**Alumni Spotlight:**

**Matthew Troutman**

Matthew Troutman is a serial entrepreneur, an innovation enthusiast, and a future-focused thinker. As an alumnus of Clemson University's Physics Department, Matthew has always been passionate about the intersection of science and society. He decided to pursue his Ph.D. in Physics at the University of California, Berkeley, where he worked with renowned physicist Dr. Martin White on astrophysics research to pre-college education and leadership. Today, Troutman is a faculty member and director of teaching and learning at Thomas Jefferson School, a private boarding and day school for grades 7-12 recently ranked the best private boarding school in Missouri. In July, he will become the head of the venerable St. Louis institution when the current head retires.

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**MLK Award for Excellence in Service:**

**Kinsey Meggett**

Kinsey Meggett is a senior studying biochemistry in the College of Science at Clemson University. She is also a member of ClemsonLIFE, a program that provides a college experience for students with developmental disabilities. Meggett found a mentor. She now is president of ClemsonLIFE's Executive board. This year's event attracted more than 50 Clemson alumni and friends who work in health-care fields together with Kinsey Meggett, a long-time volunteer for the ClemsonLIFE program, which provides a college experience for students with developmental disabilities. She now is president of ClemsonLIFE's Executive board.

Kinsey Meggett meets with Clemson president James P. Clements. Image credit: University Relations

**Student Engagement:** Tigers on Call 2019

Tigers on Call is an annual event that aims to help pre-health majors achieve their goals of pursuing careers in medicine, dentistry, pharmacology, physical or occupational therapy, and other health professions.

**Renowned scientist is coming to campus**

Elaine Ostrander, Ph.D., will present a seminar titled "How to Build a Dog in 2,392,715,236 Simple Steps." Kinsey Meggett, a senior studying biochemistry in the College of Science, was chosen as this year's student recipient. Meggett is a long-time volunteer for the ClemsonLIFE program, which provides a college experience for students with developmental disabilities.

Elaine Ostrander, mother of two children with a rare genetic disease, has returned to Clemson geneticists identify small molecules that are potential indicators for disease never seen before.

**New grant enables Clemson researcher to further combat widespread parasitic disease**

Matthew Troutman, a Clemson University professor and chair of the Department of Physics, recently received a $1.3 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to help pre-health majors achieve their goals of pursuing careers in medicine, dentistry, pharmacology, physical or occupational therapy, and other health professions.

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