

*Minds
wide open*

let's begin 



Clemson is one of only 14 colleges and universities in the nation to receive the Diversity Champion award (2020) from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine.

Clemson is a recipient of *INSIGHT Into Diversity's* Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) award.

Coming together is at the heart of the Clemson University experience. Through class projects, club events or football games on a Saturday afternoon, we find different ways to engage with one another no matter our differences.

Each day at Clemson offers new opportunities to exchange ideas, answer difficult questions and accept the challenges of our evolving world. And with every interaction, we expand the minds of those around us.

At Clemson, you will find a welcoming, diverse environment and inclusive atmosphere where you feel empowered to learn, grow and make a positive impact on our world.

Men of Color National Summit

This annual conference (pictured above) brings together high school and college students, business professionals, educators, government officials and community leaders from around the country — all dedicated to closing the achievement gap for African American, Latino and Hispanic males.

As host, Clemson continues to lead awareness by enhancing the experience of men of color through involvement and engagement, preparing them for a global mindset.

Beyond Campus

We're taking bold steps across South Carolina to establish college access for underrepresented populations. Listed are two outreach programs focused on building a pipeline of diverse students pursuing higher education.

- **Emerging Scholars** provides academic enrichment and leadership skills development for students from South Carolina's economically disadvantaged areas.
- **Tiger Alliance** seeks to empower, enlighten and develop African American, Latino and Hispanic young men by emphasizing the importance of education and sharing best practices to increase high school and college graduation rates.



→ A place to excel

When junior microbiology major **Inara Devji** first made the decision to come to Clemson University from her home in Memphis, Tennessee, she admits she wasn't sure it was the right college for her. It was far from family and friends, it was a place she had never been before, and, as a student pursuing pre-med, it was a school without a medical school of its own.

After Inara arrived at Clemson, people started to show her what was possible. That's when things started to click.

"When I got here, I found two mentors who became lifelong friends: one from the Honors College and one from COSMIC for minority students in the College of Science," Inara says.

Those motivating mentors led Inara to study abroad in Tarragona, Spain, observing doctors in the ER, ICU, cardiology and surgery. That connected her with a Creative Inquiry program where she was introduced to immigrant refugees in detention centers in Lumpkin, Georgia, and listened to their stories of detention, refuge, injustice, racism and hope. And it pushed her to become a leader and mentor herself as a resident assistant in the Honors College where she can impart wisdom she's received to the next class of students.

"I think, too often, we do feel kind of helpless being young college students," Inara says. "However, there is so much happening on campus and so many people that are trying to advocate, bring about change or promote growth that getting involved and educated is a great way to combat that feeling."

Through classes, her major and even her Bollywood dance group, Inara embraces challenge at Clemson. It drives her to make the world a better place through medicine and advocacy. And it will guide her in everything she plans to achieve now, through graduation and into medical school.

Academic Success Center

The Class of 1956 Academic Success Center (ASC) offers free services like **Peer-Assisted Learning**, academic coaching and tutoring to every Clemson student. The ASC's goal is to help students significantly improve their grades and maintain their scholarships through a better understanding of class material. Whether it's to attend success strategy workshops or meet with a study group, more than 80 percent of first-year students utilize the ASC.

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Center for Career and Professional Development

Clemson partners with a variety of employers to provide access to relevant internships and cooperative education rotations. **UPIC** (University Professional Internship and Co-op) offers students paid, on-campus internships working alongside faculty and staff in their field of interest. The **Cooperative Education Program** allows students to alternate semesters of academic study with semesters of hands-on learning to bridge the gap between classroom knowledge and its application in professional practice.

career.sites.clemson.edu

Minority Student Success Initiative

One of the ways we give our students a head start after graduation is through intentional programs and events that expose participants to a wide assortment of personal and professional networks.

