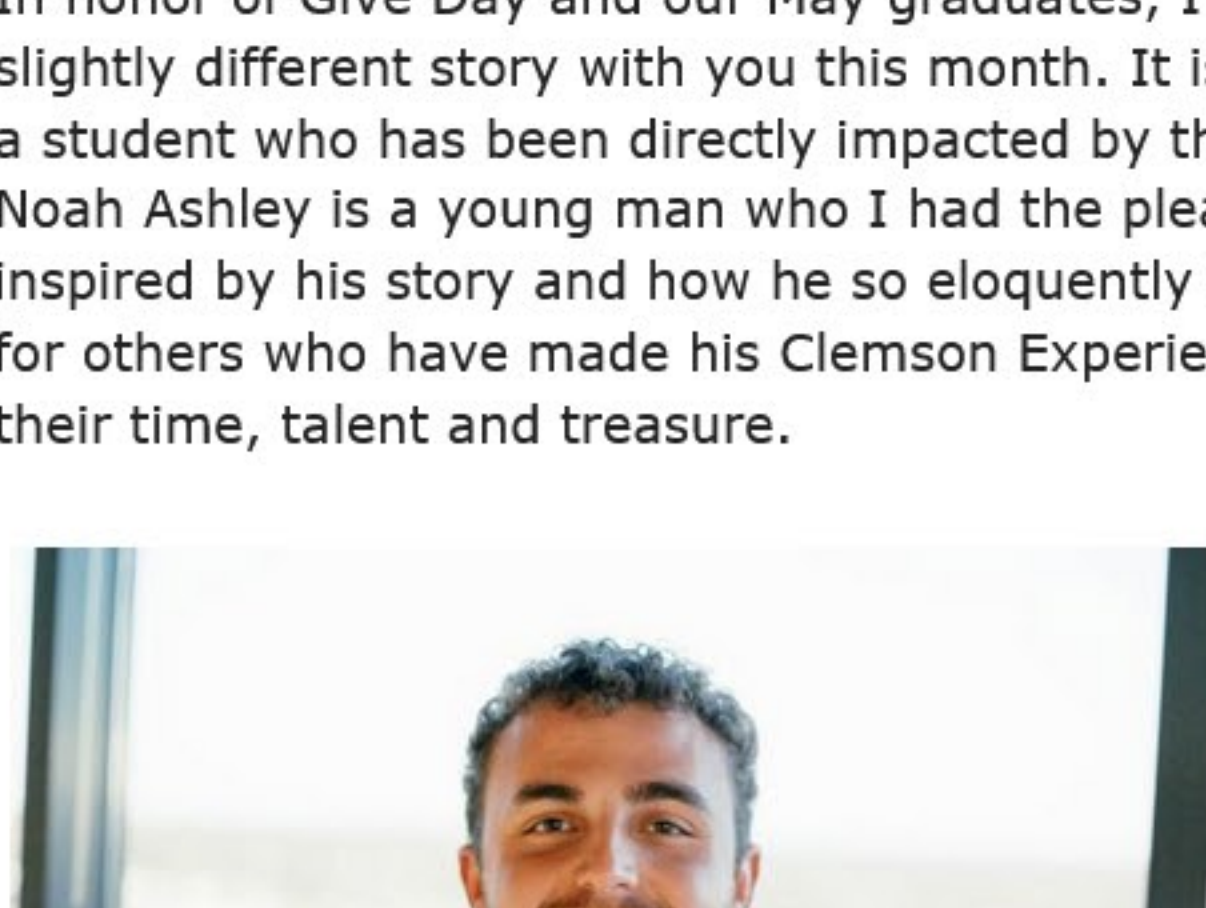
An unknown author once said, "Spring is a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be." And if April showers bring May flowers, we will enjoy a spectacular Spring. I cannot remember a more vibrant showing for our azaleas, cherry blossoms and redbuds.

When you traverse around campus, you will see the fresh blossoms and renewed growth. You will also see buildings that have been walked through by generations of faculty, staff and students, and you will be surprised with the grandeur of new buildings that have emerged. Underneath the sidewalks, you will find the same deep roots that have been firmly planted for years.

Since that first seed was planted by Thomas and Anna Clemson more than 130 years ago, every generation to follow has provided the enrichment our institution needed to grow into the preeminent University we are today. While occasional changes to the landscape are necessary, at our core, the values remain the same. We are forever committed to making a difference in the lives of our students today, tomorrow and forever.

