This spring we celebrate Science Connections! In science, we harness many types of connections: between undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, and staff; between theory and experiments; between coursework and experiential learning; between jobs and internships; and between failure and success. Last month, we held an event that connected those who support science through their philanthropic gifts and those who are thriving because of those gifts. The alumni and friends who were in the Life Sciences Facility that beautiful Friday night were able to get a sense of some of tomorrow’s scientific challenges that we are tackling together, and engage with some of our students who represent the next generation of scientists. In our January communication, we focused on Chasing Excellence. As we approach GIVE DAY on April 3, I ask that you strengthen your connection to SCIENCE with a gift, joining our faculty and staff as we too give back to advance science forward at Clemson. What’s been so fun for this new dean is seeing all the different kinds of connections to SCIENCE. You may be one of our alumni whose connections to this magical place were made roaming the halls of Long, Jordan, Kinard, Martin or Hunter, or on a study abroad trip with one of our faculty, or in an office with one of our advisors helping you navigate the path that led you to where you are today. Your connection may be through your parents who were faculty or staff, or through your children who are now Tigers forever, or perhaps you married into the Clemson Family. Some of you are connected to SCIENCE just because you want to support the advancement of science as you think of personalized medicine, sustainable energy, or the power of data and decision science. We celebrate all connections to science and we thank you for your gifts as we collectively drive excellence. Philanthropy will be our margin of excellence! Thank you so very much for supporting the College of Science at Clemson. Go Tigers! 

Clemson’s fourth annual GIVE DAY is April 3
On April 3, Clemson’s fourth annual GIVE DAY will bring energy and focus to the Clemson Family. All across the University, alumni, parents, staff, students, faculty and friends are gearing up in support of education, research, student life, and so much more. Join the more than 3,600 expected donors on April 3 to give back to Clemson. As SCIENCE alumni, you can support our current Tigers so that they can have many memories just like yours. Consider making an unrestricted gift to the College or your department and share in Clemson’s success that day.

Miss Clemson sees the beauty in science
Morgan Nichols is a senior in the College of Science’s department of genetics and biochemistry and was recently named Miss Clemson. Her platform “Stronger with STEM” inspires students to stick with STEM through exploration, education, and innovation.

SCIENCE partners on T.I.G.E.R. Field Day
Clemson’s Spring Football Game is surrounded by T.I.G.E.R. Field Day activities beginning at 10 a.m. on the Littlejohn Coliseum lawn. The Field Day is free and open to the public, so children, adults and families are welcome. Explore the wonders of the natural world with animals from the Bob Campbell Natural History Museum, view reptiles like an anole and chameleon, learn about snakes in South Carolina, discover the amazing properties of the chemical world, and learn about the physics required to power an electromagnetic cannon. Be sure to check out our website closer to the date at www.clemson.edu/science, and plan on joining us on April 6.