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. Clemson research and scientific challenges and advancements can have a direct and profound impact on humanity.

Thank you for being such a big part of the education, research and experience that happens across our University. We truly take pride in the work you join in, share and tolerate in the College of Science. Together, we advance the human condition through curiosity-driven research and educational excellence.

Thank you for giving back with your time, energy and resources. In the fall, some of you supported scholarships and fellowships, invested in your own discipline and major, and some gave to Clemson and Science for the first time. THANK YOU for your kindness and generosity.

Your support helps build world-class facilities and recruit extraordinary faculty on the cutting edge of tomorrow’s discoveries. Your gifts elevate the student experience with high-impact research and global experiences. Your generosity allows future and current Tigers the opportunity to have that very special Clemson experience: as doctoral students, undergraduate students, or grade school children who are inspired by our passion for science.

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!

Perfect in every way

As the four-year Mississippi State Bulldogs go from one year to another, the Clemson Tigers 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.

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

Clemson researchers work with citizen-scientists to better understand diversity of rattlesnake venom

The discovery that Mojave Rattlesnakes have multiple venom types that are more widespread than previously believed required a large research collaboration between principal investigators, students and almost 100 citizen-scientists in five laboratories across the United States and Mexico. The research was published in Scientific Reports.

As a member of the College of Science, I and my team are dedicated to your academic, professional and personal success.

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