Next week, on April 20, we host our annual Give Day, when the Clemson Nation comes together to celebrate the power of your generosity and honors our University's rich history of philanthropy. During this 24-hour campaign, we will have the opportunity to fund scholarships that will assist us as we recruit and retain the best and brightest to Clemson; grant resources to esteemed faculty for excellent teaching and/or groundbreaking research; enhance Clemson facilities to match the needs of our campus; and create unforgettable Clemson experiences for the next generation of Tigers. We know that preparing our students for a better future in industry, society and in their communities will give them a firm foundation for success, and we hope you will join us on Give Day to celebrate everything Clemson has meant to you and your family.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Give Day and how your gift will secure a brighter future for our students!



As the Spring semester draws to an end, our students are counting down to the final days of class and beginning to prepare for exams. It is a bittersweet time for seniors, as they approach the end of this chapter as Clemson students and anxiously prepare to turn the page for the next chapter of their lives. Clemson has prepared them well for the next step, and we look forward to the wonderful experiences that lie ahead for our graduates.

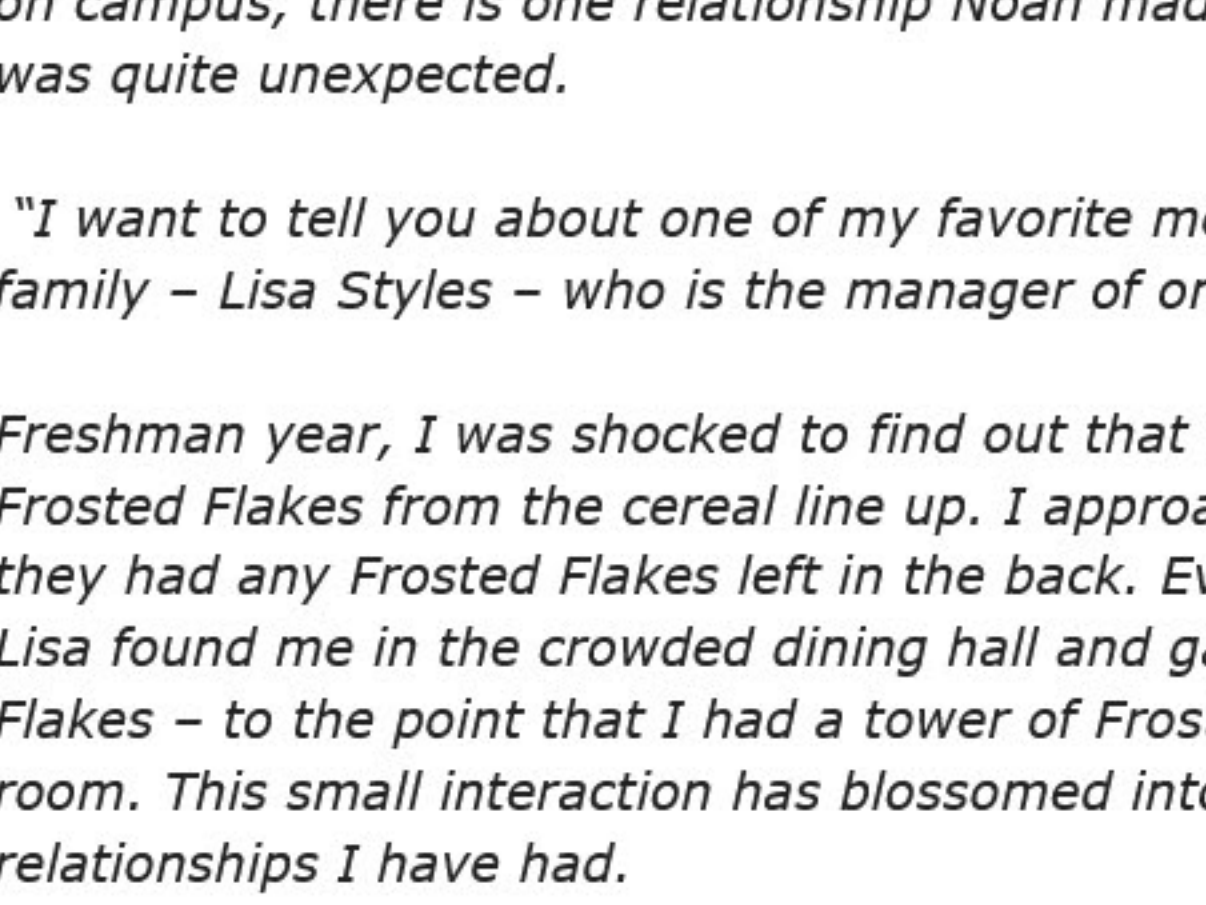
Each month, it is my privilege to share with you the stories of Clemson donors who have made a commitment to support Clemson in perpetuity. In honor of Give Day and our May graduates, I wanted to share a slightly different story with you this month. It is a beautiful story about a student who has been directly impacted by the generosity of others. Noah Ashley is a young man who I had the pleasure to meet, and I was inspired by his story and how he so eloquently displays his appreciation for others who have made his Clemson Experience possible by giving of their time, talent and treasure.



