Dear friends in college counseling:

I want to thank you for the many things you do to support and assist students. We especially appreciate the help you provide as these young learners confront the complexities of the college-selection process.

This guide is one of the ways we try to assist you, by providing up-to-date information about Clemson and answering commonly asked questions related to our admissions program. We also use this opportunity to share highlights from our newest freshman class, those who joined us in the Fall of 2014.

They are a great group, and we look forward to welcoming even more outstanding students with the next incoming freshman class.

Thank you again for your guidance and expertise, and please don't hesitate to contact my office with questions, feedback or concerns. We are here to support you.

Sincerely,
Robert Barkley
Director of Admissions

No. 20: Clemson’s ranking among top national public universities
(U.S. News & World Report, 2015)
There are plenty of reasons to encourage students who are interested in Clemson to pursue our school, but there's one that stands heads above the rest: Our commitment to making sure the student experience is an exceptional one.

Rigorous academics and a commitment to student engagement have earned Clemson accolades as one of the nation’s top public research universities. But it’s also been lauded as a great return on investment and a “best value” in public colleges.

Then there’s student life here. It’s as idyllic as it gets, surrounded by incredible natural beauty — national forests, beautiful lakes and rolling mountainside — all just minutes from campus. No wonder Clemson students are among the nation’s happiest.

Most impressive, though? Nine out of 10 seniors say they would choose Clemson if they were in your students’ shoes — making the decision to attend college here all over again.

17-1: Average student-to-faculty ratio

50 percent of Clemson classes have fewer than 20 students. The average undergraduate class has 30 students.

They’ve got questions. You’ve got answers.

A quick look at the questions your students might have about applying and receiving admission to Clemson University

Q. I want to apply. What’s next?
Admission to Clemson University is competitive, based on high school record, class rank, and SAT or ACT scores. The final deadline to submit an application for the fall semester is May 1, with a priority deadline of December 1.

Students are required to apply for admission electronically. It’s quick and easy to apply online. Find tips, requirements and timelines about admission and acceptance at clemson.edu/admissions/undergraduate.

For freshman applicants, the following factors receive primary consideration in the admissions process:
• Class standing
• Standardized test scores (SAT or ACT), including the writing test
• High school curriculum
• Grades
• Choice of major
• Residency

Q. What are my required high school credits?
Most students accepted to Clemson have taken college preparatory courses in high school. All applicants for freshman admission should have completed the following courses:

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*Students who have completed fewer than three credits of the same foreign language are encouraged to apply. Any documentation provided by the high school guidance staff explaining the reason(s) this requirement could not be fulfilled will be considered when reviewing the student’s application.

**One of these must be a fourth year of mathematics, laboratory science or foreign language. Students interested in engineering are strongly encouraged to take a fourth year of mathematics. This course should be selected from precalculus, calculus, statistics or discrete mathematics. This second credit must be in advanced mathematics, computer science or a combination of those, or one unit of world history, world geography or Western civilization. Additional requirements are necessary for select majors, including production studies and professional golf management.
Clemson invests in student success at every turn, through a wide array of educational, pre-professional, research and service-learning programs, all designed to nurture curiosity, creativity, understanding and accomplishment.

**Academic Support**

Clemson was recognized nationally for making writing a priority across all disciplines (*U.S. News & World Report, 2015*).

94 percent:
Percentage of Clemson students who rated their entire educational experience as good or excellent (*2013 National Survey of Student Engagement*).

**Academic Success Center**

Housed in a 35,000-square-foot space, the ASC provides supplemental instruction, academic coaching and tutoring, and it is designed to help students stay in school and maintain their scholarships. More than 50 percent of freshmen use the ASC during their first semester.

**Academic Student Services**

The University offers academic advising centers in each college, as well as a variety of other services designed to help students succeed and flourish during college.

- Class of 1941 Studio for Student Communication ([clemson.edu/1941studio](http://clemson.edu/1941studio))
- I LEAD! Integrated leadership and development program ([clemson.edu/cbbs/ose/leadership/lead.html](http://clemson.edu/cbbs/ose/leadership/lead.html))
- Pearce Center for Professional Communication
- Programs for Educational Enrichment and Retention ([ces.clemson.edu/peer](http://ces.clemson.edu/peer))
- Rutland Institute for Ethics ([clemson.edu/ethics](http://clemson.edu/ethics))
- Women in Science and Engineering ([ces.clemson.edu/wise](http://ces.clemson.edu/wise))
- Student Disability Services ([clemson.edu/sds](http://clemson.edu/sds))

**Q. How much is the application fee?**

The $70 application fee must be paid by debit/credit card or electronic check when the student applies online.

