The Rutland Institute for Ethics

Since its inception, strong character and honor have been mainstays of student education at Clemson University. The Rutland Institute for Ethics complements the University’s mission of public service through our dedication to nurturing an ethical environment on and off campus.

You need look no further than the daily news to see how the dishonest and unethical actions of a few can profoundly impact our world, from individuals to environmental and economic disasters of global scale. Our work is cut out for us, and the Rutland Institute is up for the challenge.

The Need
Our ability to continue our efforts is impacted by a critical need for funding. The Rutland Ethics Alliance (REA), a membership program, was begun as a way for people and organizations that care about ethics to support the good work of the institute. And, as the University faces drastic cuts in state funding, the support of REA is more important than ever.

The Opportunity
We are seeking leaders to build momentum and visibility for the REA. In September 2011, we reached our 10-year milestone. We are looking for companies and individuals to join the alliance at various levels, with a special focus on REALeaders (who commit a gift of $3,000 payable over three years).

The Impact
By leveraging the generosity of the REALeaders and other levels of members, we will grow the REA membership as a source of essential operating funds for the institute. And, through their leadership and financial support, the REALeaders and others will provide vital assistance to help the institute continue its important work in promoting ethics to improve our campus, community and world.

clemson.edu/ethics/REA
The Rutland Institute's Extensive Activities

• Leads workshops on integrating ethics across the curriculum both here in the United States and internationally

• Coordinates Clemson’s Presidential Colloquium, providing students, faculty and community a chance to explore ethics themes through various events

• Partners with chambers of commerce, civic and University groups, and other institutions to present ethics-related forums, seminars, symposia and expert panels

• Offers businesses and civic and educational organizations the Rutland Ethics Toolbox, an ethics approach and decision framework

• Sponsors the J.T. Barton, Jr. Ethics Essay Scholarship Competition encouraging reflection on ethical challenges

• Collaborates with schools, businesses and University groups to help middle and high school students increase knowledge and skills in applying ethical judgment

• Supports the International Center for Academic Integrity, a consortium of over 360 institutions, since its 2007 elective relocation from Duke

• Sponsored Clemson’s 2008 national championship Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl team

• Co-sponsored the National Survey of CEOs on Business Ethics — the first comprehensive random survey of its type