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Dear Middle School Parent,

Congratulations! Your student has been nominated by their middle school counselor to experience Clemson University's C-CATS program in the Spring of 2025.

**C-CATS, *Clemson's Challenge for Academically Talented Students***, has been a fixture in South Carolina for nearly a decade. This program is designed for high-achieving middle and high school students. The Middle School track focuses on developing leadership and team building skills in your students, while also introducing them to Clemson University.

Throughout the weekend, students will have the opportunity to engage in exciting adventure-based activities that test their relational and leadership skills. They will participate in team-building activities that strengthen their ability to work with others. Students will learn critical thinking skills that will help them navigate the challenges of school. Students will be paired with Clemson University students who will guide them through the fun activities and who will share their experiences as a current college student. The highlight of the weekend will be a guided university tour given by current Clemson students.

The cost of each session is \$450 and includes lodging, meals, activities, and a tour of Clemson. To maintain a high-quality, personalized program, **sessions are reserved for only 32 students.** Sessions fill up quickly, so if you are interested in C-CATS we encourage you to complete the registration process as soon as ***registration opens on January 8, 2025 at 9:00 am.*** To register online, type the following link into your internet browser and follow instructions to complete registration:

[c-cats.org/register](https://c-cats.org/register)

Please contact us at [info@c-cats.org](mailto:info@c-cats.org) with registration questions. We hope you will join us this spring! To learn more about the program and see session dates, please visit our website at [www.c-cats.org](http://www.c-cats.org). We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

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