Noah is a senior bioengineering major from Spartanburg, South Carolina, and he was a Clemson Tiger long before he received the coveted Tiger Town Bound acceptance packet in the mail. His time as a student has cemented his dedication to Clemson in ways he never imagined. Living in the community with fellow Tigers, Noah sees how working together with members of the Clemson Family can make a positive impact in the world.

As graduation nears, Noah feels especially sentimental, reflecting often on his many memories. "It is bittersweet," Noah says. "I have been incredibly blessed to find the Clemson Family in so many different parts of this campus – and they have all empowered me to make changes in this world through my own Clemson Legacy."

Last Fall, Noah spoke at our Clemson Legacy Society Dinner, where we recognize those who, with their thoughtful and purposeful generosity, have remembered Clemson in their estate plan. To recognize them for their commitment to future generations, we celebrate and induct the newest members into this esteemed society and present them with a framed copy of Thomas Green Clemson's last will and testament during this special evening. Noah shared his unique Clemson Experience and spoke about how gifts from others have impacted his life. He said, "I cannot think of a group of people who embody the attributes of integrity, respect and excellence more than the folks in this room. You are willing to give generously now so that many future students like me can experience the Clemson Family, too."



Noah is especially grateful for the scholarship he has received, relieving some of the financial stress and allowing him to make the most of his Clemson Experience. The **Harry G. Berry Endowment for Biomedical Technology Innovation** allowed him to pursue his love for research and medical device design. Noah's concentration is in biomaterials, and his minor is chemistry. For the past two years, he has worked with a Clemson research team to develop medical devices in coordination with clinicians at Prisma Health Upstate. Noah says, "I will never forget walking into a crowded ICU with my fellow students and professors – in the height of the pandemic – to teach nurses and doctors how to use a novel protective device that we designed that could save them and their families from COVID-19." The look of gratitude on their faces is something that has remained with Noah and motivated him to continue on his path to medical school.

Being in the Clemson Honors College has also facilitated special bonds with his fellow Tigers. The Clemson Family that Noah gained by living in the Clemson Honors College has stayed with him – quite literally – throughout his entire collegiate career. Having developed a deep bond, Noah and five friends have moved together all four years so that they could remain neighbors. It is a special bond, and Noah feels blessed that they have loved him so deeply and become his home away from home.

Noah's Clemson Family also expanded through the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, emboldening him to stand with integrity for what is right and to be an advocate for respect for all of his fellow Tigers.

He has been pushed as a leader, as a strategic thinker and as a friend for the members of the Clemson community.

While many of these relationships are somewhat expected for a student on campus, there is one relationship Noah made with a fellow Tiger that was quite unexpected.

"I want to tell you about one of my favorite members of the Clemson family – Lisa Styles – who is the manager of one of our dining halls.

Freshman year, I was shocked to find out that they decided to remove Frosted Flakes from the cereal line up. I approached Lisa and asked if they had any Frosted Flakes left in the back. Every single day after that, Lisa found me in the crowded dining hall and gave me a cup of Frosted Flakes – to the point that I had a tower of Frosted Flakes in my dorm room. This small interaction has blossomed into one of the most special relationships I have had.

