



Greetings from Clemson!

As Mark Twain famously said: "Hope springs up in Spring and a hopefulness with it."

That sense of hopefulness that we all experience this time of year is especially evident on our beautiful campus. Students and faculty seem to emerge from winter with a renewed sense of purpose. It is that time of year when both students and teachers are buckling down to finish the semester strong, and planning begins for summertime experiences. The seeds have been planted and the blossoms are emerging, both literally and figuratively.

Since the first seed was planted by Thomas and Anna Clemson more than 130 years ago, every generation following has provided the enrichment our University has needed to grow and thrive. Thomas and Anna were great examples of transformational philanthropists who paved the way for all of us who came after them. While change is a constant in any aspect of life - and certainly our campus has evolved and changed over time - our core values, instilled by Thomas and Anna, remain. We are forever committed to making a difference in the lives of our students, today, tomorrow and forever.

Just last week on April 5th, we hosted our 8th annual Give Day. Give Day is a 24-hour campaign that celebrates the power of generosity and honors our rich history of philanthropy. This year on Give Day, 4,182 donors gave nearly \$1.9M to support critical programs and initiatives at Clemson. You can learn more about Give Day [HERE](#). Students had the chance to express their gratitude to all donors to our University on [Thank a Donor Day](#) this past Wednesday.

Each month, it is my privilege to share with you the stories of Clemson donors who have made a commitment to support Clemson in perpetuity. This month, I'd like to focus on several student scholars whose lives have been impacted by the generosity of planned gifts.

Thirteen years ago, the Earl C. Ray '38 Student Assistance Endowment was established to support students who are majoring in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering within the College of Engineering and Science.



Carolina Meta is a Ph.D. candidate from Whittier, California, who chose to pursue her graduate degree at Clemson, with the support of the Student Assistance Endowment that Mr. Ray's planned gift provided. His vision for helping students has allowed Carolina the opportunity to attend Clemson without the stresses of taking on multiple jobs to generate income. She said of her scholarship:

"I've been able to focus and dive into my coursework, thanks to this scholarship, and I believe I have become a more effective student and researcher by having the opportunity to develop a healthy work-life balance. The flexibility to make time for activities I enjoy, like hiking in the Experimental Forest, is something I do not take for granted."

Andrew Warder of King George, Virginia, is a Civil Engineering student and a recipient of a scholarship through the Kenneth and Caroline Caughman Memorial Endowment Fund. The Caughmans' Memorial Endowment provides multiple university-wide scholarships each year.



Andrew says that being an out-of-state student, this scholarship has allowed him to be able to pursue his dream of being a Clemson Tiger. He says that Clemson "feels like home" and knows that he made the right choice in coming to Clemson for his undergraduate education. He is training as part of the Air Force ROTC and hopes to gain an Air Force commission after he graduates.

Carolina and Andrew are two examples of many students benefitting from your generosity. There were many who came before them, and because of the commitment by our Clemson Family, there will be many more who will follow in their footsteps.

Planned gifts to Clemson ensure continued support for our beloved University - in perpetuity. "Paying it forward" has become part of the current vernacular and planned gifts do just that - pay it forward for the next generation to come. The beneficiaries of your thoughtful generosity - future generations of Clemson Tigers - can be part of your legacy. Making your plan today will leave a legacy for tomorrow.

We would be honored to help you shape your gift plan that will help students like Carolina and Andrew and move our great University forward. Please visit our website or send us a personal email at giving@clemsun.edu. We love hearing from you! Additionally, you can find information about IRA Charitable Qualified Distribution (QCD) benefits [HERE](#). For information about general estate planning, please download our free [WILLS GUIDE](#), which is designed to help you navigate your plans before visiting with your attorney and/or financial advisor.

This Spring, my wish for you is that you experience that feeling of hopefulness that Twain described. It is because of special people like you that I am filled with great hope for the future of Clemson University!

Gratefully yours,



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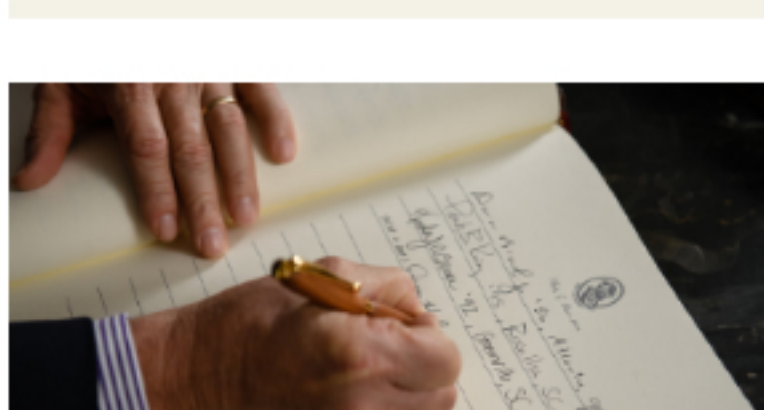
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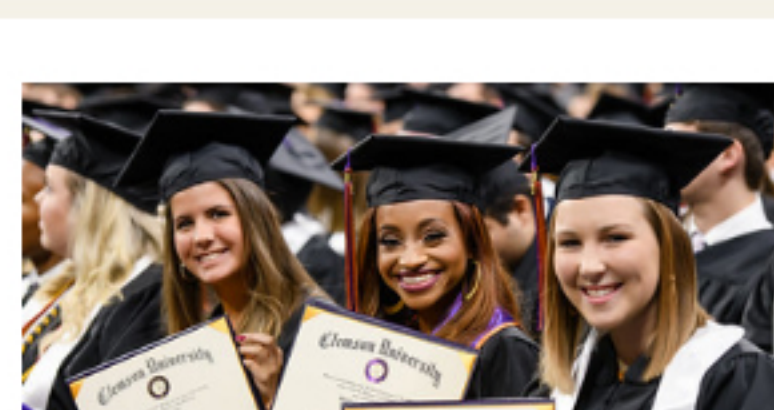
Our relationships define us. For all of Rick Erwin's life, he has been surrounded by people who made him, in his words, "better" - from his family and extended Clemson family to his friends and business partners. Rick wants to give others the ability to forge strong relationships and become better people, so he has chosen to leave an unrestricted gift to IPTAY, largely because of his faith in Clemson's commitment to excellence and leadership development.



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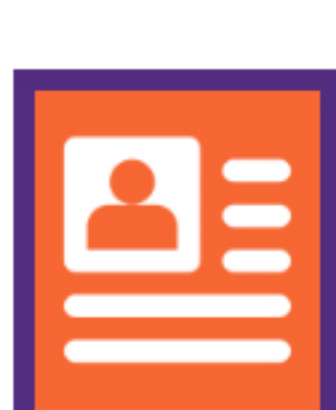
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