Clemson participates in the following need-based fee waiver programs: College Board, ACT and the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC).

Students should apply online and indicate they have this type of waiver. The original waiver must then be mailed to the Office of Admissions and can be included with the student’s transcript.

**Q. Do I have to interview with someone to be admitted?**

Clemson does not require an interview for admission. Students may make visits to the admissions office without an appointment during normal business hours (Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

We encourage students to come see our campus! Campus walking tours are led by students and last for approximately one hour. Tours depart from the Visitors Center and are offered throughout the year. The tour schedule may vary due to University schedules. Contact the Visitors Center at 864-656-4789 to confirm specific dates and times. Or encourage your students to discover a variety of visit opportunities and different ways to connect with Clemson at clemson.edu/visit.

**Q. I've applied. When do I find out if I've been accepted?**

Students who apply by December 1 and have all application materials on file by February 1 will receive a decision the week of February 15. Students who apply after December 1 may hear the week of February 15 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Students who receive University scholarships may hear earlier than February 15 once the application file is complete.
Creative Inquiry

At Clemson, we’re committed to world-class undergraduate research. Why? Because it’s one of the best ways to give students hands-on, real-life experiences they need to succeed in work and life.

That’s where Creative Inquiry (CI) comes in. CI is open to every Clemson student, and it’s one of the unique ways that we encourage motivated learners to keep learning. Team-based investigations are led by faculty mentors, and students often find themselves presenting their work at national conferences — fielding questions in front of professors and professionals alike. In 2013-14, 3,439 students participated in 519 Creative Inquiry teams. The CI program offers small-group learning for 17,000.

clemson.edu/ci

Clemson is one of the 28 “public ivy” schools, based on the attraction and retention of excellent students, in addition to educating them for significantly less money than those students would pay to attend an Ivy League school according to Educated Quest’s 2014-15 list.

Mathematics Placement

All accepted students, both freshman and transfer, must complete the Clemson Mathematics Placement Test (CMPT) in order to register for the first mathematics course required by their major (refer to the Undergraduate Announcements to identify the course). Prerequisites for initial math courses can be satisfied either with a satisfactory score on the CMPT or with transfer credit for the appropriate math courses. Transfer credit can be obtained by successfully completing college-level courses at Clemson or elsewhere, through College Board Advanced Placement examinations or through the International Baccalaureate program.

Students who do not achieve a satisfactory score on the CMPT, or those who do not take the test, may be required to take a preparatory math course prior to starting the initial math course required for their major.

A low score on the CMPT does not prevent students from using transfer credit to satisfy course prerequisites. However, if a CMPT score is lower than the minimum required for enrollment in these courses, we recommend that students consult with their academic advisers before accepting transfer credit. The score may suggest that a student will have difficulty in subsequent courses.

Visit clemson.edu/infocus/CMPT for more information.

Foreign Language Placement

Students whose intended major requires a foreign language and French, German or Spanish is needed to meet that requirement must take the Clemson Foreign Language Placement Test (FLPT) online before registering for a foreign language course. Students who have taken an AP or IB exam or the SAT test are still required to take the FLPT. The FLPT is not required of students wishing to begin a new language in which they have no background. Transfer students who have received college credit for a foreign language and who plan to continue with the same foreign language at Clemson are not required to take the FLPT.

The FLPT takes approximately one hour to complete. Preregistration is not required.

For more information, including the test schedule, please visit clemson.edu/caah/languages/placement.html or call the Department of Languages at 864-656-3393.

G. What tests does Clemson require?

SAT/ACT: Standardized test scores (SAT and ACT) are the second major factor of our evaluation. Clemson uses the best individual writing, critical reading and math scores from different SAT tests or the best composite ACT score and highest ACT writing score. Official scores must be sent directly to us from the SAT or ACT testing agency. SAT II Subject Tests are not required.

G. What other factors are considered in an admission evaluation?

GPA: The single most important factor we consider in making an admission decision is the high school record. We use the student’s GPA and rank in class as expressions of high school performance. Other consideration criteria include the types of courses taken and the student’s pattern of performance throughout high school. The vast majority of our applicants present transcripts with college preparatory, honors and AP/IB course work. Most also have a cumulative GPA above 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

Choice of major: The choice of major may also influence our evaluation. Because some majors attract large numbers of applicants or have limited classroom space, admission requirements vary. Consequently, we ask students to select two intended majors. If the student is not admissible in the first choice, we automatically consider the second.