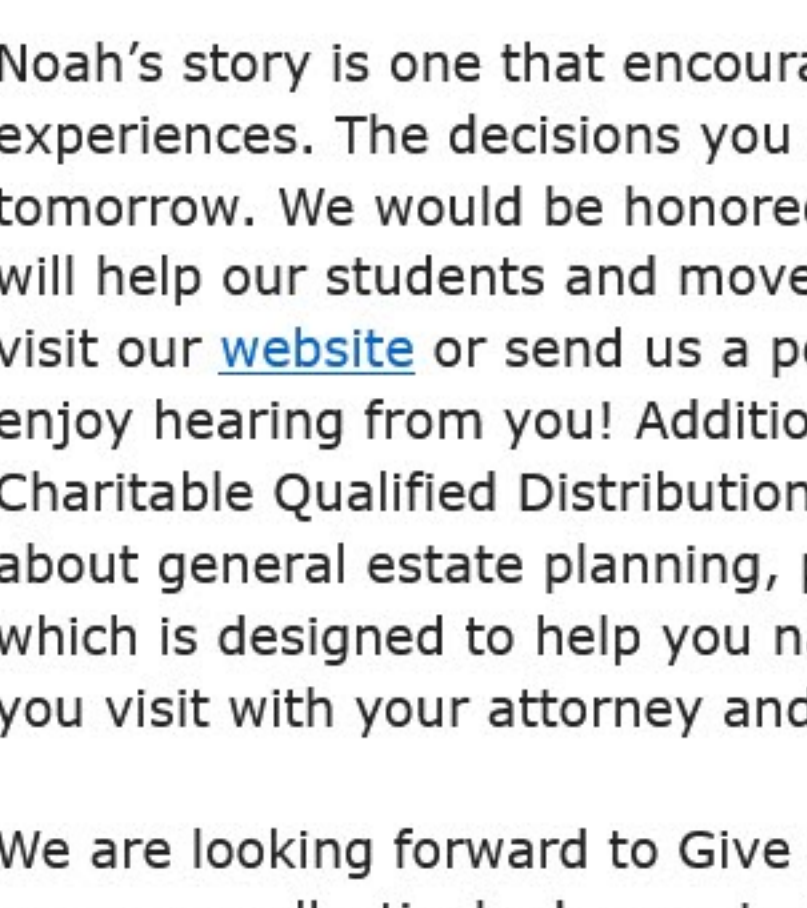
Lisa threw me a surprise birthday party sophomore year in Schilleter Dining Hall – and invited all of my friends.

She and I FaceTime each other on Christmas every year. If I ever need some relationship advice, I head straight to our booth in Schilleter, and Lisa sets me straight.

Lisa will be at my graduation – and she will be at my wedding.

What started as a simple bowl of Frosted Flakes has become the clearest example of what it means to be a part of the Clemson Family.

There is truly nothing like it."



Noah's experiences and memories will forever stay with him, and he looks forward to the future when he builds his own family and can share his love of Clemson with his children who will become third generation Clemson Tigers.

Together, Noah feels that all of his experiences have prepared him well to enter medical school. He has gained the scientific and technical knowledge through the bioengineering department, and he has developed the soft skills on every corner of campus. He says, "This will help me forge my own Clemson legacy as a physician one day."

At the core, Noah's experience is the epitome of the Clemson Experience – just like the one his parents enjoyed. Noah expresses his gratitude to those who give back to Clemson with their time, resources and knowledge so that more Clemson students, like him, will have these once-in-a-lifetime experiences – so that they will be inspired to pay forward the generosity they received from others and establish their own Clemson legacy.

To those who make this commitment to support Clemson and future generations with their time, talent and treasure, Noah says, "Clemson students' ability to inspire real change in this world will be your legacy – and will become a part of the ever-growing Clemson Legacy – which is so much bigger than any one of us alone."

Click [here](#) to read Noah's full Clemson story.



Noah is merely one example of a student currently benefiting from your generosity. There were many who came before him, and because of the commitment of our Clemson Family, there will be many more who will follow in his footsteps.

