



## FY21 HIGHLIGHTS

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

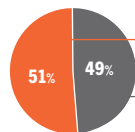
#### SCHOLARSHIPS:

#### EDUCATION:

**189**

Green Zone Training participants (students, faculty and staff)

#### GRADUATION:



**110**

Student veterans graduated

#### 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

### 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.

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New members completed the initiation process and were inducted in Spring 2021

#### 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*

### 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.

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Virtual events hosted in Fall 2020

## 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:

**68**

Mentees

**31**

Mentors

**7**

Programs in the Fall semester

**6**

Programs in the Spring semester

### CONNECTIONS COHORT 2019:



### 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