Community Achievement and Student Empowerment (CASE) exists to provide relevant, accessible, and supportive services and advocacy to empower students and advance underrepresented communities. The staff creates collaborative pathways to excellence for students through campus partnerships and aids in the University’s retention efforts.

MILITARY AND VETERAN ENGAGEMENT (MVE)

ENROLLMENT FALL 2020 AND SPRING 2021:
Averages are depicted below as student veterans enroll and graduate each semester:

- **398** Average veterans
- **947** Average military-connected students (veterans and dependents), a 9% increase from FY20
- **771** Average students using VA Educational Benefits, a 15% increase from FY20
- **$40,000** in Clemson veteran scholarships awarded to 36 enrolled student veterans, an increase from FY20’s $12,500 awarded to seven enrolled student veterans

EDUCATION:
- **189** Green Zone Training participants (students, faculty and staff)

PROGRAMMING:
As a result of COVID-19 and modified operations, MVE shifted from supporting students in person at the Student Veteran Center to supporting students virtually with new programming:
- Student Veteran Peer Connection Program
- Veteran Employment Transition (VET) Programs
- Virtual Green Zone Training
- Virtual Veteran Orientation
- Virtual MVE Advising
- Virtual Vet Center
- Hybrid Veterans Hail and Farewell Graduation Events

AWARDS AND RANKINGS:
SVA Chapter of the Year (Clemson Student Veterans Association) by Student Veterans of America, which supports over 1,500 SVA chapters across the U.S.

No. 43 out of National Universities for Best Colleges for Veterans and highest across the state of South Carolina by U.S. News & World Report

Best of the Best Schools 2021 by U.S. Veterans Magazine

Military Friendly School and Employer by militaryfriendly.com

College of Distinction for 2021-22 Military Support by collegesofdistinction.com

W.E.B. DUBOIS SOCIETY
W.E.B. DuBois Honor Society honors the memory of Dr. W.E.B. DuBois by promoting the pursuit of academic excellence in all fields of higher education, engaging the community of scholars in service for others and recognizing the outstanding achievements of the society’s members.

CASE IN POINT: VIRTUAL MASTER CLASS
During the Fall semester, CASE initiated a new program allowing any interested students to hear from Clemson alumni, administrators and industry leaders with noteworthy achievements. The aim of the program is for students to grow and make the most of their collegiate journey by understanding the lived experiences of others.
CONNECTIONS

CONNECTIONS is an initiative to assist first-year students who identify as a student of color (African-American, Black, Hispanic/Latinx, Asian, Native American and/or multiracial) or a first-generation student with their transition to Clemson University. Through our program, students have opportunities for personal development, academic engagement, cultural and diverse experiences, and a support network for involvement.

CONNECTIONS COHORT 2020:
Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, CONNECTIONS built community and celebrated the successes of first-year students by hosting:

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CONNECTIONS COHORT 2019:

91.7% First year to second year retention rate

AWARDS:

- James Barr
  Mentor of the Year
- Tevej Rhodes
  Senior Peer Mentor of the Year
- Blake Summers
  Mentee of the Year

Clemson students enjoying a beautiful day on campus
Walk for Veterans event attendee pays respects