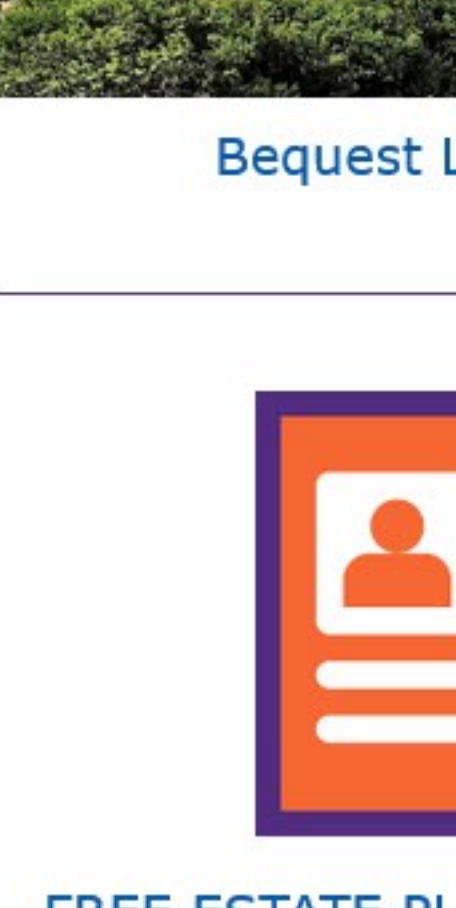
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Noah's story is one that encourages us to reflect on our own lives and experiences. The decisions you make today can leave your mark for tomorrow. We would be honored to help you shape your gift plan that will help our students and move our great University forward. Please visit our [website](#) or send us a personal email at giving@clemson.edu. We enjoy hearing from you! Additionally, 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 is designed to help you navigate your thoughts and plans before you visit with your attorney and/or financial advisors.

We are looking forward to Give Day on Wednesday, April 20. Please join us as we collectively demonstrate the power of our special bond. For 24 hours, we will show the world how much Clemson University means to us. We will celebrate each and every gift – no matter the size – because our Solid Orange generosity demonstrates our unwavering dedication and commitment to this great University.

Go Tigers!

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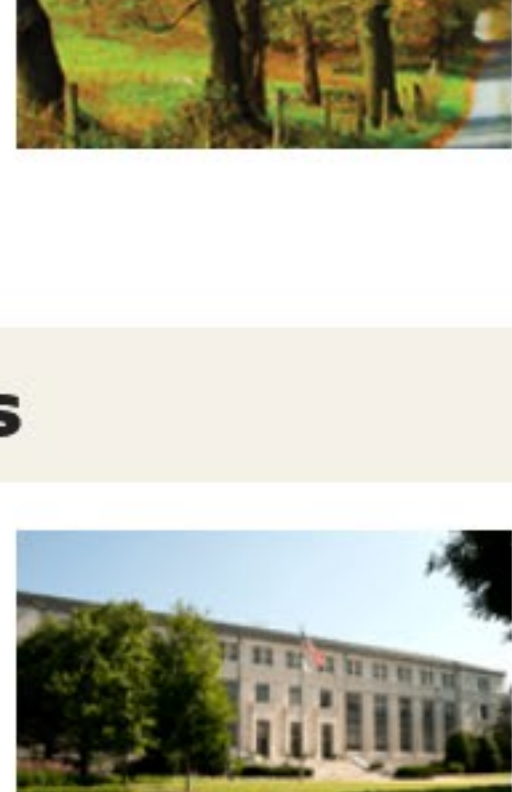
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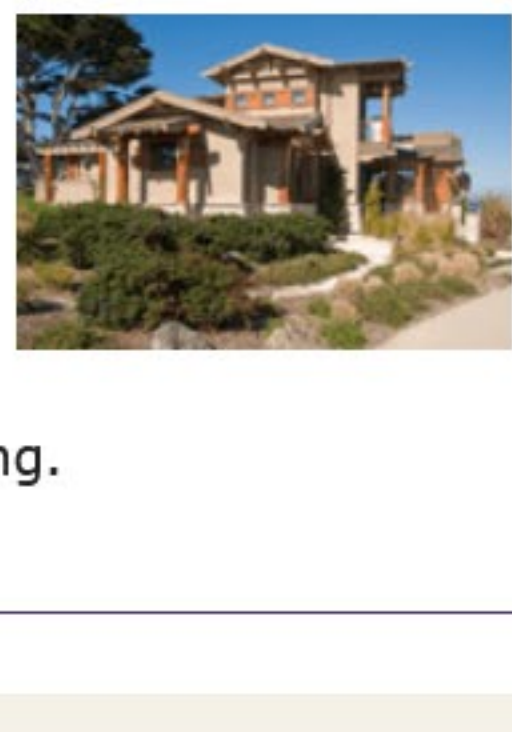


