Born in Philadelphia, Mr. Clemson was educated at schools both in the United States and France, where he attended lectures at the Royal School of Mines, studied with prominent scientists in the private laboratories of the Sorbonne Royal College of France, and received his diploma as an assayer from the Royal Mint in Paris. Mr. Clemson, then in his mid-20s, returned to America greatly influenced by his European studies. He became a great advocate of the natural sciences, achieving a considerable reputation as a mining engineer and a theorist in agricultural chemistry. He also was a gifted writer whose articles were published in the leading scientific journals of his day, an artist and a diplomat who represented the U.S. government as charged d'affaires to Belgium for almost seven years.

Mr. Clemson had a lifelong interest in farming and agricultural affairs. He served as the nation’s first superintendent of agricultural affairs (predecessor to the present secretary of agriculture position) and actively promoted the establishment and endowment of the Maryland Agricultural College in the 1850s. Though remembered today for these accomplishments, Thomas Clemson made his greatest historical contribution when, as a champion of formal scientific education, his life became intertwined with the destiny of educational and economic development in South Carolina. Although he never lived to see it, his dedicated efforts culminated in the founding of Clemson Agricultural College.

At the time of his death, Mr. Clemson was living at the Fort Hill homeplace, which today is a historic landmark and provides a historic view of the surrounding area. Fort Hill, the former home of John C. Calhoun, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is open to the public. The campus has two recognized Historic Districts.

The Strom Thurmond Institute houses the institute offices, Senator Thurmond's papers and memorabilia, and the special collections of the Cooper Library, including papers of John C. Calhoun and James Byrnes, the most important South Carolinians since 1787. The Institute is a part of an instructional and public-service district that includes the Brooks Engineering Center for Automotive Research (ICAR), also in Greenville.

ACCREDITATION
Clemson University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the Bachelor's, Master's, Education Specialist, and Doctor's degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Clemson University.

Curricula are accredited by AACSB International (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, American Council for Construction Education, American Dietetic Association, American Society of Landscape Architects, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP), National Architectural

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES
International Affairs (IA) provides support services to all foreign students and exchange visitors in academic, financial, and personal matters relating to their nonimmigrant status (F-1 and J-1) in the United States. IA also serves as the official liaison between the University and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). Upon arrival at Clemson University, foreign students and exchange visitors are required by U.S. regulation to report immediately to the International Affairs Office in E-303 Martin Hall to register their arrival at Clemson with USCIS.

Students
Among the primary services provided to international students are (1) preparing and issuing documents (Immigration form I-20 and State Department form DS-2019) for securing visas before students come to the United States; (2) advising students on U.S. immigration regulations and procedures; (3) assisting with completion of paperwork to maintain legal status while enrolled at Clemson; (4) providing assistance with USCIS registration; (5) determining employment and practical training eligibility; (6) generally interpreting University policy and procedures.

IA advisors issue visa documents and provide advice to foreign students and exchange visitors on matters pertaining to immigration issues. The Gantt Intercultural Center works closely with members of the community organization, Clemson Area Intercessors pertaining to immigration issues. The Gantt Intercultural Center creates a concentrated focus on world issues and generates a variety of cultural, political, and educational programs across the campus. The International Festival, now in its 15th year, is a culminating event which draws on average 5,000 visitors.

LIBRARIES
The Libraries’ Web site at www.lib.clemson.edu provides access to a multitude of information resources, including the library catalog, hundreds of databases, more than 25,000 electronic journals, and information regarding library services.

The Libraries’ services include circulation, reference, interlibrary loan, class instruction, and tours. Cooper Library houses a computer lab (maintained by CCIT), Java City Cyber Café, Snax & Stax convenience store, and a popular reading and audio/visual collection. Equipment available includes copiers, scanners, fax machines, and wireless laptops in Cooper Library and a color laser printer, engineering plotter, and large-format copier in the Gunnin Architecture Library.

The Clemson University Libraries consist of a main library and three branches. R. M. Cooper Library, Clemson’s main library, is located at the center of campus. Most of the books and journals are located there, as well as government publications, microforms, and electronic materials. The Gunnin Architecture Library in Lee Hall contains collections that focus on architecture, city and regional planning, construction science, landscape architecture, and visual arts. Special Collections, on the lower level of the Strom Thurmond Institute, houses the rare book collection, University Archives, and many manuscript collections, including the papers of John C. Calhoun and Thomas Green Clemson. The Chemistry Reading Room in Hunter Chemistry Building contains periodical literature related to chemistry.

Total holdings for the library system include more than 1.6 million items in the form of books, periodicals, electronic resources, government publications and patents, musical recordings, DVDs and videos, audiobooks, maps, and microforms.

COMPUTING FACILITIES
Clemson Computing and Information Technology (CCIT) supports the computing needs of students and employees with comprehensive services including laptop support, training, printing, computer repair, software licenses, wireless access points, network and information security, course management system and more.

CCIT also maintains numerous computer labs throughout the campus, five of which are public access. The labs contain high-end PCs running Windows XP and laser printing equipment. Students have access to the Internet, email, and Microsoft Office Suite, which includes Word, Excel, and PowerPoint applications.

CCIT provides computer training and support to faculty, staff, and students in the use of the MyCLE portal and Web-based course management systems (Blackboard), the Clemson computer network, e-portfolios, and many desktop applications. This training is offered as part of regular University courses, through short courses, through special training programs, and through e-learning courses. Distance-learning processes and technologies are also supported with the goal of enhancing the design, production and delivery of an increasing selection of University distance-education courses. Online registration and a complete list of courses is available at ccit.clemson.edu/departments/CCIT/distance_education.

