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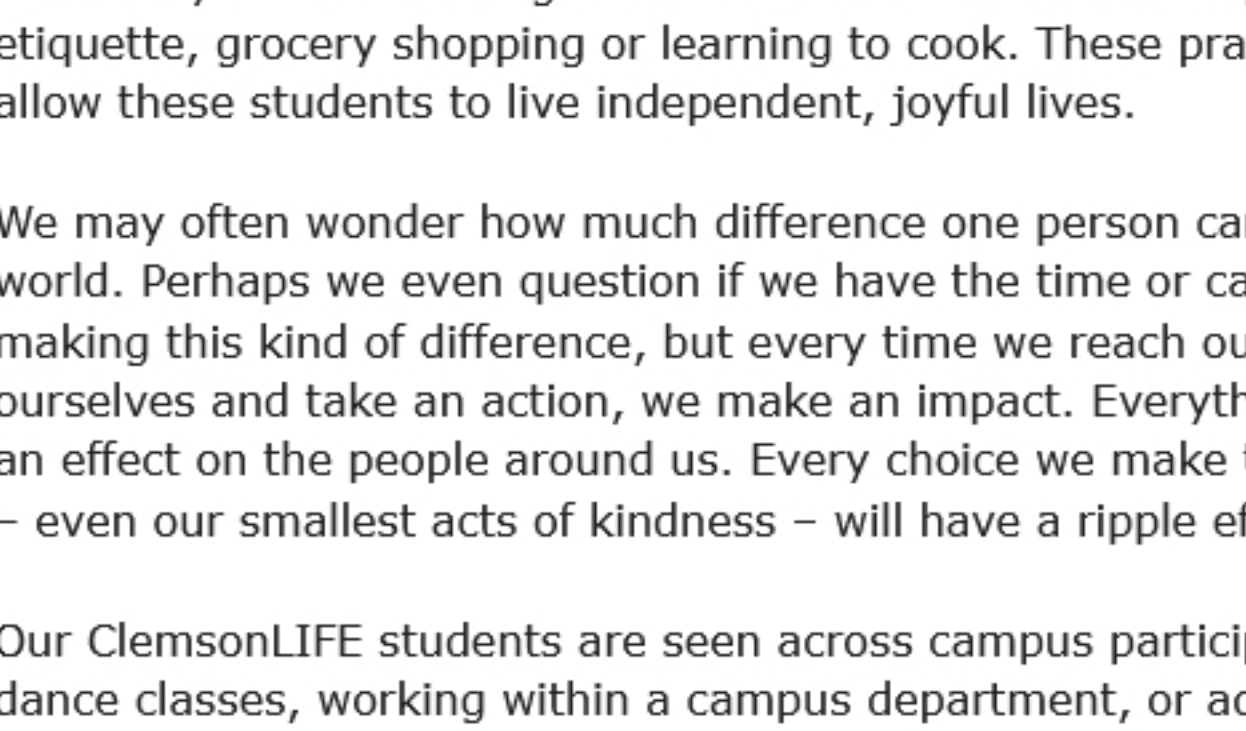
Happy New Year, Tigers!

We hope the New Year is off to a wonderful start for you and your family. Being at home these past few months has given me a new perspective and deeper appreciation for the importance of meaningful interaction with others. I have a renewed understanding of the impact in-person connections have on my sense of self and how those relationships serve to ignite my passion for helping others. Even amid our present hardships, I encourage you to extend kindness to all and take this unique opportunity for personal reflection and growth. Nurturing our existing relationships and being intentional about making time to develop new ones should always be a priority.

