ANNUAL REPORT
2017-2018
Greetings fellow alumni,

What another amazing year it has been! Clemson University is setting records every day through student success, advancements in research, and of course, our national rankings — in the classroom and on the field.

This success would not be possible without the support of you, our faithful alumni! You have helped Clemson remain a Top 25 Nationally Ranked public university for the 11th straight year, and you helped move our Alumni Participation ranking from #4 to #3 this year!

The Clemson Alumni Association exists to celebrate alumni, preserve Clemson’s time-honored traditions and to be your lifelong connection to our alma mater. We have enjoyed a year of celebrations honoring alumni who have dedicated their time, talent and treasure to Clemson and their community and who share the Clemson spirit each and every day.

We have appreciated the welcome we received when we brought Clemson to your community. Our 78 Clemson Clubs and affinity groups across the country have hosted CU in the City events — a collaboration with our partners in IPTAY and Annual Giving — and fantastic game day tailgates.

Our mission is to enhance your lifelong Clemson experience. So, we invite you to get involved, stay informed and find a place within the Clemson Alumni Association to serve. There are so many ways to make a difference for Clemson — from mentoring through Alumni Career Services, volunteering your time and leadership within our clubs, nominating deserving Tigers for awards, to making a gift to scholarships. Your impact will be great no matter the size of your contribution.

We at the Alumni Association continue to welcome the opportunity to be of service to you — please call on us anytime. Until then, take care and go tell the world “I Went To Clemson.”

Wil Brasington ’00
Executive Director

WORKING FOR YOU
You are the voice in all matters relating to the advancement of your University. Let us know what we can do to better serve you and if you’d like to be more involved. Reach out! Email us at info@alumni.clemson.edu or call 864-656-2345.

Nominations for alumni board opened in January and end March 31, 2019. Make sure to check the Clemson Alumni home page at alumni.clemson.edu for information on how you can get involved or to nominate someone for a leadership role in your Alumni Association.
TIGER CONNECTIONS

Get noticed! Get a Clemson License Plate.
alumni.clemson.edu/licensetags

Join a special interest group. Here are a few!

• Graduated in the last decade? Join Young Alumni Council.
alumni.clemson.edu/young-alumni

• Women’s Alumni Council
alumni.clemson.edu/womens-alumni-council

• Clemson Black Alumni Council
alumni.clemson.edu/black-alumni-council

• Clemson Corps
alumni.clemson.edu/clemson-corps

• Tiger Band
tband.people.clemson.edu/cutba

• Clemson Meal Clubs
alumni.clemson.edu/meal-clubs

• And much, much more!

Plan a Tiger Trip:
alumni.clemson.edu/travel

Wear your Clemson Ring!
alumni.clemson.edu/clemson-ring

Attend a reunion!
alumni.clemson.edu/events

Get some Clemson gear:
clemsonalumni.teamfanshop.com

Make a donation! Visit clemson.edu/isupportcu, search for “Clemson Alumni Association” and select it from the dropdown menu.

Get noticed on the road! Travel with your Tiger Paw stamped $2 bill.

UPDATE YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION

Visit cualumni.clemson.edu/bio-update or call 864-656-2345. Prefer to send via mail? Send your information to Clemson Alumni Association, 109 Daniel Drive, Clemson, SC 29631-3006.
Clemson Alumni Everywhere

Breakdown by College

- College of Engineering, Computing and Applied Sciences – 23.1%
- College of Business – 21.4%
- College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences – 15%
- College of Education – 12.7%
- College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities – 10.1%
- College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences – 9%
- College of Science – 8.6%
- Interdisciplinary – 0.1%

Breakdown by Gender

- Male – 56.8%
- Female – 43.2%
BREAKDOWN BY ETHNICITY

- White – 60.5%
- African American/Black – 4%
- Asian – 1%
- Hispanic/Latino – 0.7%
- American Indian/Alaska Native – 0.2%
- Native Hawaiian – 0.1%
- Unreported – 33.5%

CONNECT WITH TIGERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Let us help you find Tigers to gather with for volunteer opportunities, networking events or just to watch the Tigers play! Connect with us at alumni.clemson.edu/clubs.
CLEMSON ALUMNI CAREER SERVICES

Clemson Alumni Career Services offers alumni the opportunity to reinvigorate their career, start a new career or help others as they get started in their career. By registering through our online portal, alumni can match their talents with the more than 1,000 positions being posted per year. Register at alumni.clemson.edu/career-services.

