Dear counseling friends,

I would like to thank you for all your hard work and patience in support of the students you serve. The academic and social path you are guiding them down is paramount to the successes they can expect to enjoy and the challenges they will work to overcome in pursuit of a college degree.

We hope that this guide will further assist you in your efforts. We know you are fielding a lot of questions now, and we are responding by sending this information out even earlier in the academic year so that you can find the answers your students seek and plan alongside them. It's also a chance for us to share some of the amazing achievements of our Fall 2018 freshman class.

In late fall, we will update you on our 2019 freshman class and highlight their growing accomplishments at Clemson. Please be on the lookout for a supplemental report from our admissions team in the next few months.

Once more, we thank you for everything you do for your students. Your expertise is invaluable to them and to us. Please feel free to contact my office with questions, feedback or concerns. We are here to support you.

Sincerely,
David Kuskowski
Director of Admissions
The Clemson experience is a way of life.

There are plenty of reasons to encourage students who are interested in Clemson to pursue our school, but there’s one that stands above the rest: our commitment to making sure the student experience is an exceptional one.

Academic rigor and 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? Nearly 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.

Connect with the future. Clemson offers 80+ undergraduate degree programs. Students can dual major, major-minor, select concentrations and obtain professional certifications within a challenging core curriculum.

There are many unique paths to reach the same career goal. Start by visiting clemson.edu/degrees to explore the options. Learn which companies have recently hired our grads and what graduate schools they’re attending. Then talk directly with someone who can answer specific questions about coursework.

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**Pursuit of Excellence**

Ranked among the Top 25 national public universities by *U.S. News & World Report* for 11 straight years.
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 Success Center
Housed in a 35,000-square-foot space, the ASC provides peer-assisted learning, academic coaching and tutoring and is designed to help students stay in school and maintain their state 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
- I LEAD! Integrated Leadership Education and Development program
- Pearce Center for Professional Communication
- PEER (Programs for Educational Enrichment and Retention) and WISE (Women in Science and Engineering)
- Rutland Institute for Ethics

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 waivers: College Board, ACT and the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC).

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.

Additional requirements are necessary for select majors, including performing arts and professional golf management.

Q. Do I have to interview with someone to be admitted?
Clemson does not require an interview for admission; however, students may make other visits, with or 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! The Visitors Center conducts guided tours during fall and spring semesters Monday through Friday. Contact the Visitors Center at 864-656-4789 to confirm specific dates and times. Or encourage your students to go to clemson.edu/visit where they can discover a variety of visit opportunities and different ways to connect with Clemson.
Real-World Learning

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

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 2018-2019, 4,686 students in all colleges worked on Creative Inquiry projects.

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 Catalog at catalog.clemson.edu 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/mthsc/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 Modern Language Placement Test (MLPT) 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 MLPT. The MLPT 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 MLPT.

The MLPT takes approximately one hour to complete. Preregistration is not required. For more information, including the test schedule, please visit clemson.edu/caah/departments/languages/resources/placement-test.html or call the Department of Languages at 864-656-3393.

More than half of Clemson classes have fewer than 20 students. The median undergraduate class has 19 students.
At Clemson University students can expect to find state-of-the-art facilities — places where high-caliber learning happens and thrives. Engaging educational opportunities abound, and influential faculty and experienced professionals are here to help guide the way.

Calhoun Honors College
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 2018 freshman honors class:
• 313 students
• 1480 average SAT
• 32 average ACT
• Top 4 percent: average high school class rank

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.

Study Abroad
Students in a variety of majors have opportunities to enrich their education 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.

Academic Excellence

Q. 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 course work. Most also have a cumulative GPA above 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

Choice of major: The choice of major and residency may also influence our evaluation. Because some majors attract large numbers of applicants or have limited classroom space, admission requirements vary. In addition, as a public institution, we give S.C. residents priority in our evaluation process. Consequently, we ask students to select two intended majors. If the student is not admissible in the first choice, we automatically consider the second.

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 December 31 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.
Head out.
Less than an hour from the Blue Ridge Mountains, and next door to the S.C. Botanical Garden and Lake Hartwell, outdoor pursuits are enjoyed year-round at Clemson.

Live it up.
All of Clemson’s residence halls and 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. 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 500 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, softball, cross-country, track and field, golf, volleyball, tennis and rowing.

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.

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 30-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.

No. 1: Their Students Love These Colleges, according to the 2019 Princeton Review.

No. 7: Happiest students, according to the 2019 Princeton Review.

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Financial Aid

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/financial-aid.

Clemson Freshman Scholarships

The Office of Admissions automatically reviews each applicant to Clemson for scholarship eligibility (no additional scholarship application required).

Test scores, high school performance and financial need are all considered when awarding scholarships. Incoming freshmen must apply for admission by December 1 to be considered.

