



Greetings from Tiger Town!

Spring is an exciting and beautiful time to be on our campus! The warm sunshine is reflecting off the Cooper Library Fountain as our students bustle about with their books and high-octane coffee. They are preparing for their last hurdle to summer - exam week! Sunshine was also in abundance this past Sunday during the annual Ring Ceremony. The smiles of our students as they saw their rings for the first time lit up Littlejohn Coliseum. This time of year always reminds me that the Clemson experience is uniquely special, and those fond memories stay with us wherever our life journey may take us.



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William "Bill" Sturgis, a retired Greenville executive, and his wife, Martha Beth, are grateful that Clemson has been an integral part of their journey. Bill understands how fortunate he was to study chemical engineering under the influential and legendary professor Charles E. Littlejohn, Jr. Please read more about Martha Beth and Bill and their remarkable gift creating a distinguished professorship in chemical and biomolecular engineering [here](#). They have graciously committed \$600,000 and plan to double their contribution in their estate plan. Upon Bill's retirement from Cryovac in 1997, he received the Order of the Palmetto, the state's highest honor, and a commendation from the state House of Representatives. Bill served as president of the Clemson University Foundation during the construction of the Madren Conference Center and the John E. Walker Sr. Golf Course. Thank you, Martha Beth and Bill, for your outstanding leadership and generosity to Clemson University.



With a new \$2.5 million gift, Gretchen and Joe Erwin are providing funding for the College of Business by creating scholarships and providing programming support for communication majors and adjunct faculty in the Erwin Center for Communication. The Erwins are Clemson University's newest Cornerstone Partner for Academics. Please read more about the Erwins [here](#) and watch a recap video [here](#). Photos from the gift announcement luncheon can be seen [here](#). Thank you, Gretchen and Joe, for your tremendous vision and generous support to Clemson.



The Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity hosted Founder's Day on April 4 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pendleton. This year marks the 130th anniversary of Thomas Green Clemson's death, and it is fitting that on Give Day - a day when Tigers come together to give back - that we also paid tribute to our founder and his extraordinary legacy.

George Askew, Vice President of Public Service and Agriculture, led the Founder's Day ceremony by highlighting the University's continued commitment to Mr. Clemson's vision that it be a "high seminary of learning." Dr. Louis Lynn, Clemson trustee, led the processional in a moment of silence while a wreath was placed upon Mr. Clemson's gravesite. You may view photos from Founder's Day [here](#).



Thanks to you, we raised \$1,432,473 during this year's Give Day, directly impacting student scholarships, faculty programs and university facilities. The Clemson family shares a special and unbreakable bond. It is truly remarkable to see members of our family come together in monumental ways. This was evident on April 4 when 3,673 Tigers from around the world joined together for 24 hours to give back to Clemson.



We always enjoy hearing from you, and sincerely hope that you will contact us if we can assist you and your family in any way. You may link to our [website](#), call us at 864-656-0663 or write to us at giving@clemson.edu. We also invite you to learn more about charitable IRA distribution benefits [here](#). Please download our free [Wills Guide](#), which was designed to assist you throughout the estate planning process.

We are always happy to welcome you and your family on campus - please make plans to visit us soon!

Go Tigers!

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