



Clemson Legacy Connection

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Greetings from Tigertown!

Over the past several weeks, we have celebrated and honored members of the Clemson Family who are deeply committed to the future of our amazing University. And as we prepare for Thanksgiving, a time to reflect on our gratitude, I am inspired by so many individuals who demonstrate a spirit of joy and giving with the intention to help and support others.

Clemson was founded with a great act of visionary philanthropy. Many have followed in Thomas and Anna's footsteps to leave their mark and make Clemson a better and more impactful institution. We are all committed to preparing our students, faculty and staff to improve and enhance lives and investing in others with the understanding we may never see the impact we have on them.

Thankful for our Legacy

Every November, we honor our rich heritage and celebrate the future commitments of others who have made the decision to impact generations of students to come by including Clemson in their gift and estate plans. During our annual Legacy Celebrations, we honor current members of the Clemson Legacy Society and induct our newest members into this esteemed group of visionary philanthropists. The annual event, held last week, was a remarkable and memorable evening.

The following day, we participated in another great tradition, the Fort Hill Legacy Society Bronze Leaf Dedication Ceremony. A bronzed leaf is personally commissioned for each inductee and includes their signatures and a description of their philanthropy.

The Fort Hill Legacy Society honors members who leave \$1 million or more to Clemson University – an extraordinary and thoughtful act of generosity. During the dedication ceremony, the leaves for **Garrett J. Mobley Jr. '62 and Linda S. Mobley**, of Charlotte, North Carolina, and **Arthur R. "Buddy" Wallace**, of Greenville, South Carolina, were placed under the majestic Second Century Oak, which stands at Fort Hill on the historic site of the University's first Board of Trustees meeting.

Please watch [this video recapping the special ceremony](#) and [read more about the newest members of the Fort Hill Legacy Society](#) below.

Learn about Garrett J. Mobley Jr. '62 and Linda S. Mobley:

Garrett Mobley embodied the Clemson spirit through his profound love for others and generous heart. His gift to the University, an unrestricted endowment established in 2013 by Garrett and his beloved wife, Linda Sample Mobley, echoed the couple's profound love for education, their community and each other. The Mobleys are remembered as being a couple who cared for the less fortunate, their dogs and enjoyed gardening.

"Garrett was a successful and humble individual. He was devoted to a close circle of friends and family. Most of his leisure time was spent attending IPTAY events and Clemson Football games," said Mobley's sister, Sylvia Ford.

The Mobleys' legacy at Clemson began with Garrett's grandparents — Jesse Hammond Mobley and Florence Floyd Mobley of Kershaw, South Carolina, and Andrew Clark Rowell and Louzetta Plyler Rowell of Buford, South Carolina. It was a tapestry woven together with threads of determination, hard work and a fervent belief in the power of education.

Garrett established a family endowment in honor of his grandparents as a celebration of their lives and beliefs in the power of education for their children. Mobley's grandparents also embodied a legacy of hard work and determination, earning their own college degrees and were advocates for the opportunity education could have for individuals and their family members.

This endowment serves as a testament to Garrett's desire to extend the values instilled by his grandparents and to provide a transformational student experience, increase research and better the lives of citizens around the world. Their legacy stands as a living testament to the power of education, gratitude and family.



Learn about Arthur R. "Buddy" Wallace:

Arthur R. "Buddy" Wallace dedicated his life to impactful service and selflessly invested his time in helping others. Ralph Waldo Emerson's words, "The purpose of life is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well," seemed to echo through all facets of Buddy's life, leaving a mark on each individual fortunate enough to cross paths with him.

Buddy shied away from recognition, and he had a passion and innovative vision for enhancing healthcare in the Upstate. He generously established educational opportunities for students who desire a Nursing degree.

He established the William H. Wallace (1919) and Mary Ellen Woodside Wallace Memorial Scholarship Endowment through his estate plan. The scholarship is a loving tribute to his father, a proud Clemson graduate, and his mother, who experienced exemplary nursing care in her later years.

The demand for healthcare is expanding, and we have a shortage of nurses across the United States. Buddy's gift addresses a critical need to provide need-based scholarships for students in Clemson's School of Nursing, removing financial barriers and contributing to the fulfillment of excellent nurses.

A former Clemson student, Buddy understood the transformative power of education. His gift allows aspiring nurses to focus on their studies without heavy financial constraints. The ripple effect of his generosity extends beyond the classroom. It is visible in every healthcare center across the United States, where nurses play a pivotal role in providing care and comfort throughout the unpredictable journey of life.

Clemson is grateful for Buddy's thoughtful generosity, which continues to shape the future of nursing, healthcare and the well-being of South Carolina's citizens and beyond. In the quiet legacy of Buddy Wallace, the impact of his philanthropy will be felt in the halls of Clemson and in the hearts of those who benefit from his remarkable gift.