Residency: As a public institution, we give S.C. residents priority in our evaluation process.

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SAT II Subject Tests are not required.

Official scores must be sent directly to us from the SAT or ACT testing agency.

*The SAT score is comparable to Critical Reading and Math scores only. Writing assessment scores, which are mandatory, are not included. Clemson will now match an SAT writing score with an ACT Composite if an ACT writing score is not provided.

GRE:

The GRE is not provided.
At Clemson University students can expect to find state-of-the-art facilities — places where high-caliber learning happens and thrives. Hands-on educational opportunities wait at every turn, and influential faculty and experienced professionals are here to help guide the way.

Clemson’s student retention is consistently more than 90 percent. It’s no wonder our students’ accomplishments stand heads above the rest.

Q. Does Clemson accept AP credits?
Yes. Advanced Placement (AP) credit is awarded to students earning grades of 3, 4 or 5 on the College Board Examinations. Clemson University strongly endorses the AP program and consistently ranks among top colleges and universities in the nation in the number of students reporting AP grades. (For a complete listing on credits received in 2013, see page 14.)

Q. Does Clemson accept International Baccalaureate Credit?
Clemson recognizes the academic challenges of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme. IB graduates who score well on their higher-level exams will be awarded college credit. Be sure to include your IB candidate number in the space provided on the Clemson application. (For more on credits received in 2014, see page 15.)

RIGOR

Calhoun Honors College
Nearly 1,200 of Clemson’s most academically competitive students call our Calhoun Honors College home. The Honors College combines the strengths of a public, land-grant university with those of a highly selective small college. Here’s a snapshot of the 2014 freshman honors class:
• 299 students
• 1436 average SAT
• 32 average ACT
• Top 3.1 percent average high school class rank

clemson.edu/cuhonors

Center for Career and Professional Development
A variety of services and partnerships with employers, faculty and staff are all designed to empower and employ students, including providing access to internships and for-pay cooperative education opportunities.

Co-op
The Cooperative Education Program provides an opportunity for students to alternate semesters of academic study with semesters of paid, career-related, engaged-learning experiences to bridge the gap between academic study and its application in professional practice. clemson.edu/coop

Study Abroad
Last year, more than 1,340 students enriched their education by studying abroad. Students in a variety of majors have opportunities at the Archbold Center in Dominica; the Daniel Center in Genoa, Italy; the Clemson University Brussels Center in Belgium; and numerous other locations around the globe.

clemson.edu/studyabroad

More than $230,000 was awarded to students in travel and research grants in 2013 by the Calhoun Honors College.
Q. Do I have to live on campus my freshman year?
Yes. Clemson University policy stipulates that all unmarried freshmen who are under the age of 21 at the time of enrollment who do not live with a parent within a 50-mile radius of campus are required to live in University-owned housing for the fall and spring semesters. Transfer students are housed on a space-available basis.

Q. What about my car? Can a freshman have one on campus?
Freshmen are permitted to have cars on campus at Clemson. Anyone who parks a car on campus must obtain a parking permit from Parking Services and park in designated areas for the permit that is issued. Freshmen who plan to live on campus must know their housing assignment before applying for a parking permit.

Head out.
Less than an hour from the Blue Ridge Mountains, next door to the S.C. Botanical Garden and Hartwell Lake, outdoor pursuits abound at Clemson. Downtown Greenville, one of the nation’s most desirable city centers, is also just a short drive away.

Live it up.
All of Clemson’s 24 residence halls and five apartment complexes are within a 10- to 15-minute walk to class. For an even more enriching residential experience, check out our nationally recognized Living-Learning Communities — home to more than 1,500 students. Here, undergraduates with common academic interests and life experiences share residence hall space, staff, programming and resources dedicated specifically to them.

Get involved.
There are more than 400 student clubs and organizations on campus from fraternities and sororities, to international groups, military organizations, religious, service, sports, fitness, performing arts and much more.

Play hard.
As a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference, Clemson boasts 19 NCAA athletic teams. Admission to regular-season events played on campus is included in University fees for full-time students, including football, basketball, soccer, baseball, diving, cross country, track and field, golf, volleyball, tennis and rowing.

