

Greetings from Tiger Town!

Our students arrived on campus this weekend just in time to participate in an assortment of activities and festivities, including an event of cosmic proportion on Monday—a solar eclipse! Clemson is in the path of totality, which we are told, will bring unprecedented crowds to our community and state. Scientists and others (including me) are giddy with excitement. A description from [www.sciencenews.org](http://www.sciencenews.org) states, "Why is this year's solar eclipse such a big deal for scientists? The sky will go dark. The temperature will drop. Stars will shine in the middle of the day. For the first time in nearly a century, millions of Americans from coast-to-coast will witness a total solar eclipse. Those who have watched the sun suddenly disappear report that it is an otherworldly feeling. It can be humbling. It can be spiritual. It can change the course of history." Wow! That is an amazing preamble to this exciting event. While we are standing in awe, scientists will be doing important work. According to the article, "Many of the scientific questions researchers are after have to do with a big doughnut of space around the sun (the corona) observable only during a total eclipse." It is a rare scientific opportunity, and we hope you are planning to join us for our viewing party, "Eclipse Over Clemson." This free event will have plenty of parking, open space, scientific experiments, expert demonstrations and vendors. Clemson will also provide solar glasses to protect viewers' eyes from the sun's damaging rays. Comprehensive information about the eclipse and our viewing party can be found [here](#).



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Congratulations to our newest Clemson graduates. Last week, more than 900 students walked across the stage to receive their degrees. This is a very special time, as graduation ceremonies recognize the hard work, dedication and determination of our students. Please join me as we celebrate our newest graduates and send them our best wishes as they begin the next chapter of their lives!



Clemson alumnus and Senior Lecturer of Mechanical Engineering Todd Schweisinger, Ph.D., P.E. is dedicated to Clemson University and our students. He has made the decision to preserve most of his income to reach a substantial goal—to create a multi-million-dollar bequest to our beloved Clemson. With careful financial planning, Schweisinger is confident that his goal will become a reality. He hopes that his gift will fund tuition for students in perpetuity, giving deserving students a chance to have the incredible experiences he enjoyed as a Clemson student. Schweisinger's passion for giving began when he gave his first gift of \$10 to have a brick imprinted with his name in President's Park. We are extremely grateful for donors and alumni, like Todd Schweisinger, who have a strong desire and motivation to give his talent and his treasure back to Clemson. He demonstrates that our current wealth is not a limitation to fulfill a dream for future giving. We can follow his humble and extraordinary example of careful financial planning as we review and examine our own plans for the future. Please read more about Todd Schweisinger, his Clemson experience and his future gift plans [here](#). Thank you, Todd!



Last week, the Clemson family celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Retired [U.S. Army Col. Ben Skardon](#), a survivor of the Bataan Death March and beloved alumnus and professor emeritus of Clemson University. At a formal luncheon, Skardon's remarkable life was commemorated by close friends and family alongside politicians and representatives who presented him with an array of awards and honors that chronicled his numerous contributions to Clemson University, the state of South Carolina and the nation. You can read more about the remarkable event honoring Colonel Skardon [here](#).



I would like to thank you for your emails and calls. We enjoy hearing from you, and we 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](mailto:giving@clemson.edu). We also invite you to learn more about IRA rollover benefits [here](#). Please download our free [Wills Guide](#), which has been designed to assist you throughout the estate planning process.

Congratulations, again, to our Clemson graduates and their families! We are incredibly proud of their hard work and welcome them to our Clemson family as alumni. As the new semester begins, we prepare for many exciting events at Clemson, and we hope you are making plans to join us on campus soon! GO TIGERS!

Gratefully yours,



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