It only takes a moment to change a life; Jessica Weitz, of Charleston, SC, is a true testament to this statement. A lifelong competitive swimmer and a state record holder in the 100-meter freestyle and 100-meter backstroke, Jessica remembers morning workouts at the pool, the water calm and flat. Just as her first dive into the pool each morning caused the water to ripple outwards, Jessica's influence had an important impact when she began working with special needs children as a student-athlete swimming for Tulane. She took time out of her intense training schedule to help students with special needs. She taught these students how to swim and navigate the water. Whether it was the first time dipping their toe into the water or swimming laps unassisted, Jessica was there to support them every step of the way. Over time, she formed a special connection with one of her swimmers. Joel, who was unable to speak, needed Jessica's guiding hand in the water. It was in these precious moments teaching and guiding Joel that Jessica found her passion for helping students with intellectual disabilities.



Jessica's experience working with special needs children during her college days at Tulane later inspired her to form a special bond with the ClemsonLIFE program. In honor of Jessica's work with special needs children, her parents, Jonathan Weitz '90 and Lisa Weitz '90, established the **Jessica Taylor Weitz Endowment for ClemsonLIFE**.

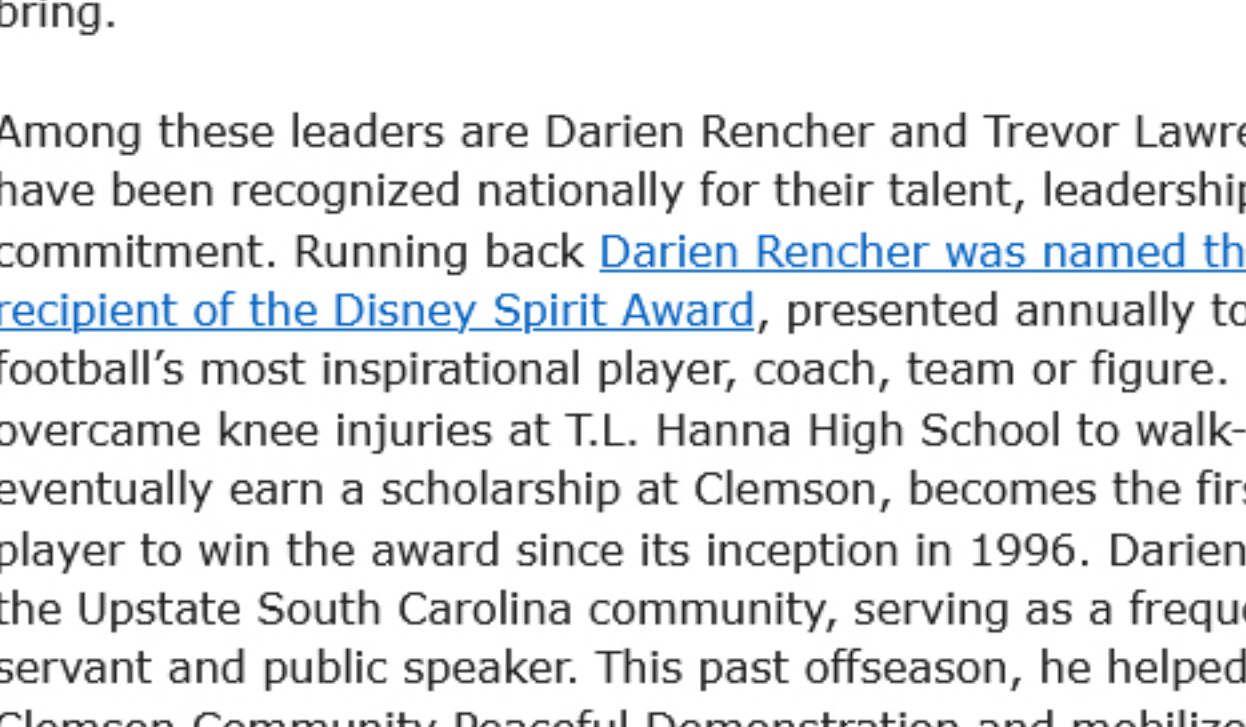


The ClemsonLIFE program acts as a guiding hand for its students. The program offers a collegiate experience that prepares young people with intellectual disabilities for competitive employment and independent living through a combination of academic coursework and career exploration. With approximately 40 students in the program, ClemsonLIFE is a catalyst for personal growth and teaches life lessons that many of us take for granted. A lesson could focus on proper texting etiquette, grocery shopping or learning to cook. These practical skills allow these students to live independent, joyful lives.