clemsonmssi.org

PEER and WISE

Programs for Educational Enrichment and Retention (PEER) and **Women in Science and Engineering (WISE)** is dedicated to increasing diversity in science and engineering by addressing and assisting students in technical majors through mentoring, guidance, counseling and tutoring.

clemson.edu/cecas/departments/peer-wise

Student Accessibility Services

Every Clemson student is guaranteed equivalent access to campus facilities, courses, services and resources. Individuals with disabilities, temporary injuries or other situations are assisted on a confidential, case-by-case basis to determine reasonable accommodations.

clemson.edu/academics/studentaccess

A place to belong



Growing up in Biloxi, Mississippi, **Thaddeus Major** didn't know much about Clemson University. It wasn't until he moved to Clemson, the city that's home to Clemson University, at the start of high school that he realized the school's impact on the Upstate.

"Clemson is close [to home] and has a culture," Thaddeus explains. "Living here, being part of the Clemson Family was a huge draw."

Thaddeus got a head start on his first year by attending the Tigertown Summer

Bound program. He was able to find his way around the campus, familiarize himself with academic resources and acclimate to life at college.

A self-described couch potato, Thaddeus changed course at Clemson. He immediately wanted to get involved and give something back to his college community. He joined various groups around campus that piqued his interest, and, ultimately, he was accepted to be an ambassador in Clemson's Tiger Alliance

Tiger Alliance empowers and develops African American, Latino and Hispanic young men by emphasizing the importance of a college education and creating pathways for access. Thaddeus immediately connected with the cause and wanted to serve as a mentor for younger students.

"I am excited to be helping with that because I was a part of it on the other end in high school," Thaddeus says. "It's a great way to empower everyone to get an education."

Clemson is home to 500+ student organizations where big thinkers and creative problem-solvers pursue community service, social justice and civic engagement.

Access and Equity

This office monitors compliance with all federal, state and University policies related to equitable treatment and unlawful discrimination. It also coordinates the development policy, procedures, programs and services with federal laws, including Title IX and the ADA.

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Fraternity and Sorority Life

Clemson's Greek community represents about 25 percent of the student population and is a great way to make new friends, serve the community and enhance academic potential. There are plenty of options with 22 Interfraternity Council chapters, 13 College Panhellenic Council chapters, eight National Panhellenic Council chapters and five Multicultural Greek Council chapters.

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Harvey and Lucinda Gantt Multicultural Center

Named after Clemson's first and second African American students, the Harvey and Lucinda Gantt Multicultural Center advocates for the needs of all students by challenging them to think critically about themselves and their communities, providing engaging experiential learning opportunities, and enabling them to be agents of change.

clemsont.edu/centers-institutes/gantt

Inclusion and Equity

Advancing campus diversity and inclusion starts with the recruitment and employment of underrepresented students, faculty and staff. Clemson has invested in student excellence programs, scholarships, grants, training and education to maintain a dynamic environment where people look at issues from many viewpoints.

clemsont.edu/inclusion

Community Achievement and Student Empowerment

Our signature programs include CONNECTIONS, a Living-Learning Community that pairs first-year minority students with peer mentors, and Renaissance MAN, designed to encourage the pursuit of impactful practices such as internships, research, service and study abroad. Other enrichment initiatives — like the Brother 2 Brother and Sister 2 Sister student organizations — teach skills ranging from empathic leadership to civic responsibility to financial literacy.

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The Harvey and Lucinda Gantt Multicultural Center works together with groups throughout campus to celebrate diverse cultures and their many contributions and accomplishments at Clemson, across the country and around the world. Each year, Clemson shines a spotlight through festivals, social media takeovers, special events and more.

- MLK Celebration featuring keynote speakers, student-led events and a commemorative service
- Black History Month
- LGBTQ+ and Pride Month activities
- The annual International Festival highlighting the global cultures that make up Clemson University
- Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month
- Native American Heritage Month



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If you have any questions about Clemson or the admissions process, don't hesitate to get in touch.

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