

Greetings, Tigers!

As the sun sets on the Spring semester at Clemson, we reflect on another successful year for our wonderful University. New discoveries and lasting memories were made and many victories celebrated, and it all culminated with our graduates walking across the stage to receive their diplomas.

Congratulations to all of our graduates! Your opportunities for the future are infinite, and your fellow Tigers are your biggest cheerleaders as you move forward and make your mark on the world.

Graduation is always a reminder of the journey that brought each of us to where we are today. Our paths may be vastly different, but it is the Clemson Experience that forever bonds us together. That bond is strong and represents the experiences and tradition of excellence for which we are most proud.



The late William (Bill) Orr, '69 was one of our proudest Clemson alumni. He embodied the best qualities of the Clemson Family – selfless, generous, tenacious and humble in nature. Bill and his wife, Susan, now retired, epitomized living a quiet, simple life while selflessly making a difference in the lives of current and future generations of Tigers, inspiring others to rise to the challenge of making a difference in this world. We are forever grateful for the impact Bill and Susan have made on our great University and for devoting their lives to serving others. Bill's kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity is the legacy he leaves behind. And our world – especially the Clemson community – is a better place for having him in it.



Bill and Susan made the thoughtful decision to help ensure the future of the Clemson Experience for our students by establishing a legacy gift in memory of their son, Tyler. "Our son Tyler never got the opportunity to be a Tiger due to his fatal spinal muscular atrophy disease (SMA). He died at 3 ½ years." As a way to continue honoring Tyler's memory, Bill and Susan established the **Tyler William Orr Memorial University Wide Scholarship Endowment**, making an outright gift and later creating a charitable <u>estate gift</u> upon their passing. In addition, they established support for scholarships through a <u>charitable gift annuity</u> and have established the **Susan T. and William M. Orr Sustainable Agriculture Assistantship Endowment**.

In loving memory of Tyler, Bill and Susan's legacy will ensure that underrepresented students will have the opportunities and resources to be successful and will be provided with the tools necessary for the brightest future. Click <u>here</u> to learn more about the Orr's amazing life and incredible generosity to Clemson.



The success of our graduates is possible because of the dedication of our generous donors – like Micky and Amy Scott who have become the first Academic Cornerstone Partner for the <u>College of Agriculture, Forestry</u> and <u>Life Sciences (CAFLS)</u>. Their gift of \$2.5 million provides need-based scholarships for students enrolled in the Forestry Summer Camp, scholarships for the recruitment and retention of top undergraduate talent in CAFLS and fellowships and program support to graduate students enrolled in the <u>Department of Forestry and Environmental</u> <u>Conservation (FEC) program</u>.



Micky graduated from Clemson in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science in Forest Management, and he has dedicated his time, talent and treasures to assist Clemson's land-grant mission. With a background in the lumber industry, Micky serves on Clemson University's <u>Wood Utilization +</u> <u>Design Institute</u> Board and as former chair of the <u>Timberland Legacy</u> Advisory Committee. In 2019, he received a College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences Distinguished Service Award for his efforts.

Today, Micky continues to serve as the president of <u>Collum's Lumber Mill</u>, Inc. in Allendale, S.C. The fourth-generation family-owned business has grown to be a leading competitor in the Southeastern Southern Yellow Pine lumber market and is one of the most modern sawmills and planer operations in the Southeast. Amy graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in nursing, but her blood runs orange, and today she is undoubtedly a vital and valued member of the Clemson Family.

You can read more about Micky and Amy and their gift to CAFLS <u>here</u>. You can also watch a special video honoring Micky and Amy <u>here</u> and a video recapping the celebration event <u>here</u>. Thank you, Micky and Amy, for your commitment to Clemson and the future success of our students. We are forever grateful!



Clemson University has been recognized by The Princeton Review as one of the nation's best institutions to offer students the greatest return on educational investment. Out of more than 650 public and private colleges and universities evaluated for this year's Best Value Colleges list, only 200 received the designation and only 25 percent of those named were public. The rankings are based on analyses of more than 40 data points that include academic offerings, cost/financial aid, career placement services, graduation rates and student debt as well as alumni salary levels and job satisfaction. You can read more about the rankings <u>here</u>.



Graduation is always a special time, not only because we are able to celebrate our graduates and their accomplishments, but also because we have the opportunity to reflect on the amazing generosity, thoughtfulness and compassion of Clemson's alumni, friends and supporters. The success of our graduates is a victory for our entire Clemson Family. Because of you, our students are embarking on bright futures with cherished memories of Clemson that they will carry with them as they make their mark on the world. We are wholeheartedly grateful for your unwavering commitment to Clemson and future generations, and we genuinely hope you will reach out to us directly if we can assist you and your family in any way. Please visit our website or send a personal email to us at giving@clemson.edu. 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 thoughts and plans before you visit with your attorney and/or financial advisors.

Because of donors like Micky and Amy Scott and Bill and Susan Orr, we are able to preserve our University's land-grant mission and honor Thomas Green Clemson's vision of a "high seminary of learning." Now is the perfect time to decide how you can support Clemson and future generations. How will you make your mark? The leaders of tomorrow need you.

GO TIGERS!

Gratefully yours,



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