

Greetings from Tigertown!

We hope this finds you and your family happy, healthy and enjoying the beautiful start of Spring!

Here in Clemson, flowers and trees are blooming, students are once again enjoying the sunshine on Bowman Field, and our Spring sports teams are in full swing! Our women's softball team and men's baseball team have started off strong, and it will be fun to see what unfolds during their regular seasons.

Spring is my absolute favorite time of year because of the natural beauty we can see all around us - a tangible reminder of the unlimited possibilities in life if we are open to seeing them.



This month, I'd like to share the story of someone who has always been open to new possibilities: Nelson O'Bryan '67. Nelson has a piece of advice to share: "Keep your eyes open." It's something he would specifically encourage Clemson students to do - and

it's also an important lesson for everyone else. Nelson applied this philosophy in his formal education and his career, but keeping his eyes open has also contributed to his enjoyment of a favorite hobby: photography.

As Nelson says, "The world is full of possibilities - many of which we've never thought of. If you only focus on what is in front of you, you will miss out on something else that could be even greater." Nelson kept his eyes open, but he adds, "I never found anything that I thought would be better [than chemistry]" which was his interest from an early age.

Nelson grew up in a small South Carolina town and felt he was always destined to go to Clemson. His father attended Clemson, and his mother had majored in chemistry, sharing her love of the subject with Nelson at a young age. With his parents' influence and encouragement, he enrolled as a chemistry major at Clemson in 1963.

While at Clemson, Nelson was exposed to a kaleidoscope of people from various walks of life, an experience that broadened his horizons after growing up in a small town. He was particularly involved in the chemistry department, working summers in the lab. Nelson said some of his best memories at Clemson were his experience of working in the lab and also attending football games.

Studying chemistry at Clemson led Nelson to the understanding that knowledge cannot be acquired solely through reading but also through hands-on experimentation. And that's exactly what he did. He learned how to conduct research under the mentorship of Dr. James C. Fanning, a chemistry professor who greatly impacted his college career and later encouraged him to attend graduate school at the University of Illinois. Dr. Fanning held great passion for his research which inspired Nelson. "To this day, I have him to thank," Nelson says. "He would get really excited about the work he was doing, and it was infectious."

Between his time at Clemson and the University of Illinois, Nelson served two years in the Army. He went on to spend the entirety of his career at 3M, working within 4 different scientific areas at the company, allowing him to make impactful changes and progress in his career.



Throughout his studies and career, Nelson's love for photography, adventure, and nature led him on travels far and wide - from the scenic landscapes of Wyoming, where he returns every year, to the fishing trips he takes in New England, to go on African

safaris which he has done eight times. He has plans to go again next year with a guide to observe and learn about the wildlife there.

Retiring in 2006, Nelson relocated to New Hampshire where he has lived ever since. He attributes much of his success to the education and experiences he gained at Clemson and feels a strong desire to give back. At Clemson, he not only learned



the fundamentals of chemistry but also developed important life skills such as time management, the ability to ask for help when needed, and teamwork, all of which he carried with him throughout his career at 3M.

I encourage you to read Nelson's full story [HERE](#).

Now that Spring has fully "sprung", we are in the midst of planning for and anticipating our 8th annual [Give Day!](#) We encourage you to participate in any way you can, whether it is by making a donation to the general scholarship fund or a gift to a specific area of need. Give Day is all about coming together as a Clemson community to make an impact, and donations of any amount are truly appreciated. Visit our [Give Day website](#) and be on the lookout for more information in the coming days.

Please reach out to our team so we can help you explore the many ways in which you can impact Clemson through creative gift and estate planning. Please visit our [website](#) to view excellent online resources, or send a personal email to me at giving@clemson.edu. For more 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.

As always, please know that we are eternally grateful for all you have done for Clemson University. We hope you will make plans to visit campus soon, and in the meantime, we wish you a beautiful Spring and encourage you to - as Nelson says, "Keep your eyes open!"

Gratefully yours,



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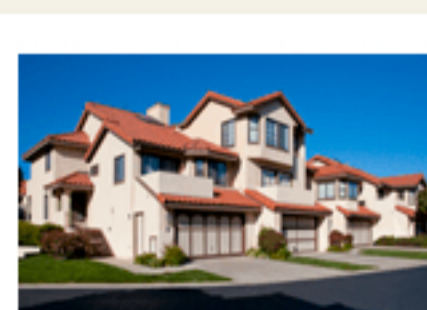