CCIT Support Center
CCIT provides support and consulting in a comprehensive Support Center located in the University Union. This Support Center serves as a central point of contact for those who need general computing, laptop support, and consulting services. Other CCIT Help Desks are located in M section of Martin Hall and on Level 5 of the Cooper Library. These Help Desks can assist students in the use of hardware, software and services. Information and hours of operation are available at helpdesk.clemson.edu, by calling 656-3494, or by e-mailing consult@clemson.edu.

Wireless Access
The campus computer network can be accessed through wired network connections found in all on-campus residences or through the University’s extensive wireless network. This wireless access network provides coverage to most areas of the campus. Students wishing to connect to the wireless network are encouraged to buy a wireless card with Cisco certified extensions. More information and complete coverage details, including a list of compatible wireless cards, can be found at wireless.clemson.edu.

Security
Clemson University requires all users to run virus protection and install the latest OS patches on their computers. Clemson has a site license for the McAfee products, VirusScan (Windows), and Virex (MacOS), available on the Software Archive at download.clemson.edu.

Laptop Program
Students in the MBA Program are required to have laptops. While students may bring any laptop that meets the minimum specifications, recommended laptops are posted at laptop.clemson.edu. Clemson University has worked with vendors to offer recommended laptops at special discounted prices. Students using the recommended laptops will receive both software and hardware support. Limited support is also offered to students who have non-recommended laptops.

As part of the CCIT Support Center services, student employees are available to perform diagnostics and software assistance on laptops. Repair technicians are on hand to do warranty repairs on the recommended Clemson laptops and many spare parts for these laptops are kept in stock. Students whose laptops must be in PC Repair for an extended
period of time may check out a loaner laptop, subject to availability. Only students who have one of the recommended laptop models in for repair may take advantage of the loaner service.

Additional information is available at laptop.clemson.edu or by e-mail (LAPTOP-L@clemson.edu).

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

The Clemson University Foundation is a nonprofit organization that solicits, manages, and administers gifts from private sources for academic programs at Clemson University.

Chartered in 1933, the Foundation is a primary component of the Advancement Program at the University. There are 36 elected members of the Board of Directors. Currently, 34 of the 36 are Clemson alumni. The Board also includes seven automatic directors, including an undergraduate student representative; 14 ex officio directors, including a graduate student representative; and 14 honorary directors.

The Foundation operates through committees that report via an Executive Committee to the full Board. These include the Budget Review, Development, Investment, Nominations, and Policy and Bylaws committees. The Audit Committee is responsible directly to the Board. Fund raising is managed by the Development Committee and, if applicable, a Campaign Executive Committee. This includes solicitation of annual, major, planned, corporate, and foundation gifts in support of University priorities and coordination of college-based fund-raising initiatives. Organizations affiliated with the Clemson University Foundation include the Clemson University Continuing Education/Conference Complex Corporation, the Clemson University Real Estate Foundation, and the Wallace F. Pate Foundation for Environmental Research and Education. As of June 30, 2005, the Clemson University Foundation managed more than 1,000 endowments. The combined CUF-CU managed investment portfolio totaled $258 million.

CLEMSON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Clemson Alumni Association’s action phrase is “Your Lifelong Connection to Clemson.” Its mission is to serve, to inform, to involve. The Alumni Association works for the more than 105,000 alumni located around the world, sponsoring programs to provide a link between students of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

In conjunction with volunteers and traveling University staff, Clemson Clubs and Clemson activities are conducted around the world. Alumni are kept informed through the award-winning Clemson World magazine and on the Web at alumni.clemson.edu. Students, alumni, and constituency programs, as well as publications and electronic resources, form the basis for an array of services offered to alumni, students, parents, and friends of the University.

All services of the National Alumni Association are coordinated out of the Alumni Center, a campus focal point built, furnished, and equipped entirely by gifts from alumni specifically for that purpose. The University Visitors Center, a gift of the Class of 1944, is adjacent to the Alumni Center and is an excellent stop for anyone visiting or returning to campus.

Alumni-sponsored awards programs such as Alumni Distinguished Service, Alumni Fellows, professorships, scholarships, and awards for outstanding teaching, research, and public service are among the prestigious awards given by the Clemson Alumni Association.

Alumni employees coordinate the Alumni Career Services program and the activities of the open-membership student organization, Student Alumni Association. From the Welcome Back Festival held each August to the Senior Picnic held each May, the Alumni Association provides a lifelong connection to Clemson.

CAMPUS VISITS AND TOURS

One of the best ways to discover all Clemson has to offer is through a visit to the campus. The Class of 1944 Visitors Center is here to help host prospective students’ Clemson experience. Information, audio-visuals, parking passes, and tours are all easily accessible. The Visitors Center is located just off of Highway 93 adjacent to the Alumni Center. Normal hours of operation are Monday–Friday, 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.; Saturday, 9:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.; and Sunday, 1:00 – 4:30 P.M. Hours vary according to the academic calendar, University holidays, and the home football schedule.

Walking tours, guided by volunteer student members of the University Guide Association, are available at 9:45 A.M. and 1:45 P.M. Monday–Saturday and 1:45 P.M. on Sundays. Tour schedules also vary based on the academic calendar, University holidays, and the home football schedule. Tours are conducted rain or shine, last about two hours, and include an information segment at the beginning. Reservations are highly recommended and can be arranged on-line at www.clemson.edu/visitors/index.html or by calling 864-656-4789.