



Holiday Greetings to all Tigers!

It is the most wonderful time of the year, and it is also a magical time to be a Clemson Tiger! We enjoyed seeing so many of you throughout the fall, whether you were visiting our beautiful campus, attending our Legacy Weekend activities/events or cheering on our Tigers in Memorial Stadium. *GO Tigers!*

As we wrap up another tremendous football season, our coaches and players have triumphed in their fifth consecutive ACC Championship Game with a victory against Virginia. Our undefeated Tigers have extended their winning streak to 28 games, and they are headed to the College Football Playoff to challenge the second-seeded Ohio State Buckeyes on Saturday, December 28. *Good luck to our Tigers for another big win!*



The Clemson Experience is a lifetime connection – one that “Rip” Parks proudly chose to embody. He cherishes the skills he learned as a student: discipline, creativity and connectivity with everyone he meets. Rip attributes these abilities, as well as his career success, to his time at Clemson. Majoring in architecture and actively participating in Army ROTC and the C-4 Pershing Rifles were life-changing experiences for him. Due to his deep connection to the university, Rip made the decision to create a bequest to Clemson. He intends to establish the **Clemson Company C-4 Pershing Rifles Endowment**. In addition, he also made a current gift to establish the **David J. Allison ('78, M'82) Endowment in Architecture and Health**.

Rip served in the US Army Reserves for 22 years, where his assignments included commanding a drill sergeant company and serving as the aide-de-camp to the commanding general for the 108th Training Division. He now gives back to Clemson through his service on the Board of Visitors – when he is not working for his business, ParksConsult, in Greenville. Rip continues to mentor young men from the Clemson and Greenville area, which offers him the opportunity to share his life experiences, both professionally and personally, and also allows him to learn from younger generations. Within minutes of meeting Rip, you recognize his intense passion and loyalty to this great University and his desire to instill discipline and creativity in future generations of students. Thank you, Rip! You can read more about Rip's dedication and life-long commitment to Clemson [here](#).



A hush has fallen across campus as students have completed their exams and returned home for the holidays. The fall semester concluded with more than 1,300 students walking across the stage at Littlejohn Coliseum, shaking hands with President Clements and entering the world well-prepared to make their mark. We are anxious to see what the future holds for our newest alumni! As Tigers, we share a special bond, and the Clemson family relishes every opportunity to celebrate our fellow Tigers' achievements, victories and successes!

Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) must be taken from our IRAs by December 31 to avoid penalties, so we invite you to learn more about charitable IRA distributions [here](#). You may download our free [Wills Guide](#), which has been designed to assist you throughout the estate planning process. We sincerely hope you will reach out to us if we can assist you and your family in any way. You may link to our Gift Planning [website](#), call us at 864-656-0663 or email us at [jovanna@clemson.edu](mailto:jovanna@clemson.edu).

During this special time of year, we want to express our sincere appreciation for **all** of the people and good fortune in our lives. Clemson is extremely blessed to have you as a member of the Clemson family. Thank you for giving back in ways that are beneficial to our great University throughout the year. Best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful Holiday Season! We hope your holidays are filled with great joy, kindness, generosity, good health, and lots of time with family and friends.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and GO TIGERS!



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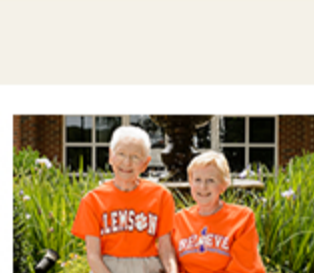


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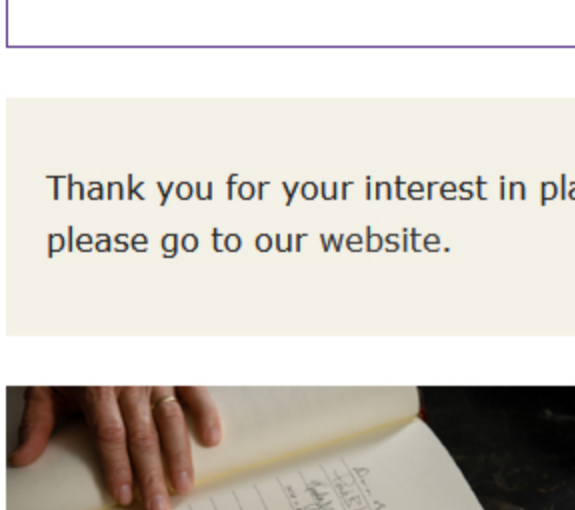
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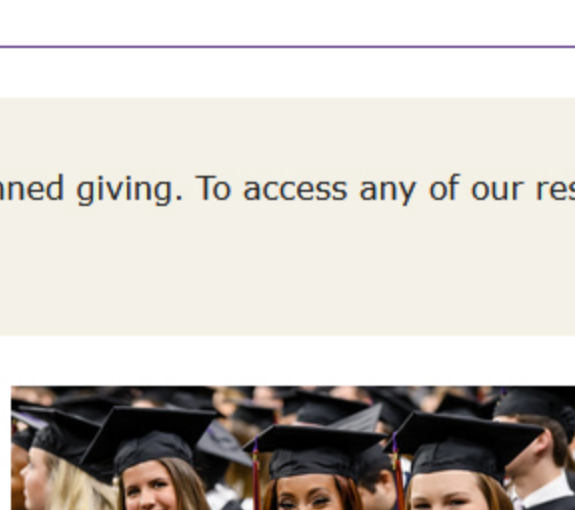
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