

Greetings from Tiger Town!

A crispness fills the air, and it is finally beginning to feel like fall – with even the foliage on our Clemson campus revealing our Tiger pride with a spectacular orange hue! Fall is a special time, when we celebrate many of our traditions, including Homecoming. It was wonderful to welcome back our alumni and members of the Clemson family as we all enjoyed the floats, Tigerama, tailgating and a tremendous win against Wake Forest on Homecoming.



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



We are all looking forward to next Saturday when the Tigers return to Death Valley to face Georgia Tech at 8 p.m. We are incredibly proud of our football team and coaches who have performed well this season, showing great determination and passion.

Retired chemical engineer Jeffrey “Jeff” Gude, the son of working-class parents living in the Bronx, New York, knew he wanted a better life than working in a factory. Gude worked odd jobs to save the money needed for his first year at Clemson. After his freshmen year, Jeff realized he could not afford to continue his education and dropped out of school. However, his dream of returning to Clemson to finish his degree never left him. After graduating in 1973, Jeff moved to California to begin his career at C.F. Braun Engineering, where he was employed for 26 years until the offices closed in 1999. Gude then served Jacobs Engineering in Pasadena, California, as a project engineer until he retired in 2010. The premature death of Dr. Charlie Littlejohn, for whom Gude had great respect, motivated him to give to the scholarship established in Dr. Littlejohn’s honor. Gude supported the C.W. Charlie Littlejohn Jr. Memorial Scholarship for more than 35 years until he was inspired to create a legacy of his own that would support chemical engineering students who face financial hardships. In 2013, Gude established the Jeffrey J. Gude '73 Endowed Scholarship for Chemical Engineering, which provides much-needed assistance to deserving students. In 2014, he also created the Jeffrey J. Gude '73 Annual Scholarship to help additional students. Jeff has made provisions to leave an even greater legacy – a pledge to give \$1 million to the College of Engineering and Science to fund numerous scholarships and possibly provide each chemical engineering graduate, with a grade point average of 2.5 or higher, a small stipend as a way of saying, “job well done.” Thank you, Jeff, for your unwavering support of Clemson students. Please read more about Jeff Gude and his generous commitment to the university [here](#).



We are looking forward to Legacy Day. On November 10, Clemson University will celebrate its history and honor alumni and members of the extended Clemson Family who uphold its tradition of service. Legacy Day activities will be held at Fort Hill from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Tours of the grounds and a student scavenger hunt will be featured events. The Last Will and Testament for both Anna Calhoun Clemson and Thomas Green Clemson will be on display. A formal ceremony under the majestic second century oak tree will be held at 4 p.m., where we will dedicate a beautiful bronze leaf to the newest inductee of the Fort Hill Legacy Society, a posthumous honor for those who bequeath \$1 million or more to the university. We sincerely hope you will make plans to join us for this magnificent and special day.



It was an honor for President and First Lady Clements to host the Thomas F. Chapman Leadership Scholars Luncheon last week, where we recognized the current Chapman Scholars and thanked Tom and Karen Chapman for their visionary philanthropy. The Thomas F. Chapman Leadership Scholars Program faithfully enriches students’ academic preparation beyond the classroom and curriculum and instills within them the qualities of a great leader – intellect, courage and heart. Thank you, Tom and Karen, for your continued leadership and thoughtful generosity to Clemson University.



The College of Business is moving forward with plans to break ground on its new home, which will be constructed in the heart of Clemson University’s campus. Groundbreaking is scheduled for 1 p.m., Friday, October 27, in front of the Alumni Center. The college’s \$87.5 million, 176,000 square foot building will nearly double Clemson University’s business education space and become the anchor of a new academic precinct that will one day occupy up to 700,000 square feet of building space. You can read more about the College of Business’ new home [here](#).

We always 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 charitable IRA distribution benefits [here](#). Please download our free [Wills Guide](#), which was designed to assist you throughout the estate planning process.

As we prepare to celebrate Legacy Day on our beautiful campus, we are reminded of the first gift made by Anna Calhoun and Thomas Green Clemson more than a century ago to create what is now Clemson University. We all have a powerful opportunity to shape and enhance the lives and minds of future generations. Thank you for everything you have done for Clemson. Our hearts are full of gratitude for every gift – big or small. Collectively, we are making a difference in the world around us.

We hope you and your family are making plans to join us on campus soon. GO TIGERS!

Gratefully yours,



FINANCES

**Stocks** - Netflix Outshines Estimates [Read More](#)

**Bonds** - Treasury Yields Rise [Read More](#)

**CDs and Mortgages** - Mortgage Rates Slip [Read More](#)

SAVVY LIVING

**How to Search for Forgotten 401(k) Money**

How do I find an old 401(k) that I think I contributed money to at a former employer? [Read More](#)

WASHINGTON NEWS

**IRS Security Summit Highlights Progress**

On October 17 the IRS held a Security Summit Conference in Washington. In his presentation and through letter IR-2017-176, Commissioner John Koskinen highlighted the success of the Security Summit in reducing identity theft. [Read More](#)

PERSONAL PLANNER

**Wills - Perils of Probate**

Business Owner passed away on April 5, 1976, with an estate of \$2.5 billion. Many people appeared claiming, “I am Business Owner’s heir” and submitted wills with themselves as beneficiaries. [Read More](#)

YOUR PLAN

**Retired Chemical Engineer Funds Endowment to Help Students Stay in School**

Retired chemical engineer Jeffrey Gude knows the value of hard work and financial assistance when it comes to education. [Read More](#)

Thank you for your interest in planned giving. To access any of our resources, please go to our [website](#).