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 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 Clemson. This year I’m especially proud of the faculty and students who worked in tense and sometimes dangerous conditions to learn about Mojave rattlesnakes’ venom.

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!

Cynthia Y Young

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 but are more widespread than previously believed requires a large research collaboration between principal investigators, students, and almost 100 citizen-scientists located across the United States and Mexico. The research was published in Scientific Reports.

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