



Greetings from Tiger Town!

The Clemson campus is once again bustling with the sound of the students who have returned from winter break. We are excited to begin a new semester in the New Year and look forward to what lies ahead in 2018!



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Clemson – along with the entire nation – celebrated the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. this week. We take this special time to celebrate an inspirational person, but we can practice and reflect upon his messages every day.

In a recent feature of Nikki Haley, politics, family and work ethic were just a few of the many topics discussed. Haley has a passion for Clemson University that we all share, saying “The second we drove on to campus, I was home. I felt it. I mean, in my soul I felt it; walking on campus I felt it. That was where I was meant to be, and I never looked back after that.” We all have our own stories to share about the moment we fell in love with Clemson, and each memory has one thing in common – *love at first sight*. Click [here](#) to read Clemson World’s full article on Nikki Haley.



We are very fortunate to have a leader dedicated to the legacy of Clemson University who sees our past as an inspiration for our future. Buildings can change; campus can expand, but Clemson’s core values – those established by Anna Calhoun Clemson and Thomas Green Clemson – remain as our university’s foundation. In an article written by Clemson University President Jim Clements, he reflects upon Clemson’s commitment to our founder’s vision and our path to building an even brighter future for the next generation. You can read President Clements’ article [here](#).

Students in two Clemson University programs will benefit from scholarships and course enhancement, resulting from a Wells Fargo gift of \$350,000. The funding — \$200,000 in scholarships for *Call Me MISTER* and \$150,000 for *Emerging Scholars* — will support initiatives focused on improving educational outcomes for diverse student populations across South Carolina. Since 2008, Wells Fargo has given a total of \$1.56 million to *Call Me MISTER* and \$750,000 to *Emerging Scholars*. As a longtime supporter of the University, Wells Fargo has donated more than \$3.6 million to Clemson since 1991. You can read more about these programs and Wells Fargo’s contributions to Clemson [here](#).

Each gift made to Clemson University gives our students and faculty opportunities for success. One such student is Julia Brisbane, who credits several Clemson programs with leading her towards her true passion – bioengineering. Julia studied piano for 12 years at a magnet school for the arts in Charleston, South Carolina, but after attending an *EMAG!NE* event at Clemson, she realized a new dream. *EMAG!NE*, a program offered by the College of Engineering, Computing and Applied Sciences, inspires K-12 students across the state to see the impact they can make on society in STEM careers. Brisbane first saw bioengineering as her path to becoming a surgeon and eventually dove into the biomaterials concentration discovering other ways she could make a difference.

Now Brisbane is thriving as a National Academy Engineering Grand Challenge Scholar, which she considers one of her primary undergraduate accomplishments. Brisbane’s passion for research ignited the summer before her freshman year officially began. She was on campus for the *FIRE* program, which is aimed at giving underrepresented engineering and science students a head start on math, research and campus life. During those two weeks, she learned about the support systems available through *PEER* (Programs for Educational Enrichment and Retention) and *WISE* (Women in Science and Engineering). Clemson University is forever impacting the lives of our students through its programs and initiatives. You can read more about Julia Brisbane and her Clemson experience [here](#).



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We enjoyed another snow day on our beautiful campus this week. Our students and local Clemson family enjoyed a day of sledding and winter fun. The snow is now melting; the students are back to class; and we hope you are making plans to join us on campus very soon!



GO TIGERS!

Gratefully yours,



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