



Greetings from Clemson!

There is an old saying, "If you don't like the weather in South Carolina, just wait until tomorrow." We have experienced a range of temperatures from the mid-70s to snow in just a few days! The weather was perfect a few weeks ago when President and Mrs. Clements hosted an outdoor reception at their home for all Leadership Circle donors. The Leadership Circle honors individuals who give \$10,000 or more per year in unrestricted funds. President Clements explained the significance of these gifts in his remarks, "We cannot say thank you enough to all of you who support the University through your generous donations to the Leadership Circle. Your gifts provide unrestricted dollars to use wherever the need is greatest. These funds are used strategically to help us meet needs that impact our students, faculty and staff." [View photos](#) from the reception.



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On Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, Clemson University will honor our founders Thomas and Anna Calhoun Clemson on Founder's Day, and we will also celebrate our second [Give Day](#). This is a wonderful initiative that allows the Clemson Family to join together for one special day to focus our energy on giving back to an institution that has given us all so very much. Last year we raised more than \$900,000 for all areas of the University. Your commitment and generous support this year can create a tremendous impact all over campus. Please mark your calendars now and plan to be "All In" with us on April 6<sup>th</sup>!

While you have your calendars out, be sure to save the date for Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and join us for the Clemson Alumni Association's first-ever Clemson Family Spring Fling! The Spring Fling will be held prior to the Clemson Football Spring Game. This is a new event created for alumni who have participated in Greek organizations, student organizations, organized intramural teams, sports teams and other student activities to get together with former classmates. The event will be from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Shaw Family Lot (Lot 2 – upper intramural field). The tailgate will include a live band and food trucks. Please [Link here](#) for more details and to see a full list of organizations who are already confirmed for this new fun-filled event.

Lynda Coleman and her mother, Raymail, take their family's love for Clemson and their respect for the teaching profession very seriously. Lynda's parents started bringing her to Clemson football games at a very young age, and when it came time to select a college, the choice was easy. After earning her Clemson degree, Lynda spent more than 35 years teaching high school in the Upstate. We are extremely grateful that they have agreed to honor the memory of Lynda's dad, John Henry Coleman III, from Greenville, SC, with two endowments for teaching. [Read more](#) about the Coleman family and how their amazing gift to Clemson will impact generations of future students and teachers forever.

I love hearing the beautiful stories of how families like the Colemans join the Clemson Family. And it always makes me smile to know how this special place captures our hearts as we walk across our beautiful campus and meet our amazing students, faculty and staff. Throughout all of the seasons of our lives, Clemson always feels like it is our home.

I would be remiss if I did not mention that our hearts are still grieving over the passing of our beloved friend and colleague, Bert Henderson. He was a true Clemson Tiger, who loved helping members of the Clemson Family with whatever they needed. I met Bert during my first week at Clemson, more than 29 years ago. His smile was contagious and his heart was bigger than Death Valley. I treasured his friendship, and I know that his legacy will live on through all of us who knew and loved him. We ask that you please continue to pray for his girls, Amy Lee and Kimberly.

Please know that we are here to support you in any way that we can. Your ongoing support and thoughtful generosity is an inspiration to all of us who love this amazing place. Please visit our planned giving [website](#), call us at 864-656-0663 or write to us at [giving@clemson.edu](mailto:giving@clemson.edu) if we can be of service to you or your family. We invite you to learn more about IRA rollover benefits [here](#). We also encourage you to download our free [wills guide](#), which has been designed to assist you throughout the planning process.

Best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful Spring! We hope you will make plans to join us on campus very soon!

Warmest regards and GO TIGERS!



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