Or, for a one-on-one career search, join us for our networking and recruiting events. HireCLEMSON events allow alumni to meet companies that are hiring in a smaller, more intimate environment. This past year, the Clemson Alumni Association hosted HireCLEMSON events in Atlanta, Charleston, Charlotte, Columbia and Greenville.

We also partner with GoHireTalent for larger, more traditional multi-school career fairs featuring 70 to 100 employers who are seeking a diverse talent pool from all majors and experience levels.

Look for a networking event near you at alumni.clemson.edu/career-fairs.

For more information, contact Deborah Cremer ’10, Director of Alumni Career Services, at dcremer@clemson.edu.

THE CLEMSON RING: PRESENTED WITH HONOR, WORN WITH PRIDE

It is one of the most iconic symbols of the Clemson Family: the Clemson Ring. Along with the Tiger Paw, the ring projects outwardly the many traditions and values that are deeply ingrained in all Clemson alumni.

Students who have completed 90 or more hours in their degree progress earn the right to wear the ring and are given the opportunity to purchase one during “Ring Week,” which is held in the first few weeks of school each semester. Second only to Texas A&M, the Clemson Alumni Association sells close to 4,000 rings to students and alumni per year, rising from just 2,000 in 2011.

The tradition itself dates back to 1896 with Clemson’s very first graduating class. But in 2000, the Student Alumni Council elevated the receipt of one’s ring to one of the most beloved and highly attended events on campus. The Ring Ceremony, like the ring itself, is now one of our most treasured traditions, proudly presented by the Clemson Alumni Association since 2011.

What started as a presentation to around 20 students has grown to two ceremonies annually, with 1,400 rings distributed in the Spring and more than 1,700 in the Fall. Family and guests attending each ceremony has grown to more than 6,000. Held in Littlejohn Coliseum, students receive their ring from President Clements with a shake of the hand. Members of the Student Alumni Association work with the Alumni Association staff to plan and execute all of the intricate details that provide a seamless and successful ceremony.

The ring represents the Clemson bond, a bond that connects the Clemson Family around the world. It is the symbol that tells the world that “I Went to Clemson.”
LOYAL SERVICE

**Distinguished Public Service:** presented to an extension service professional who has contributed significantly to the economic health and well-being of the citizens of South Carolina.

*Alumni Award for Cooperative Extension Distinguished Public Service: Tony Melton ‘80, M’86, Florence Extension Agent*

**Distinguished Service Award:** the highest honor that the Association can bestow upon an alumnus or alumna given to those alumni who have not only devoted their life to professionalism and public service, but who have also continued a lifelong dedication to Clemson University.

*Distinguished Service Award: Neill Cameron, Jr., Ann W. Hunter ‘80, M’82, Tony Mathis ‘86, Bill Smith Jr ‘82, Mike Watt ‘84*

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**Roaring 10:** presented by the Clemson Young Alumni Council in recognition of outstanding individuals for their impact in business, leadership, community, educational, and/or philanthropic endeavors.

*Roaring 10: Suzanne Pickens Alvarez ‘11, Elizabeth Armstrong Boylan ‘08, Capt. Kevin Joseph Fitzsimmons ‘08, Adam Thomas Haldeman ‘09, John Mark Hendrick III ‘08, Steven McMillian Hughes ‘17, Kevin Michael McKenzie ‘97, M’01, Ed.D.’10, Connelly-Anne Bartle Ragley ‘05, M’08, Joseph Cyrus Semsar ‘09, Mark Nicholas Ziets ’07*
**FAITHFUL TIGERS**

**Outstanding Research Award:** presented annually at the May Faculty/Staff meeting to a faculty member engaged in research. The Award is administered by the Office of University Research Grants Committee (URGC).

