

Greetings from Clemson! Since our update last month, many exciting events have taken place!

This past week, the University hosted a series of events to recognize our rich tradition of military excellence dating back to our founding as a military school and to honor the 10,000-plus Clemson men and women who have served in the armed forces. This series of events concludes today with our [Military Appreciation Day](#) football game against Wake Forest. Events begin at 9:00 a.m., and veterans will be recognized throughout the day.

Yesterday was a special time for our campus as we celebrated Legacy Day. This beloved [fall tradition](#) is a time for Clemson students to learn about our rich history and the importance of paying thanks to those who have given back to the University. Students were able to take a tour of Fort Hill and view copies of Mr. and Mrs. Clemson's last will & testaments. View [photos](#) of Legacy Month events.

A formal ceremony also took place yesterday afternoon under the Second Century Oak at Fort Hill. Roy '41 and Marnie Pearce were recognized with a bronze leaf dedication and induction into the Fort Hill Legacy Society, which honors donors posthumously for leaving \$1 million or more to the University in their estate. The Pearces leave a legacy of success for students through their support for the Cooper Library and their donation to endow the Pearce Center for Professional Communication. [Read more](#) about the impact the Pearce Center is making today.

Last night at the Madren Center, we extended our gratitude and thanks to our generous donors at the annual Gratitude Gala. Donors were honored during the Cumulative Giving and Legacy Society Induction Ceremony, which was followed by a reception with hors d'oeuvres and entertainment.

Clemson professor, Patrick McMillan, is the co-creator and host of the popular Emmy-award winning ETV nature program "Expeditions with Patrick McMillan." Clemson is excited to say that the naturalist and educator has received the [Glenn '65 and Heather Hilliard Endowed Professorship in Environmental Sustainability](#). The Hilliards have given \$1 million to establish an endowment for a professor to teach and motivate future generations to both treasure and manage the balance between the natural and human-made worlds. [This gift](#) qualified Clemson for a dollar-to-dollar match from the state under the SmartState program, creating a \$2 million professorship.

We are excited to say that the [Adobe Digital Studio](#) has opened in the Cooper Library! "The opening of the Adobe Digital Studio, truly a 'maker space' for digital creativity, is a landmark event for Clemson," said Jim Bottum, vice provost and chief information officer at Clemson. "The studio will be transformational, and I am proud of the effort between our team at Clemson and Adobe that made this possible." View [photos](#) and a [video](#) from the grand opening.

Freeman Hall has been under renovation for quite some time, and the grand opening of its \$10 million addition was hailed last month. "The entire Clemson Family can take pride in Freeman Hall and the other world-class facilities that are part of our capital improvement plan," said Clemson President James P. Clements. [Learn more](#) about the addition and view [photos](#) and a [video](#) from the grand opening celebration.

November has been filled with celebrations honoring our University's founders, Anna Calhoun and Thomas Green Clemson. You have the opportunity to demonstrate the "Power of Your Pen" and leave a legacy as well. As you gather with your family this holiday season, we encourage you to enjoy that fellowship and please consider a legacy gift to Clemson. It would be our pleasure to guide you through the various gift options.

Please let us know if we can be of assistance to you and your family in any way. For more information, please visit our [website](#), call 864-656-0663 or email giving@clemson.edu.

We look forward to seeing you on campus soon! In the meantime, please accept our very best wishes to you and your family for a happy and healthy holiday season!

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