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 our future generations’ scientific challenges and make a lasting difference in the world.

Thank you for being such a big part of the education, research and experience that happens at Clemson University. You make it possible for us to pursue the best students and attract the best faculty, and to work in the cutting edge of scientific research. Your generosity is an inspiration to all of us and I am grateful to you for that support.

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.

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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

Perfect in every way

Clemson became the first team in the modern era to go 15-0, annointing the 2018-2019 squad as the “greatest college football team of all time.” The Tigers crushed the vaunted Alabama Crimson Tide 44-16 on Jan. 7 in Santa Clara, California. True-freshman quarterback Trevor Lawrence led the charge, playing with a calm and maturity well beyond his years. The following Saturday, tens of thousands attended a championship parade and celebration in downtown Clemson and at the stadium.

The College of Science joins the Clemson University family in congratulating coach Dabo Swinney and his ultra-talented team of coaches and players. Up next: three out of four?

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