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 world-class Clemson's greatest challenges and prepare the next generation of scientists.

Thank you for being such a big part of the education, research, and experience that happens here. From your time here, the Tigers will go on to do great things, and you will return to cheer them on. We are so grateful for your continued support, excitement, and pride.

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!

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 and the College of Business, sells and distributes about 2,000 honor stoles each academic year. The profits benefit the campus and external organizations in extraordinary 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. The research was published in Scientific Reports.