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"On steadfast commitment to a supportive and inclusive university environment: A response to the recent events in Charlottesville, VA"

We are disheartened by the actions of the white supremacists and neo-fascists near the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. These deeds go against our moral, ethical, and fundamental beliefs as members of an academic community. This is especially threatening due to our commitment to a *higher seminary of learning*. As a public university, we are committed to the personal growth of everyone and the promotion of a safe, inclusive environment fostering good decision making, healthy and ethical lifestyles, tolerance and respect for others, and open constructive dialog. As members of the faculty, we must show leadership and demonstrate our belief in a multicultural academic community focused on the betterment of all people. In this effort, we affirm our support and commitment towards a thriving academic environment free from intimidation, violence, and terrorism. We stand in solidarity and urge the greater Clemson University community to unify behind our shared beliefs in Integrity, Honesty, and Respect.

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