



Wilbur O. and Ann Powers College of

# BUSINESS

## DEAN WENDY YORK

Wendy York became the 15th dean and first female to lead business education at Clemson University on July 15, 2018, following successful leadership roles in business and academia.

Dean York oversees the academic and administrative functions of the Wilbur O. and Ann Powers College of Business and its nearly 5,076 students, 180 faculty and about 50 staff.

With her strong credentials and business and entrepreneurial leadership acumen, Dean York is charged with producing the next generation of innovative and ethical Clemson-educated leaders who will excel in an evolving 21st century business environment.

Clemson welcomed Dean York at an exciting time in its history with fundraising, enrollment applications and growth expectations at an all-time high. Under her leadership, the College announced a transformational gift to name the first college at Clemson University – the Wilbur O. and Ann Powers College of Business. The recently named Wilbur O. and Ann Powers College of Business is housed in a new state-of-the-art building that opened in the fall of 2020.

*Dean York earned an undergraduate degree with high honors and distinction at Stanford University. She then earned an MBA in strategy and operations from Harvard Business School.*

Before arriving at Clemson, she served as an associate dean in Stanford's Graduate School of Business. It was there she successfully led a strategic reorganization of seven business education centers dedicated to faculty research and entrepreneurial curriculum. In addition to saving \$1.5 million in operating costs, her change management strategy resulted in a 96 percent employee engagement rating a year after its completion.

Prior to the leadership role at Stanford, Dean York held executive-level positions in small and large for-profit and non-profit organizations. Her career journey included start-ups and employment with companies such as Bechtel Power Corporation and Bank of America.

Throughout her career, Dean York ran high-performance teams and successfully created cultures of accountability, transparency and collaboration. She started and/or led four early-stage technology and internet companies and accumulated more than 20 years of direct profit and loss responsibility. She spent more than five years as a venture capitalist, managing a private portfolio with a market capitalization of \$100 million.

## A NEW HOME FOR BUSINESS EDUCATION

Located in the heart of campus, the newly named Wilbur O. and Ann Powers College of Business building will bring students, faculty and industry together in a collaborative, inspiring space that is forward thinking in its design and daily application. Business students will



have the kind of attractive environment that compels them to work, engage, study, ask hard questions, challenge themselves and work together. Our new home has space to accommodate growth, encompassing more than twice the square footage of Surrin Hall – which was the home of business education at Clemson for more than 80 years; allows students and faculty to be centrally located in one building; and incorporates the technological capabilities of this top university, with the capacity to evolve as technology changes.

Bookmark our website [clemson.edu/business](http://clemson.edu/business) and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (@clemsonbusiness).

## MISSION

Graduate purpose-driven leaders equipped with 21st century business skills, preparing them to succeed in a dynamic global economy.

### *Foundational Disciplines*

- Accountancy
- John E. Walker Department of Economics
- Financial Management
- Graphic Communications
- Management
- Marketing
- MBA
- ROTC Aerospace Studies
- ROTC Military Leadership

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RANKINGS

- *College Choice* ranked the Wilbur O. and Ann Powers College of Business No. 39 among the nation's top undergraduate business degree programs and No. 1 in South Carolina.
  - The accounting program is ranked No. 17 in the country in the First-Time CPA Exam Pass Rates for Large Programs.
  - The B.S. in financial management was named one of the 30 Best Financial Programs by *Financial Planning Magazine*.
  - The Department of Graphic Communications has had a 95 percent or higher graduate job placement rate, many years achieving 100 percent, since it was formed in 1999. All students are required to complete two internships before graduation.
  - The John E. Walker Department of Economics ranks No. 8 among U.S. southern universities in faculty research productivity, according to *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges." Additionally, in a recent National Research Council Assessment of Doctoral Programs, Clemson's applied economics graduate program ranked No. 2.
  - The B.S. in marketing is ranked No. 13 among the nation's top undergraduate marketing degree programs and No. 1 in South Carolina, according to *College Choice*.
- **Sales Innovation** provides students a proficiency in understanding the technique for effective, efficient and honorable sales in services, technical and medical fields through hands-on learning opportunities.
  - **Brand Marketing and Graphics** prepare students for careers in marketing, printing, packaging and visual communications. The interdisciplinary approach to teaching within the Erwin Center, Sonoco Institute and Sonoco FRESH is conducive to partnerships with industry practitioners, resulting in real-world, hands-on learning.
  - **Value Chain and Advanced Manufacturing** leverage the business school's strong supply chain management faculty expertise and industry needs to create market-relevant educational programs that blend analytic and creative thinking. The program partners business, engineering and science with industry to meet advanced manufacturing needs.
  - **Entrepreneurship** is the business of innovation. The Wilbur O. and Ann Powers College of Business will elevate the stature of course offerings and experiential learning opportunities to become a major driver in Clemson's entrepreneurial environment by providing competitive and relevant programming and campus-wide buy-in.
  - The Capitalism Institute and Hayek Center are unique in teaching the values of free enterprise. In the world-ranked **economics** program, nationally noted scholars support research and the Ph.D. program in the John E. Walker Department of Economics. As economics is a way of thinking, this program teaches students how the application of principles affects business decisions, public policy issues and everyday life, and how trade in open or free markets, and the surrounding activities, impact economies by providing growth opportunities.
  - Our **MBA program** is highly regarded for its innovative, applied approach to advanced business topics. Students enrich their classroom experience by collaborating with prestigious domestic and international companies on real-world projects. They network with executives, entrepreneurs and HR professionals throughout the program and access personalized, individual career counseling and job placement assistance including employer networking forums. In fall 2019, a flexible, fully online MBA program launched to better serve nontraditional or working students.

## SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

The Wilbur O. and Ann Powers College of Business is leveraging its strong Foundational Disciplines to create Signature Programs that will distinguish Clemson business education as a destination school for students wanting to focus on business-critical competencies.

- **Business Analytics** is a skill critical for business professionals to make data-driven strategic decisions. The program will equip students, regardless of their business major or career path, with critical analytical skills, experience and confidence.
- Leadership is well represented by the **Thomas F. Chapman Leadership Scholars Program**, which sets the bar for education and development of the whole student. Cultivation of the notion that leadership is a choice, not a title, is central to our history of producing principled leaders of business and industry.

## By the Numbers

5,076 STUDENTS

180 FACULTY

38,819 ALUMNI