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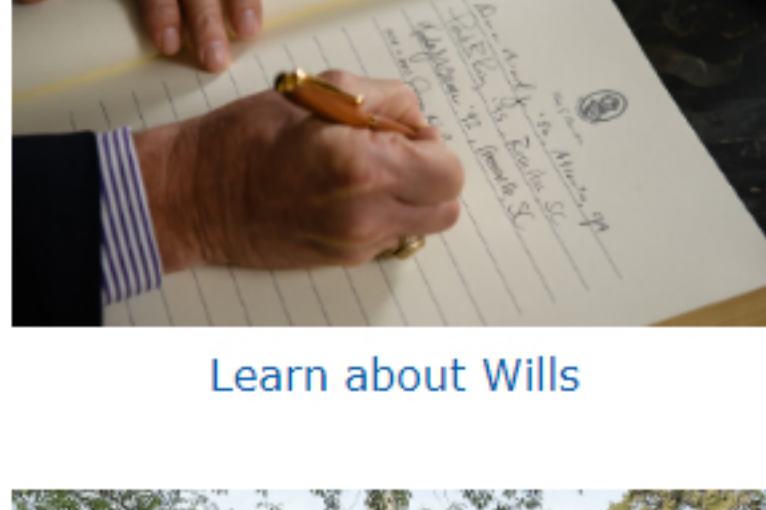
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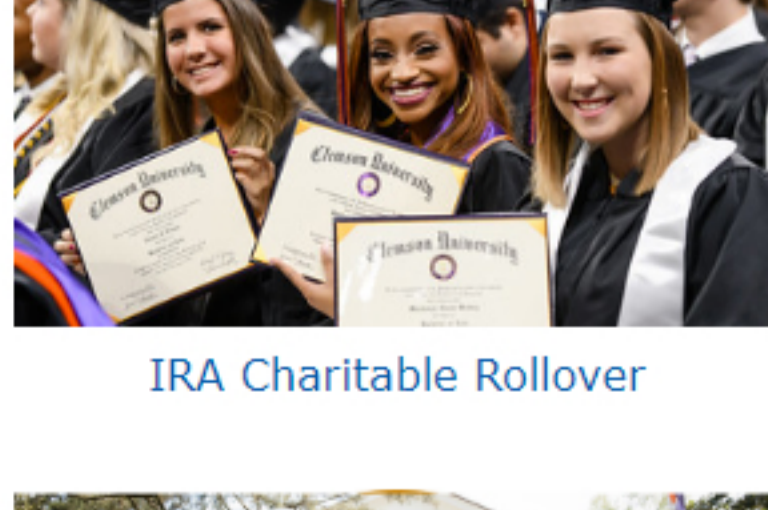
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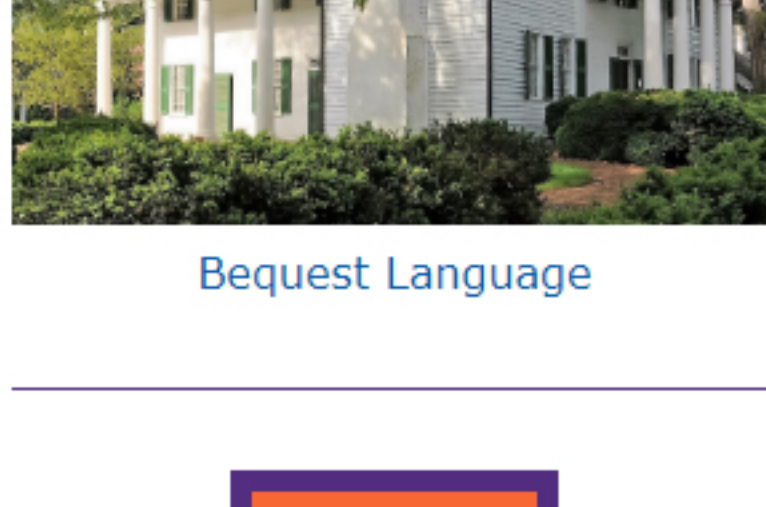
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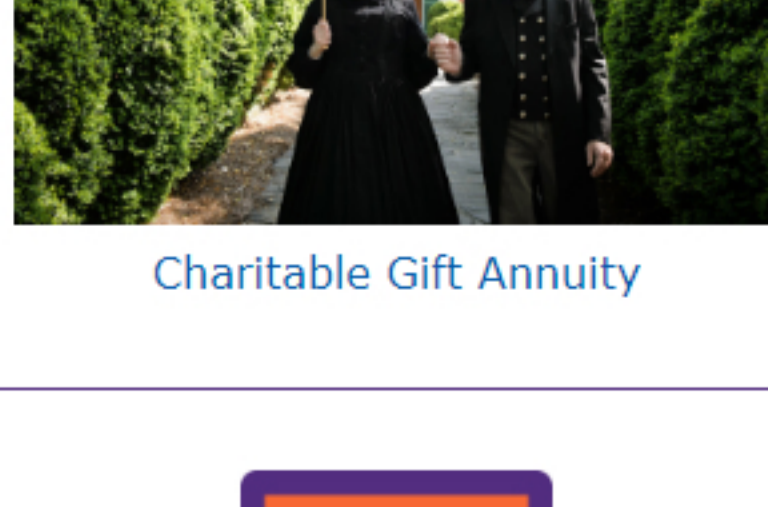
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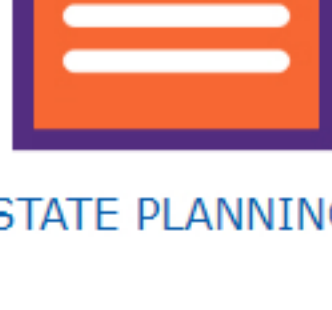
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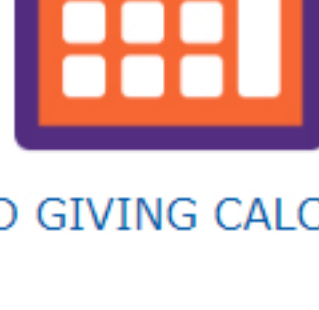
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