We may often wonder how much difference one person can make in this world. Perhaps we even question if we have the time or capacity for making this kind of difference, but every time we reach out beyond ourselves and take an action, we make an impact. Everything we do has an effect on the people around us. Every choice we make to help others – even our smallest acts of kindness – will have a ripple effect for good.

Our ClemsonLIFE students are seen across campus participating in dance classes, working within a campus department, or advocating for their peers in student government. Ceaseless in their joy, and with contagious smiles, their boundless enthusiasm radiates and ripples throughout campus, touching all of us.

With Jessica's charitable spirit and her parents' generous philanthropy, our ClemsonLIFE students continue to grow and thrive in this outstanding program. ClemsonLIFE is an integral part of the Clemson experience, and Jessica's endowment will ensure that our students have the opportunity to enjoy more meaningful and productive lives. You can read further about Jessica and the **Jessica Taylor Weitz Endowment for ClemsonLIFE** [here](#).



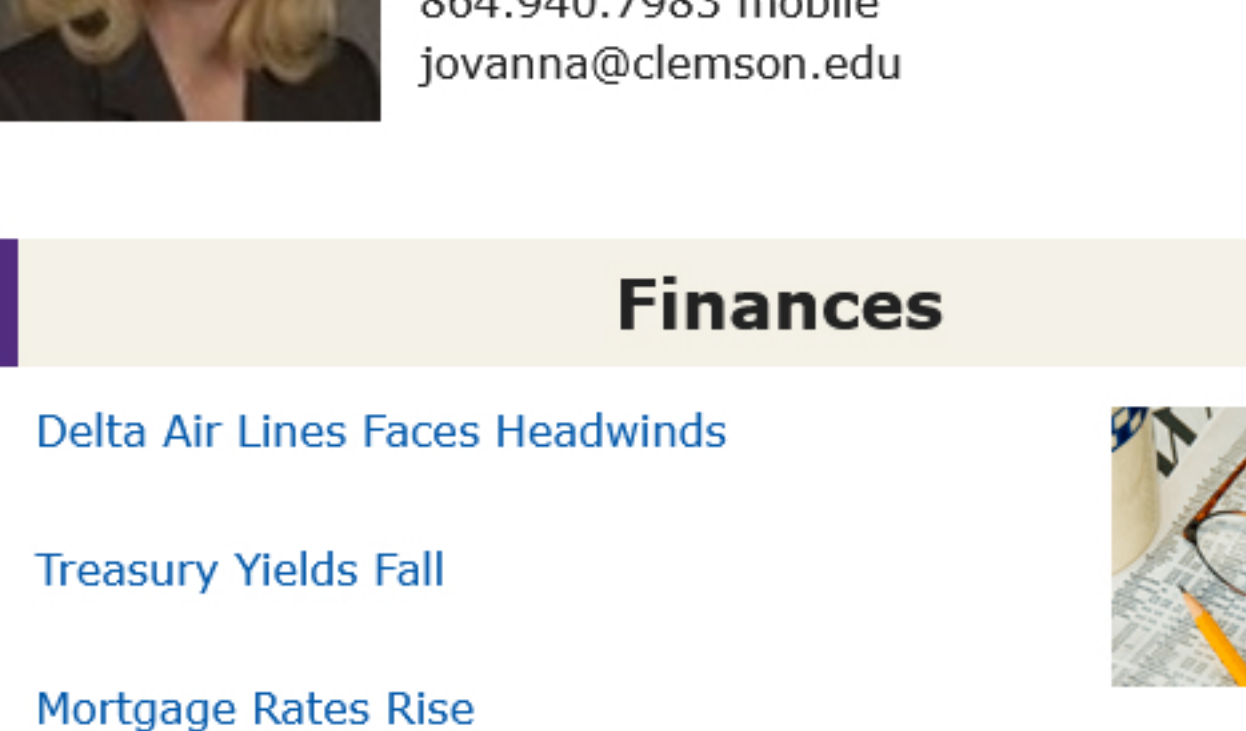
As we plunged into the New Year, temperatures dropped as our students returned to campus for the Spring semester. Sixty percent of our courses have some face-to-face component, and one-third are in-person. Our COVID testing strategy, developed with the guidance of both faculty and outside health experts, was instrumental in driving positivity rates to below two percent for the last weeks of the Fall semester. With the addition of an on-campus testing lab, we continue our testing more frequently.

