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We hope you enjoy the Winter 2020 issue of our alumni newsletter. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please send them to: clemsoncomm@clemson.edu. We always enjoy hearing about your accomplishments and successes.

Have a happy holiday season, a healthy and prosperous new year and…Go Tigers!

Perspective
Greg Cranmer
Department Chair

August 2020 graduates. The chance to personally recognize all our graduates during commencement is one of the best parts of our jobs. We are excited to honor this year’s graduates, but our students are making a difference in the world every day, even during this challenging time. We’re proud of them and all the work they’ve accomplished.

Jordan Elling joins the department from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she recently completed her Ph.D. in communication. Skye received the 2020 Distinguished Fulbright Scholar award from the National Communication Association's Global Digital Divide, the honor "honors the communication scholar who has demonstrated sustained and unique accomplishments in the field of communication technology scholarship and who is an exemplary emerging leader in the field." Jordan Elling is joining us to complete her dissertation. We look forward to her contributions to our department.

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Award from the National Communication Association's Social Cognition Division. Her article, "Victims’ Perspective:goal Understanding, Uncertainty Reduction, and Perceptions in Cyberbullying: Theoretical Evidence from A two-time graduate of Clemson University, Jordan Elling received her B.A. in Mass Communication from the University of Alabama. Jordan was recently awarded the 2020 Top Doctoral Candidate Honorable Mention Award from the National Communication Association (NCA) for the 2020 Top Doctoral Candidate Honorable Mention Award. Jordan joined the Department of Communication in August 2020 and is working on her dissertation, which focuses on the role of social media in the digital divide and its implications for minority communities.

After participating as a member of the President’s Advisory Board, Jordan Elling served as interim faculty. Jordan Elling is coming to us from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she received her Master of Arts in Communication. She is working on her dissertation, which focuses on the role of social media in the digital divide and its implications for minority communities.

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Four new tenure-line faculty joined our department in August 2020 and have been integral to our progress and success. Three of our newest hires are in strategic communication, public relations and corporate organizations.

Get a sneak peek into the Department of Communication's social media spaces. We are doing and even more excited about our future.

We also welcome Jordan Elling to the Department of Communication as academic advisor for our undergraduate program. Please feel free to contact Jordan at jelling@clemson.edu. We look forward to her contributions to our department.

Everyone in the Department has been working on ways to help our students navigate issues that are made more challenging by the COVID-19 pandemic. We are incredibly grateful for your generous support.

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State of South Carolina, the tuition fees for undergraduate students at Clemson University have increased by 2.5% to $4,240 per year. This means that your gift should be directed to the Department of Communication Excellence Fund, which supports the department’s mission to provide a top-notch education to all students, regardless of their financial circumstances.

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