

Dr. Robert H. Jones

Interim President
Clemson University

Dear Dr. Jones,

Congratulations on your appointment as Interim President of Clemson University. I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for your willingness to step into this role at such an important time for our institution. Everyone I deeply respect within the Clemson community speaks of you as a steady, principled leader and a true pillar of Clemson. That reputation carries weight. As a student who has come to love Clemson not only for its academics, but for its history, mission, and sense of calling, I am encouraged knowing that the university is in your hands as I graduate.

I recently read *The Clemson Experimental Forest: The First 50 Years*, and it reminded me how much this institution has always depended on thoughtful stewardship and individuals willing to carry the mission forward. I am grateful to be part of that continuing story and for leaders who understand Clemson's deep roots in land, forest, and watershed stewardship.

I am writing to extend an invitation for you to attend a special guest lecture in our Stream Restoration course on **March 12th at 2:00 PM in Brackett Hall, Room 323**. Our speaker will be **Dr. Steve Jones**, who served Clemson University for nearly two decades as an assistant professor and research scientist before moving into professional restoration practice. Following his time at Clemson, he spent twenty years in environmental consulting and now serves as Vice President and Owner of Meanders River Restoration, Inc., where he continues to lead hands-on stream restoration efforts.

Dr. Jones has dedicated much of his life to restoring stream systems and mentoring the next generation of land stewards. His return to speak with students who are actively learning stream assessment, restoration design, and field implementation represents a meaningful connection between Clemson's past and present. As students working to build practical restoration skills rooted in science and service, we are walking a path shaped by leaders like him.

Given your own forestry background and long-standing connection to Clemson, I believe your presence would be especially meaningful to students as we reflect on the continuity of Clemson's mission in stewardship and applied ecological science. It would be an honor to have you join us if your schedule allows.

Thank you for your leadership and your continued investment in the Clemson community.

With respect and gratitude,

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