Clemson University is forever grateful to Garrett and Linda Mobley and Buddy Wallace for their unwavering commitment and marvelous generosity.



Thankful for our Cornerstone Partners

This month, we enjoyed celebrating the addition of several new Cornerstone Partners for Clemson University — the families of Mike and Kim Watt along with Steve and Pam Watt; Bob and Pat Jordan; and JB and Sara Brown.

The Watt family was recognized for their incredible generosity to name the new Athletic Performance and Wellness Center. The [Watt Family's \\$5.675 million Athletic contribution](#) will play a central role in

providing a 55,000-square-foot facility that will revolutionize the training and wellness experience for our student-athletes and is poised to set a new standard in collegiate sports facilities. Construction will begin in December with an expected completion in February 2025. We are looking forward to celebrating the grand opening of the Watt Family Athletic Performance and Wellness Center. The Watt families have also invested significantly in our academic programs, most notably the Watt Family Innovation Center, one of Clemson's crown jewels. With their latest gift, Steve and Pam, along with Mike and Kim, and their amazing families, are our newest Athletic Cornerstone Partners. We are extremely grateful for their magnificent philanthropy for both academics and athletics.

The [Jordan family made an incredible commitment](#) in support of Clemson's football program with an investment of \$2.5 million, joining other Athletic Cornerstone Partners. The contribution from Bob and Pat Jordan, of Greenville, South Carolina, was commemorated with a ribbon-cutting at the new practice fields last Friday, November 10, prior to their recognition during the Clemson versus Georgia Tech game. The practice fields, located at the Allen N. Reeves Football Operations Complex, will be formally known as the Jordan Family Practice Fields. Bob and Pat have a wonderful family. Their passion to provide these practice fields will enhance the performance of our players as well as provide much-needed facilities for our athletic summer camps. Thank you, Pat and Bob, for your generous and outstanding leadership.

Clemson announced a gift from [Clemson alumni Jeff "JB" and Sara Brown](#), of Charlotte North Carolina. With a gift of \$2.5 million, the Browns are supporting scholarships, the Clemson Experience for students, the new Alumni and Visitors Center, inclusive excellence and the Wilbur O. and Ann Powers College of Business. This Academic Cornerstone gift from the Browns represents the dedication their family has for the betterment of the lives of current and future Clemson students. They are building a legacy at Clemson and have laid the foundation for others to follow.

Thankful for our Military

Last week, we had the privilege of recognizing the service and contributions of our military members and veterans, increasing our advocacy and awareness in supporting and celebrating their service and sacrifice. Since 1889, more than 10,000 Clemson men and women have served in the armed forces, with 494 giving the ultimate sacrifice. We are an institution that honors our proud military heritage, and we appreciate the opportunity to celebrate the members of our Clemson Family who serve our country. Our pride was evident last Saturday in Memorial Stadium during our annual Military Appreciation Game. Throughout the game, we witnessed parachute jumps, video messages from deployed units, and recognitions of gold star families, service members, military VIPs and the 25th anniversary of Clemson Corps. Halftime featured a joint performance from the Clemson and Georgia Tech bands, as well as the traditional playing of TAPS and a 21-gun salute. My heart is overflowing with gratitude and appreciation for our service personnel and their families.

Thankful for YOU!

We are also very grateful for you! We hope you will strongly consider how you can elevate and support future generations of students who will benefit from all that Clemson has to offer. You can leave your mark of selfless and purposeful generosity. You may never see the direct results of your philanthropy; however, you can be confident that your impact will be felt. Whether you have a desire to invest for today or tomorrow, we can help you craft a plan that will make a significant difference in the lives of Tigers and their families across the globe.

Please reach out to us for assistance in learning more about making a lasting difference in the lives of others. Our [website](#) features useful online resources that we hope you will explore. RMD's are required by December 31, and you can find information about IRA Charitable Qualified Distribution (QCD) benefits [here](#). For information regarding general estate planning, please download our [free Wills Guide](#), designed to help you navigate your thoughts and plans before you visit with your attorney and/or advisors. We always enjoy hearing from you directly, so please call 864.656.0663 or email us at giving@clemson.edu.

In this beautiful season of blessings and gratitude, I offer my heartfelt appreciation and sincere thankfulness to each of you. Thank you for your passion and remarkable generosity in helping Clemson be a beacon of hope and opportunity for others.

Continued blessings to you and your family. We sincerely hope you enjoy a happy, healthy and bountiful Thanksgiving with great fellowship and delicious food with your family and friends.

GO Tigers! Let's Beat North Carolina!