



Greetings from Tiger Town!

I want to begin by extending our thoughts and prayers to all who are feeling the disastrous effects of Hurricane Florence. During these difficult and challenging times, we need our friends and family the most, and the Clemson family is always here to help our fellow Tigers in any way we can.

You will be pleased to hear that fall semester is in full swing. The University welcomed more than 4,000 freshmen and transfer students and 1,800 new graduate students. We were honored to have one of Clemson's most successful alumni, Thomas F. Chapman, deliver the [keynote address](#) at the 2018 Hurst Convocation. Tom shared his thoughtful advice and wisdom about new beginnings and new opportunities with students, staff and faculty. Tom is an amazing storyteller and masterful speaker who draws from numerous experiences from a successful career in banking, marketing and information technology. Tom is a 1965 Clemson alumnus and a former Tiger baseball star. He retired as Chairman and CEO of Equifax, Inc. in 2005 and remains fully engaged with Clemson as a dynamic volunteer and member of the President's Advisory Committee. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Karen Chapman, Tom's wife, was surprised with the prestigious Honorary Clemson University Alumna Award. Karen is passionate about excellence in Clemson academics and athletics. The Thomas F. Chapman Leadership Scholars and professors were honored to be in attendance for this [magnificent presentation](#).



**JoVanna J. King**  
Senior Associate Vice  
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Development



Karen, retired chief administrative officer for Equifax, Inc., has served in various leadership roles. She earned her Bachelor of Science from North Carolina State University. Tom and Karen have given more than \$6.3 million to Clemson to further the University's mission and vision. In June, Clemson University was extremely proud to announce the Chapmans as the [University's Inaugural Academic Cornerstone Partner](#).

In support of Clemson, the Chapmans:

- Created the Thomas F. Chapman Leadership Scholars Program in the College of Business to support and nurture freshmen who demonstrate leadership potential – this program will be expanded university-wide in 2019 to include students from all colleges;
- Established the Thomas F. Chapman '65 Distinguished Professor in Leadership, which was awarded to marketing professor Mary Anne Raymond;
- Funded the construction of the Thomas F. Chapman Grandstands at Clemson's baseball stadium;
- Supported the President's Leadership Circle and ClemsonLIFE programs; and
- Became founding partners of the James F. Barker and Marcia Barker Endowed Scholarship Initiative.

Tom and Karen's generous spirit makes them valuable members of our Clemson family. We greatly appreciate their leadership and extraordinary vision to keep moving Clemson *forward*.



Melvin and Dollie Younts have also been valuable members of the Clemson family for many years. They became aware of the need for a free-standing chapel on our campus after reading an article by Clemson students, which prompted a meeting with President Emeritus Jim Barker. Later, they shared their vision with President Jim Clements and First Lady Beth Clements. Thanks to their recent commitment, the dream of a beautiful chapel on our campus will become a reality. Melvin Younts of Fountain Inn, S.C. lovingly pledged a gift of \$500,000 for the [Samuel J. Cadden Chapel](#) in memory of his wife of 67 years, who passed away on July 20, 2018. Melvin's gift to the chapel honors Dollie and her enduring faith to her church, her family and Clemson. We are grateful for their marvelous support and loyalty. This was a perfect way to honor Dollie, as the chapel will be surrounded by gardens – one of Dollie's passions. Please read more about Melvin and Dollie and the Samuel J. Cadden Chapel [here](#).



Clemson is a very special place, and the Clemson family can all celebrate that U.S. News & World Report has ranked Clemson University among the top 25 national public universities for the **11<sup>th</sup> year** in a row. We are grateful to the loyal alumni who continue to make their annual gifts. Your unwavering commitment and support has moved Clemson up in the U.S. News & World Report rankings to **third** among all national public universities in alumni giving! GO Tigers!

"To be ranked again as one of the top public universities in the country is well-deserved recognition for our faculty and staff, who work so hard to make Clemson University's academics, facilities and experience the best for our students," says Bob Jones, Clemson's executive vice president for academic affairs and provost. Clemson ranked No. 66 overall among all national universities, No. 24 for most innovative schools, No. 36 for best schools for veterans, No. 50 for schools recommended by high school counselors and No. 16 for universities committed to undergraduate teaching.

We sincerely appreciate your continued encouragement, financial contributions and devotion to this great university. YOU make Clemson the special place that it is, and we are honored to serve you. Please call if we can assist you and your family in any way. Visit our [website](#), call us at 864-656-0663 or write to us at [giving@clemson.edu](mailto:giving@clemson.edu). We always enjoy hearing from you!

Please learn more about IRA rollover benefits [here](#). You can download a free [Wills Guide](#), created to assist you throughout the gift and estate planning process.

As we face the uncertainty of this incredible storm, I hope you and your families remain safe. We will come together to help those who have already experienced its wrath and those who are still in its path. We extend our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to you and your families during this most difficult time.

Go Tigers!

Gratefully yours,

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