ROAR
College is where we make our lifelong friends, the ones we grow old with. That’s why, alongside top-ranked academics, Clemson offers a lively and nurturing social environment. From freshmen to 60-year alumni, being part of the Clemson Family means being a part of something that spans the globe and lasts a lifetime.
clemson.edu/campus-life

No. 1: Best tailgate tradition in the South.
(Southern Living magazine)

91 percent: Students who would choose Clemson again if given the chance (2013 National Survey of Student Engagement)

85 percent: Clemson seniors who have performed community service or volunteer work or plan to do so. (2013 National Survey of Student Engagement)

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FINANCIAL AID

Eighty-eight percent of first-time students receive financial aid at Clemson. Financial aid is usually awarded on the basis of need to supplement the amount students and their parents can contribute to college expenses. The University also awards some scholarships based entirely on academic merit. For more information, visit clemson.edu/financialaid

Palmetto Fellows
The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship is the state’s premier scholarship, valued at $6,700 for the freshman year and $7,500 for subsequent years. In order to receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, students must apply through their high school guidance counselor and meet all of the following academic requirements:
• Be ranked in the top 6% of the high school class
• Score a minimum of 1200 SAT (CR+M) or a 27 on the ACT composite
• Earn a 3.5 GPA on the uniform grading scale

Alternative criteria for Palmetto Fellows Scholarship are:
• Score a minimum of 1400 SAT (CR+M) or a 32 on the ACT composite
• Earn a 4.0 GPA on the uniform grading scale

LIFE Scholarship
The LIFE Scholarship is valued at $5,000 per year. In order to receive the LIFE Scholarship, students must meet two out of three of the following academic requirements:
• Graduate in the top 30 percent of their high school class
• Score a minimum of 1100 SAT (CR+M) or a 24 on the ACT composite
• Graduate with a minimum 3.0 GPA on the uniform grading scale

There is no application process for the LIFE Scholarship. Students will automatically be reviewed and awarded the scholarship by Clemson.

No. 7: National ranking for students’ return on investment (SmartMoney, 2012)

**Please note students may only receive one South Carolina state scholarship.**
PROFILE OF CLEMSON’S 2014 FRESHMAN CLASS

61% — 2,112 students
S.C. Residents
Out-of-State Residents
2014 Freshman Class

Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences 770
Architecture, Arts and Humanities 339
Business and Behavioral Science 647
Engineering and Science 283
Health, Education and Human Development

Table 1: 2014 Freshmen Receiving Advanced Placement Credit by Exam

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* The SAT middle 50 percent range of scores is comparable to Critical Reading and Math scores only. Writing assessment scores, which are mandatory, are not included.

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International Baccalaureate
Clemson University recognizes the academic challenges of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme. More than 133 IB graduates who scored well on their higher-level exams were awarded 1,382 hours of college credit in 2014. Students taking these courses should be sure to include their IB candidate number in the space provided on their Clemson application.

2014 Freshman Class Highlights
- The mean weighted grade point average (GPA) for entering freshmen is 4.23.
- Fifty-five percent of entering freshmen graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school class; 78 percent graduated in the top 20 percent; and 98 percent graduated in the top half.
- The mean SAT score for entering freshmen is 1253*. The mean SAT score for South Carolinians is 27.7 and the average for others is 28.4. The average ACT score for South Carolinians is 27.7 and the average for out-of-state students is 28.4.
- Thirty-five percent of freshmen are majoring in engineering.
- 247 African-American students enrolled as freshmen.

2013 Bridge Program Highlights
This distinctive academic transfer program provides targeted advising, student support services and a student life component for freshmen. You must apply for regular admission to Clemson, and it is an invitation-only program. Students are notified February 15. In 2013, 638 students were enrolled in the Bridge to Clemson program, and 514 successfully enrolled in Clemson at the completion of the program.

Incoming Clemson freshmen’s average scores rank 18th in the nation for critical reading and 21st among national public universities for math. (U.S. News & World Report, 2015)
Application Timeline

Fall: Deadline to take the SAT if the student hasn’t already done so. The student should list Clemson to receive his or her scores. (Clemson’s institutional code for SAT is 5111; the code for ACT is 3842.)

December 1: Application deadline for fall admission to ensure February 15 notification.*

December 15: Application deadline for spring admission (January enrollment).*

December 31: Deadline for completion of application file to receive consideration for academic recruiting scholarships for the fall semester.

Mid-February: Admission decisions mailed to students who applied for admission by December 1. Students who applied after December 1 may receive a decision at this time or shortly thereafter.*

March 1: Deadline to submit the FAFSA for loans and grants.

May 1: Final deadline to apply for fall admission.*

* We will notify students when we receive their application and keep them updated on their status while it is under consideration. Students will receive a Clemson ID number by email. They should use this number in any official correspondence with the University.

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