

Greetings from Clemson! You can feel it in the air — campus is changing with the arrival of more than 3,200 freshmen that will make Clemson their home for the next four years. Just to watch the expressions on their faces and those of their parents is always a moving moment. It's also fun to watch as returning students greet fellow students they haven't seen in a few months. I never get tired of this special time in the life of Clemson.

Clemson's incoming freshmen SAT/ACT scores rank in the top eight among national public universities. We're also proud that 19 Clemson sports were over the Annual Progress Rate threshold of 930 set by the NCAA. In fact, 13 teams scored 975 or better.

Our Clemson Tigers will take on the Georgia Bulldogs August 30 in Athens! Coach Swinney and his team work diligently to keep our players in top shape, on and off the field. You will be pleased to know that graduation rates among our football players remain high.

Finally, we're excited about our new provost, Robert H. "Bob" Jones, who received both his Bachelor of Science in forest management in 1979 and Master of Science in forestry in 1981 from Clemson before receiving his Ph.D. from Syracuse University. Prior to joining Clemson as provost, he was dean of West Virginia University's Eberly College of Arts and Sciences. Selected from a national search that drew more than 400 nominations and applications, he will provide excellent leadership to our undergraduate and graduate programs, academic support program, research and public service activities.

There's a lot happening on campus, and I hope you are making plans to join us for a visit soon. Let the tailgating begin! GO TIGERS!

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