For the sixth straight year, the Clemson Tigers represented our University at the college football playoffs. It was a season marked by unfamiliar circumstances and unique challenges. However, in the true spirit of the Clemson Tiger, this year's team rose to the occasion and have shown the nation what makes us special. Although we hoped for a better outcome, the Clemson Family remains united in our support of our team, coaches and staff. Dabo's leadership and the unwavering strength and grace of this team gives us much to celebrate this season, and we are looking forward to the new opportunities next season will bring.

Among these leaders are Darien Rencher and Trevor Lawrence – who have been recognized nationally for their talent, leadership and tireless commitment. Running back **Darien Rencher was named the 2020 recipient of the Disney Spirit Award**, presented annually to college football's most inspirational player, coach, team or figure. Darien, who overcame knee injuries at T.L. Hanna High School to walk-on and eventually earn a scholarship at Clemson, becomes the first Clemson player to win the award since its inception in 1996. Darien is a leader in the Upstate South Carolina community, serving as a frequent community servant and public speaker. This past offseason, he helped organize the Clemson Community Peaceful Demonstration and mobilize players nationwide to rally in support of playing safely during the pandemic. We are excited that Darien has decided to return to Clemson next year and continue to provide our University and his teammates with his dedication, leadership and talent.

In his three-year career, quarterback Trevor Lawrence boasts an amazing 34-2 record as a starting quarterback, three ACC Championships, three college football playoff appearances, two National Championship Game berths and one national title. As his remarkable Clemson career comes to an end, Trevor is saying goodbye to the Clemson Family and sharing a [special message](#) about his journey and love of Clemson. We are, you have represented the Clemson Family with distinction, and we are eagerly looking forward to supporting you in your future endeavors and triumphs.

It is remarkable to watch our Tigers succeed on the field, in the classroom and in the community. Year after year, we are amazed by the character and sportsmanship Dabo and all of the coaches instill in our players. Thank you, Trevor, Darien and all of our Tigers for your steadfast commitment to Clemson and your passion for making the world a better place. May your future be as bright as the light you have shone on the Clemson Family.



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It may be a new year with new beginnings, but it is the familiar faces and landscapes that serve as the bedrock of our strength. Our students will forever thrive under the most difficult circumstances because they know and sense your unconditional support and commitment to them and our great University. By establishing an endowment, you can support our students today, tomorrow and forever – creating a ripple effect that will make a lasting impact that extends even beyond Clemson.

So, here's to 2021! May the New Year bring you endless love, overwhelming joy and good health.

GO TIGERS!

Gratefully yours,



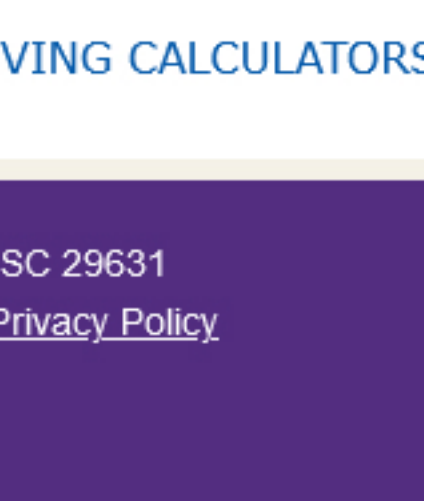
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