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 as we tackle tomorrow’s greatest scientific 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 at the University of Clemson. Thank you for the ways that you, every day, engage and remain in the full-time work of supporting sustainability and excellence, trained in your own disciplines and in your own fields, and who are part of Clemson and create for the better Tempe. THANK YOU for all you do.

Your support helps build world-class facilities and recruit extraordinary faculty and research teams that are hard at work in every way. You also please the impact and excellence with Clemson student research and global experiences. Your generosity allows for and creates among Clemson the best-possible experience for our students.

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!

CYNTHIA H. YOUNG
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Perfect in every way

For some, this is their final national championship. For three years, the Clemson Tigers became the first team in the modern era to go 15-0. 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 played with a calm and maturity well beyond his years.

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.

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 leader in our community, and as a research university, we are committed to providing the world’s most diverse student body with access to a high-quality education. Clemson’s success is also a result of the generosity of our donors, whose support helps us to continue to build a world-class institution.

Thank you for being a part of our story. Together, we can make a difference. Together, we can change the world.

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