



# PREPARING FUTURE NURSE LEADERS

At Clemson University, we educate nurse scientists through innovations in care delivery based on proven and practical scientific evidence. Research has shown that nursing innovations can impact treatment success, prolong quality of life and improve cost effectiveness. In fact, it has been proven that nursing innovations save lives.

Throughout modern health care, registered nurses have served on the front lines of patient care. In fact, they direct the efforts of entire teams of caregivers, deliver coordinated care that is centered around the patient, and serve as provider, advocate and friend to their patients. This important role for nurses has the power to transform the practice of health care — here at home and around the world.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The School of Nursing at Clemson proudly contributes to the intellectual, scientific and economic enrichment of health care by providing high-quality nursing education to the students it prepares for both demanding clinical practices and academic careers. There is a national nursing shortage. The U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration reports that South Carolina is one of 16 states projected to have a nursing shortage through 2025. The School of Nursing at Clemson provides educational, clinical and research opportunities that contribute to the well-being of countless patients who benefit from advances in nursing research, as well as the direct care provided by Clemson nursing students and graduates. Clemson nurses leave college well prepared to fill the health care gap in South Carolina and beyond.

## THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

Clemson School of Nursing has more than 50 valuable health care partners who play vital roles in the education of Clemson nurses. In an effort to address the growing nursing shortage, Clemson's enhanced partnership with our state's largest not-for-profit health care system, Greenville Health System, will create a \$31.5 million, 78,255 square-foot clinical learning and research building in Greenville, S.C. Set to open in 2018, the partnership will allow Clemson to expand the bachelor of science in nursing degree program from 352 students to 800 students over the next six years.

## MOVING NURSING FORWARD

In 2016, the University announced the Clemson-Forward strategic plan — grounded in Clemson's historic strengths but focused solidly on the future and the challenges facing South Carolina, the nation and the world in the 21st century. The plan aims to ensure that Clemson fulfills its core mission and consistently ranks among the nation's top-20 public universities and Carnegie tier-one research institutes. ClemsonForward is built on four strategic priorities: Research, Engagement, the Academic Core and the Living environment — easily remembered by the acronym REAL.

We believe this is the School of Nursing's time to move forward as well. Just as health care has acknowledged the importance of professional nurses, Clemson University School of Nursing is

## BY THE NUMBERS

### Current enrollment by program:

- B.S. (traditional program) — 519 students, 45 are in Nursing Departmental Honors
- Accelerated second degree program — 60
- R.N./B.S. completion program — 43
- Master's degree program in nursing — 120
- Ph.D. in health care genetics — 24

### In 2017 faculty includes :

- 1 director
- 1 associate director
- 1 post-doctoral
- 34 full-time
- 6 part-time

### Accreditation:

- Clemson School of Nursing is nationally accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

### Professional outlook:

- Clemson nursing students have a nearly 100 percent job placement rate within three months of graduation.

reaching new heights with expanded partnerships, increased enrollment, prestigious faculty conducting innovative research, and designation as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education by the National League of Nursing.

We seek to strengthen areas upon which we have historically focused: caring for the elderly, the chronically ill and sick children. We seek to advance nursing science in human genetics and global health. We are committed to continuing a long tradition of educating the professional nurse — men and women empowered to lead change in health and medicine. But we cannot do it alone. The School of Nursing needs private support to stay at the forefront of health care research, technology and innovation. Please join us, and together we will move Clemson's nursing program forward for a healthier world.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Your gift to Clemson helps shape our University now and into the future. Whether your interests lie in making Clemson affordable for all deserving students, funding new or improved classrooms and laboratories, or in helping Clemson remain among the nation's elite research universities, your contributions play a critical role.

There are a variety of ways to make a gift, including an outright donation of any size, to major gifts or planned giving. A major gift can be spread across several years or done as an investment that will produce income for the donor or designee. An endowment to the School of Nursing can ensure that deserving students can have opportunities to continue their nursing education. There are naming opportunities for significant gifts to our growing nursing facilities. The school's Office of Development and Alumni Relations can be of assistance in determining how to ensure that a gift supports a donor's interests and sharing information about tax advantages that might be realized for both the donor and donor's heirs.

Clemson School of Nursing is preparing our students to be part of the solution — not only for ending the nursing shortage — but by providing quality health care for all our citizens. Their future success is a win-win for all of us who care about our state and its people. Your support of those efforts will be greatly appreciated, now and for generations to come.



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## School of NURSING

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**“I really enjoyed getting the chance to meet Mrs. Deane after benefiting from this scholarship for so long. I don’t take it for granted and every little bit counts. It serves as motivation to continue to do well in school.”**

**— Kaitlyn Styles, nursing student**

*Nursing student and Peggy Gardner Deane Endowed Scholar Kaitlyn Styles poses with Peggy Gardner Deane and School of Nursing Director Kathleen Valentine.*



**“It is important that we support the programs for the future of the college and for the students’ future.”**

**— Bettye Cecil, Donor**

*Bettye Cecil and Scott Moore*