*Alumni Award for Outstanding Achievements in Research: Emil Alexov, Physics and Astronomy*

**Master Teacher:** presented to a faculty member nominated by the student body and selected by the Student Alumni Council.

*Alumni Master Teacher Award: Joseph Burgett, Construction Science and Management*

**Volunteer of Year:** the highest recognition and greatest expression of appreciation extended to an individual by the Alumni Association staff for outstanding service and volunteerism.

*Volunteer of the Year: Charlotte Cobb ’91*

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**HONORARY TIGERS**

**Class of ’39 Award of Excellence:** administered by the Office of University Research with a selection committee composed of representatives from each of the University’s colleges who are members of the Sigma Xi and/or Phi Kappa Phi honor societies.

*Class of ’39 Award of Excellence: Terry M. Tritt ’80, Ph.D.’85*

**Clemson Medallion:** recognizes an individual who has demonstrated a long and sustained commitment and significant service to Clemson University.

*(not given annually)*

**Honorary Alumnus:** individuals who showcase outstanding service to Clemson and/or the Alumni Association, a lifelong devotion to Clemson University and a demonstrated loyalty to Clemson and the Alumni Association to be selected as honorary alumni of Clemson University.

*Honorary Alumnus: Jack Leggett H’17 and Jason Puhlasky H’17*
OUR ALUMNI GIVE BACK...

Every alumnus of Clemson is a member of the Alumni Association – there are no dues or membership fees. But every alumnus can find a way to support the university through donations of time, treasure and talent.

Did you know that our U.S. News & World Report ranking for alumni giving is tied to all graduated alumni who have given in the last year? Clemson is No. 3 in the nation when it comes to alumni participation. Help us get to No. 1!

By giving to Clemson, you not only support our faculty, staff, and students, you help impact our overall ranking among top public colleges and universities (2019 U.S. News & World Report Ranking: 24th in the nation!). Your annual gift moves Clemson forward. Thank you!

Support Clemson today by visiting clemson.edu/isupportcu or calling 864-656-5896.

AND SO DOES THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION!

We are pleased to be a leader in philanthropic support for Clemson University. Over the course of the 2017-2018 fiscal year the Clemson Alumni Association, through the efforts of its volunteers and affiliated groups, generated more than $974,000 in cash for the University.

These philanthropic contributions from the Association specifically supported the areas of financial aid in the form of scholarships, capital projects, facilities and other University priorities.

TIGERS ON THE MOVE

Want to tell the Clemson Family what you’re up to, where you’ve been or share big news? Share your story at TiggersontheMove.com.
WELCOME BACK FESTIVAL

CLEMSON GIVE DAY
CELEBRATE CLEMSON EVERYWHERE YOU GO!
For specific dates for each of our events listed, go to our website at alumni.clemson.edu/events.

JANUARY:
Nominations open for Alumni Board
Ring Week

MARCH:
Distinguished Service Awards (ticketed event for the highest honor that the Clemson Alumni Association can bestow upon an alumnus or alumna)
Nominations close for Alumni Board (March 31)

APRIL:
Spring Fling (reconnect with your college during Clemson’s Spring Game weekend)
Senior Week
Spring Ring Ceremony

MAY:
Bring Your Daughter to Clemson (Women’s Alumni Council)
Outstanding Achievement in Research Award presentation (at faculty-staff meeting)
Nominations open for Distinguished Service Awards

JUNE:
Golden Tiger Reunion (celebrating the 50th anniversary class of 1969)

JULY:
Nominations close for Distinguished Service Awards (July 31)

AUGUST:
Welcome Back Festival

OCTOBER:
Homecoming
Tigerama

NOVEMBER:
Fall Ring Ceremony

DECEMBER:
Distinguished Public Service Award presentation

WE ARE TIGERS FOR LIFE

The Clemson Alumni Association is committed to strengthening your connections to the University and to your fellow alumni. But we can’t do it without you! Help us by being an ambassador of outreach at Clemson, in your community and abroad. Let us hear from you!

ClemsonAlumni clemson.edu/alumni