Test scores need to be received by Clemson by December 31 for scholarship consideration. The high school transcript submitted for admission evaluation will be the same transcript used to determine merit scholarship eligibility. Information regarding scholarship packages will be communicated to students in Spring 2020. To be eligible for federal and state-based aid, we encourage students to complete the FAFSA located at fafsa.gov by January 2, 2020.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

All requirements for eligibility, renewal and enhancement listed below apply to the 2019-2020 academic year and are subject to change based on review by the S.C. General Assembly.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

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 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 or a 32 on the ACT composite
• Earn a 4.0 GPA on the uniform grading scale

In order to renew the scholarship, students must:

• Earn 30 credit hours each academic year (fall, spring, summer).

Please note that AP/IB classes do not count in credit hours for renewal.

• Earn a 3.0 GPA at Clemson University

LIFE Scholarship

The LIFE Scholarship is valued at $6,700 for the freshman year and $7,500 for subsequent years. Students will automatically be reviewed and awarded the scholarship by Clemson.

To renew the LIFE Scholarship, students must:

• Earn an average of 30 credit hours per academic year (fall, spring, summer) from all colleges attended. AP/IB courses do count in credit hours for renewal.

Hope Scholarship

The Hope Scholarship is valued at $2,800 and is non-renewable. In order to receive the Hope Scholarship, students must graduate with a minimum 3.0 GPA on the uniform grading scale. After the initial award year, eligibility may be established for the LIFE Scholarship.

Palmetto Fellows/LIFE Scholarship STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Enhancement

Students may qualify for the enhancement after their freshman year if they complete 14 credit hours of approved math and science courses prior to the start of their second year. Students must also be in an approved STEM enhancement major.

AP/IB courses will count toward the enhancement requirements (but not the credit renewal requirements for Palmetto Fellows Scholarship).

• Palmetto Fellows Scholarship will increase to $10,000 per academic year.
• LIFE Scholarship will increase to $7,500 per academic year.

PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Students can learn about the availability of private scholarships by checking with high school guidance counselors, religious institutions, community organizations and their parents’ employers. There are also a number of private scholarship resources available online at clemson.edu/financial-aid/types/scholarships/private-scholarships.html. Students can continue to search for private aid throughout the year.

Federal Direct Loans

Federal Direct Loans are educational loans for which the student is the borrower.

• Maximum freshman loan amount is $5,500.
• Part of the amount can be subsidized (interest accrues after graduation), which is based on financial need as determined by the FAFSA; the rest will be unsubsidized (interest accrues during school).
• Interest rate for 2019-2020 is 4.53%.

Borrower must complete entrance counseling and sign a loan agreement (MPN) online at studentloans.gov.

Federal Direct PLUS Loan

Federal Direct PLUS Loans are educational loans for which the parent is the borrower.

• Maximum loan amount is up to the remaining annual cost of attendance.
• Interest rate for 2019-20 is 7.08%.

Parent borrower must be creditworthy, complete an application and sign a loan agreement (MPN) online at studentloans.gov.

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G. When can I apply for a scholarship at Clemson?

The Office of Admissions automatically reviews each freshman applicant to Clemson for scholarship eligibility. No additional application is required.

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 3843.)

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.

January 2: Priority FAFSA filing deadline for need-based aid.

January 20: Priority deadline to submit application and any other documents necessary for consideration for need-based aid.

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.*

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

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

** Students with transfer credits may be required to submit additional documentation.
Our 2019-20 freshman class is coming in now, and we are currently gathering their numbers. This fully updated information will be sent to you by late fall.

### 2018 Freshmen by College

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### 2018 Freshmen by Residence

- **S.C. Residents**: 60.2% / 1,491 students
  - North Carolina: 198
  - Georgia: 180
  - New Jersey: 165
  - Virginia: 133
  - New York: 88
  - Massachusetts: 81
  - Pennsylvania: 74
  - Florida: 70
  - Others: 522

- **Out-of-State Residents**: 39.8% / 1,491 students
  - This year's class represents 44 states, the District of Columbia and four foreign countries.

### SAT Scores for 2018 Freshmen

- **S.C. Residents**: 1,292 Average
- **Out-of-State Residents**: 1,339 Average
- **2018 Freshman Class**: 1,390 Average

The SAT national average is 1068. The SAT SC average is 1070.

### ACT Scores for 2018 Freshmen

- **S.C. Residents**: 28.7 Average
- **Out-of-State Residents**: 30.3 Average
- **2018 Freshman Class**: 32 Average

The ACT national average is 20.8. The ACT SC average is 18.3.
Come see us.
We’d love to see your students on campus! Tell them to let us know they’re coming by visiting clemson.edu/visit first or call 864-656-4789. Check the website for special on-campus visitation events held throughout the year.

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Meet with a faculty member.
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