

Gates to speak to Clemson students Monday

BY ERIC SPROTT
THE JOURNAL

CLEMSON — Clemson University students will be presented the rare opportunity to rub elbows with the world's richest man come Monday afternoon.



Gates

Bill Gates, the co-founder of Microsoft, will host a question-and-answer session entitled "A Conversation with Bill Gates: The Future Generation's Role in Addressing the World's Greatest Challenges" in the Tillman Hall auditorium from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Tickets to the free event — available only to Clemson students and a limited number of faculty and staff — were snatched up in 10 minutes, according to Inside Clemson's Twitter account.

Gates, who turns 60 today, has a net worth of \$79.4 billion, according to the latest figures from Forbes. He co-founded Microsoft with Paul Allen in 1975 and eventually stepped down as the

corporation's chairman early last year. Gates is also among the world's leading philanthropists, having donated billions of dollars through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to expand educational opportunities and access to information technology in the U.S. and enhance health care and reduce extreme poverty in the world.

Doors to the auditorium — which has a full capacity of 840 — will open Monday at 2:30 p.m. and close at 4 p.m. The event will be streamed live on ClemsonTV at newsstand.clemson.edu/tv.