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Dear Alumni, Friends, Faculty, Staff and Students,

You have in front of you the first e-newsletter from Clemson University's new College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences. Although this space will be used to communicate the college’s latest news, events and achievements, I am happy to use the first edition to kick off our college’s first semester and provide information on this exciting new combination of departments and schools at Clemson University.

Started on July 1 of this year, the College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences includes the Department of Communication; School of Nursing; Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management; Department of Political Science; Department of Psychology; Department of Public Health Sciences; Department of Sociology and Anthropology; and Department of Youth, Family and Community Studies. The disciplines that make up our college may be varied, but there is a common thread that clearly connects them all.

Each discipline does its part to solve problems faced by individuals, families, communities and societies. We equip students and engage research and outreach to address health and wellness challenges and tackle human impacts on the environment. The research we conduct and the students we send out into the workforce build stronger communities by better understanding human, political and social behavior and the impact of an ever-connected world.

The creation of this college is part of the university's ClemsonForward strategic plan, designed to give each academic unit a more strategic path to national prominence. I am certain that our faculty and students will help to set the “new bar” for research, teaching and outreach mentioned in the plan. Our departments and schools already have a proven record of national and global engagement, and with committed faculty, staff and students, these connections will only deepen and grow in the future.

I am excited to be on the ground floor of the creation of this college, and I look forward to working with you as we shape this new college together. I’m proud to be a part of the College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences, and I can’t wait to see where we go from here.

Sincerely,

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