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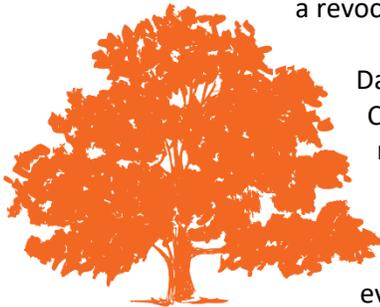
A Clemson Legacy Takes Root

Greetings from Tigertown!

Lin-Manuel Miranda said, “Legacy. What is a legacy? It's planting seeds in a garden you never get to see.”

Creating a plan today in which you make a future gift to our University is how you build a Clemson legacy. You follow your passion. You know your vision. You plant the seed. Eventually, that seed takes root, and your Clemson legacy grows and spreads — making an impact in perpetuity.

The members of our Clemson Family who make this commitment to the future of our University are members of the Clemson Legacy Society. This is an honor society created especially to recognize individuals who have included Clemson University in their last will and testaments or as a beneficiary of a revocable trust, retirement account, brokerage account or life insurance policy.



David Price '79 has made this commitment and is a valued member of our Clemson Legacy Society. His connection to Clemson University runs deep, rooted in family tradition and a profound sense of purpose. His father, D.C. Price '50, was a proud member of Clemson's ROTC program and earned his bachelor's degree in dairy science. Being the eldest of 15 children, D.C. had to work hard to stay at Clemson. Routine college expenses were high, even with a military scholarship. It was his hardworking spirit that guided him

through Clemson and life beyond — serving many through his years working on Clemson's dairy farm, serving in the Army, briefly running a chicken farm and as owner of Price's Feed and Seed Store in Greer, SC.

According to David, his father planted the seed for his own love of Clemson by sharing stories of his time on campus and the special connections that are built when you say “yes” to becoming a Tiger. The dream of going to Clemson and his father's legacy guided David's academic journey and ultimately led him on a pathway to give back to the place he and his family love so much.

David started out as a pre-pharmacy major but quickly pivoted to pursuing a degree in agricultural engineering. Having grown up in a farming family, this was more than just a major; it was an immersion

into a community of like-minded students who shared similar hardworking backgrounds. The sense of camaraderie he experienced with his classmates became a foundational part of his Clemson Experience.

David's first engineering class at Clemson was taught by Tom Garner, one of the many professors who inspired David during his Clemson Experience. Garner told his students on that first day of class that each of them should look for opportunities to give back.

"One day, each of you sitting here might have that chance to give back to future generations of Clemson students," David recalls hearing him say.

After David graduated, he began working at SC-DHEC in drinking water supply permitting and later in solid hazardous waste permitting, then moved to SCE&G as an environmental engineer for nuclear power. During his early days at DHEC, he met and married his wife, Elaine. David eventually returned to SC-DHEC and focused again on water — specifically drinking water quality and the inspection and permitting of public water systems in the state. In 2012, David finished his career with DHEC after 32 years of service.

As a licensed professional engineer for 34 years, he noted to students the importance of getting a professional license and stressed that, regardless of the job description, holding a professional license opens doors for job seekers.

The Prices believe that tuition costs should not be a barrier for hardworking students who desire to attend college, and they have made it their mission to lift this burden off the shoulders of students and families. Tuition costs at schools across the country have skyrocketed over the past decade, making college increasingly difficult for families to afford and leaving many students with significant financial debt after graduation.

David and Elaine were inspired to leave a planned gift to the College of Engineering, Computing and Applied Sciences to benefit students who, like David's father, must work hard to afford a college education. For David and Elaine, this decision to leave a planned gift to support students reflects a heartfelt desire to see the next generations of Clemson students succeed.

"We hope this plants a seed in the hearts of others to do something to help the next generation coming behind them," said David.



Next month, we will celebrate the Prices and their fellow Clemson Legacy Society members during our annual Legacy Society Dinner. The following day, we will honor the Fort Hill Legacy Society members, those who perpetuate the highest ideals of Clemson University to fulfill our land-grant mission of outstanding teaching, research and public service. Please join us Friday, November 10 at 3 p.m., as

President Jim Clements leads a ceremony under the Second Century Oak to honor current members of the Fort Hill Legacy Society and also to dedicate bronze leaves for the newest inductees.

Whether for our Legacy celebrations, athletics or a standard visit, we hope you are making plans to be in Clemson soon. Coming home is often the best way to ignite our loyalty and passion, and we hope that while you're here, you take the time to reflect on your Clemson Experience and the Clemson Legacy you hope to create for future generations.

Please reach out to us as you consider how you, like David and Elaine and our other Clemson Legacy Society members, can help make a difference in the lives of our future students through a current or planned gift. Our [website](#) features useful online resources to guide your thought process, and if you desire more detailed information about general estate planning, please download our free [Wills Guide](#), which is available to help you navigate your thoughts and plans before visiting with your attorney. You are always welcome to contact us directly by emailing us at giving@clemson.edu or calling us at 864.656.0663.

Warm Regards,
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