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Dear Alumni, Friends, Faculty, Staff and Students,

Welcome to the Clemson University College of Education e-newsletter! We have only officially operated under that moniker for under two months, but this e-newsletter is just one of many exciting new developments already underway. We will use this communication to showcase the college’s latest news, events and achievement, but I’d like to take this opportunity in this first issue to also address you regarding the bright future of our college.

Our college, which launched on July 1 as part of Clemson’s strategic plan, is committed to preparing teachers, schools and business leaders, counselors, student affairs professionals and specialists for schools and higher education. Our nationally recognized faculty and staff are thoughtful, caring, student-centered mentors for moral and ethical leadership, and they work closely to encourage our students to think critically and connect theory with practice.

As the child of a single mother who earned a college degree later in life and devoted her career to teaching, I am a testament to what education can do for a single person. And while we change the lives of individuals, we are providing an educational experience that will change the world. Education affects families, businesses and government, and in turn, it works across disciplines to address complex issues.

Our college exists to facilitate transformative change that can produce the ripple effects that make differences, both large and small, for all people. We prepare students to value diversity and to be inclusive to the needs of all learners, whether children or adults. We will continue to serve the underserved so that all children can tap into education and positively affect the world around them.

The College of Education is dedicated to becoming “Best in Class” – continually striving for excellence that will make a difference in our nation and world. As part of the Clemson College of Education, I look forward to working with you to expand upon the work we’ve begun to change people’s lives for the better – and forever. We’ve already gotten started, so let’s get to work!

Go Tigers!

Sincerely,

George J. Petersen
Founding Dean