With fall in full swing, there’s excitement in the air! College students are between classes and extracurricular activities, football season is in full swing, and homecoming festivities are upon us.

In the latest issue of the very popular and SOUTHERN LIVING college edition, you can read about the College of Science and the great things happening across campus.

In September, the College of Science had the honor of welcoming Dr. Abel Bartley to the University of South Carolina to deliver a dynamic presentation as part of the inaugural Diversity in Seminar Series on Sept. 25 in Jordan Hall. During his presentation, Dr. Bartley shared why students of color should learn about the field of science. He provided examples of scientists who have paved the way for future scientists. He also provided examples of scientists who have faced challenges and how they overcame them. Dr. Bartley’s talk was a powerful reminder of the importance of diversity in science.

In October, the College of Science will host the Department of Mathematical Sciences effective Oct. 1, as the School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences. This is a reflection of the growing size and reputation of the College of Science’s Department of Mathematical Sciences, which has officially transformed to the School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences.

In November, Clemson students can attend the Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Competition on Oct 25-26. This is a competition that challenges research students to communicate the significance of their research in three minutes. There are three prizes in each category, and the contestants must also create a PowerPoint presentation slide with no additional animation, videos, sounds or costumes. The contestants must condense their research into a brief, engaging presentation for a non-specialist audience, using a single PowerPoint slide. Each contestant must condense his or her research into a single slide and use a PowerPoint presentation slide with no additional animation, videos, sounds or costumes. The contestants will then have three minutes to present their research to a general audience.

We would love to see SCIENCE students take the Clemson prize and go on to the regional competition. There are three prizes in each category. The contestants will then have three minutes to present their research to a general audience.

Finally, in a couple of weeks the Upstate will be flooded with alumni and friends coming back for Homecoming. This is such an exciting time of year! It is our job as the current residents of Clemson to welcome our alumni and friends back to campus and show them how much we have grown and changed since they were here.

I hope your fall semester is going well – you are past the important six-week threshold! Medical and graduate school interviews are commencing, football season is in full swing, and homecoming festivities are upon us. I hope you have a fun and productive semester!