Hope your 2019 is off to a fantastic start!

As I basked in the Clemson spirit in Santa Clara witnessing our Clemson Tigers win the national championship, I heard Coach Swinney say in his interview, “We were not chasing the national championship, we were focused on being the best we could be every day.” Chasing excellence yielded perfection for Clemson Football this year.

As we relentlessly pursue excellence in science, we may not have national championships, but we will have a tremendous positive impact on society through greater scientific challenges and solutions.

Thank you for being such a big part of the education, research and experience that happens every day at Clemson. This is why I am so proud to be a part of the team, and why I know the future of our University is in great hands.

As we look back at 2018 - What a Year! - I am reminded of that image of Coach Swinney and our student athletes locked arm-in-arm as they took the field. Join us academically, arm-in-arm, as we collectively focus on advancing SCIENCE.

Go Tigers!

After the rousing victory, Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence holds the national championship trophy alongside teammates and coach Dabo Swinney (far right). Image credit: Clemson University

Perfected in every way

Clemson became the first team in modern-era college football to win 15 regular season games and a national championship in the same season. Clemson won all 15 of its contests, including an Albuquerque Bowl victory over Boise State, a First Responders Bowl win over Memphis and a Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl triumph over Notre Dame. The Tigers captured the ACC regular-season title, became the first team in ACC history to complete an undefeated regular season, and tied the record for most wins in a season (15-0) set by the 1977 Notre Dame team. Clemson wrapped up the season with a 44-16 win over Alabama in the College Football Playoff National Championship game.

As today’s student leaders, Clemson’s ODK members are forging the future in a variety of ways.

The Clemson Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), which includes 30 members from the College of Science, sells and distributes about 2,000 honor stoles each academic year. The profits benefit the campus and external organizations in extraordinary ways.

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