In the Calhoun Honors College and at Clemson University, students face and overcome many new challenges, whether on campus, in the workplace or across the globe. It isn’t always easy, either for parents or for students.

As a parent, your support is key to the success of our students. Therefore, we would like to celebrate and continue to encourage your involvement in the Honors Community by introducing the Honors Parents Society.

The Honors Parents Society serves to enhance the connection between parents, the Honors College and all its students. It is an opportunity for parents to stay engaged with their own student and enjoy an enriched college experience for all Honors College families.

Gifts from members of the Honors Parents Society will help to provide life-changing experiences for students in the classroom, in the community and in the world.

**MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES & BENEFITS**

Honors Parents Society members are asked to make an annual tax-deductible gift of $2,500 to the Calhoun Honors College Excellence Fund, which will be used to fund engagement and service opportunities for our students.

This direct connection to Clemson University and the Honors College will allow members to provide valuable input in addressing the needs of Honors students.

Members will serve as a support network for incoming freshmen and their parents.

**THE CALHOUN HONORS COLLEGE EXCELLENCE FUND**

The Excellence Fund is an unrestricted fund that can be used at the discretion of the executive director to address the most pressing needs of the department. Uses of this fund focus on engagement and service opportunities for our students, including:

- commission of expert speakers from academia, government, business and the non-profit sector for public lectures and small-group meetings;
- student and program expenses that ensure the Honors College has the funds available to provide a unique and challenging learning environment worthy of Clemson’s most talented and ambitious students; and
- service learning opportunities that allow our students to use their talents and energy to help others through research and activities.

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