Greetings from Clemson! We hope you are enjoying a beautiful fall wherever you are. As we close out this semester, we want to take a moment to acknowledge the continued commitment, determination, and success of our faculty, staff, and students.

Success comes down to how we respond as individuals and how we come together as a team. These successes speak volumes about the high-level research and learning environment we provide for our students. You will also see links below about awards and grants our faculty garnered over the past several months. These awards serve as a testament to the quality of research being conducted in our department.

We can and will continue to succeed because of determination, and we are truly grateful for your continued support. We appreciate your engagement with us and look forward to sharing more about the successes of our department in the future.

Saara J. DeWalt
Chair, Department of Biological Sciences

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  - She will be working with Dr. Matthew Koski to study zebrafish larvae.

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  - The HERITAGE Foundation has provided $1.5 million for the construction of the building to house the Louis F. Childress' Conservation of Marine Resources Lab.
  - The Lab will house a new herbarium and will provide opportunities for research and education.

- **Give to Biological Sciences**
  - Endowment for Natural History, the Biological Sciences Excellence Fund and the Friends of the Sears Sparks Endowment (A Class of 1941 Initiative), the Professor John E. Fairey III Quasi-Endowment for Research, and Departmental Scholarships.
  - Support our efforts to continue providing high-quality, engaging experiences for our students.

We are proud of our students, especially those who have been affected by recent challenges. As we look to the future, we are grateful for the opportunities that await us. Thank you for your continued support.

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