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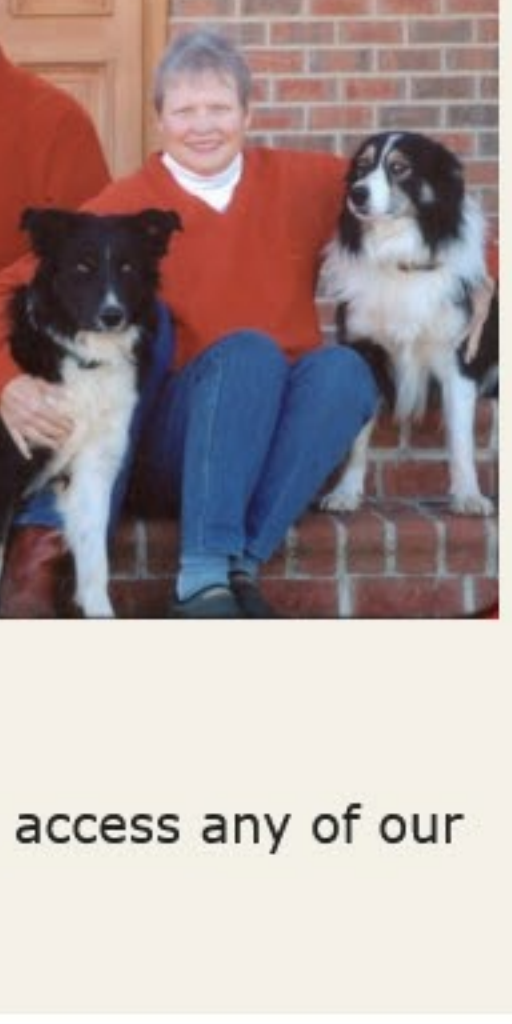


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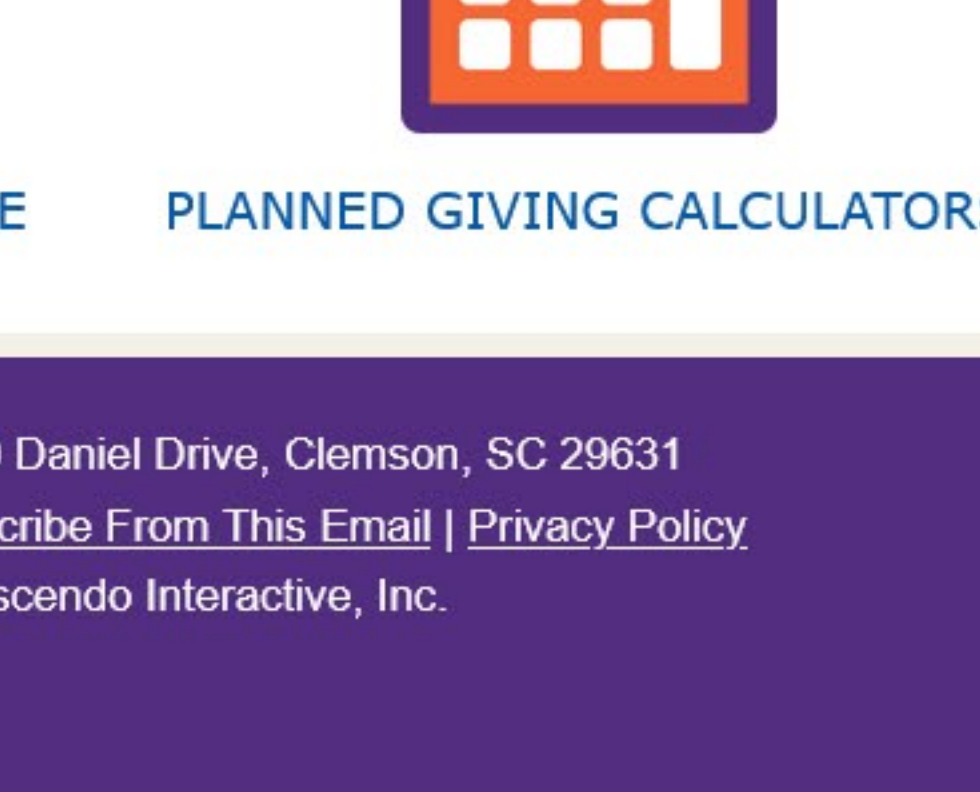


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