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Welcome and Congratulations on becoming the newest member of our Clemson Tigers Family!

I am Karleisha Coleman Kakraba the President of the Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA) and we wanted to be among the first to welcome you and let you know how happy we are that you will be joining us here in Clemson, South Carolina, USA.

BGSA is a registered student organization at Clemson University focusing on ensuring the most encompassing experience for all graduate students of African, Caribbean, African American, and Black descent. We exist to foster a supportive environment that promotes holistic development and creates opportunities for upward mobility that will empower students to achieve academically.

BGSA also provides an infrastructure of unity, support and academic guidance for the enrichment of the graduate student body and the community of all Clemson University students, alumni, and the surrounding community. We thrive on the strong networks and support systems that we have established on behalf of our members to make the journey more successful throughout your tenure here at Clemson.

Additionally, BGSA awards our membership opportunities for academic, professional, and social enhancement through:

- ✓ Mentoring
- ✓ Research & Writing Collaborations
- ✓ Networking and Virtual Community Gatherings
- ✓ Hospitality, Transportation, and Accommodation assistance upon arrival

We look forward to connecting with you upon your arrival; feel free to reach out to any of our BGSA Executive Board Members on our attached contact sheet or connect with us via:

Email: bgsa@clemson.edu

Again, welcome to Clemson and we look forward to CU soon!

With warmest regards,

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