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Dear supporters of the Myers-Lawson School of Construction at Virginia Tech,

Thank you for all of the endless support you have offered to our programs during the 2008-2009 academic year. As budget cuts hit every program at Virginia Tech it is more pressing than ever to seek outside funding. Below is a list of opportunities which directly affect the learning outcomes of our students as we encourage scholarship, professional growth, and innovation that you can support. .

### **Service Learning Scholarship (\$5000)**

*Every spring, select students participate in an authentic design construction experience in a developing country. Projects have included a water distribution system and bridge building in Vietnam. This year we hope to complete a school house improvement project in Belize.*

### **Student Competitions: Regional and National (\$1000-\$4000)**

*Every fall and spring, the top students in our programs are selected to represent Virginia Tech in national, and regional competitions hosted by organizations such as ABC, AGC, ASC, and NAHB. Funds are needed to support the equipment needed to perform and compete against other universities and travel.*

### **Study Abroad Scholarship (\$2000)**

*Every winter break the Department of Building Construction offers a study abroad trip to Spain and Portugal; for most students this is a life-changing experience. Through visits to several major historic sites and cities including Granada and Lisbon, the trip exposes students to historical and cultural experiences unique to the Iberian Peninsula with special attention to buildings, structures, and architecture.*

### **Student Group Professional Conferences/Workshops (\$1000-\$2000)**

*Student organizations (i.e. Construction Management Association of America chapter) represent Virginia Tech at regional and national conferences which provide professional growth and networking opportunities for young professionals in construction. Funds are needed for travel and conference registration costs.*

### **Social/Networking Events (\$500-\$1000)**

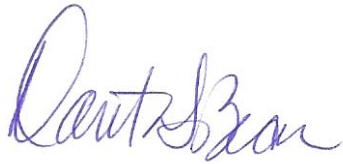
*Students are encouraged to attend social events involving alumni, board members, and firms like yours to*

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*provide a casual interface between students and professionals. These events include football tailgates, banquets, and receptions. Funds are needed for the school to host the event with no cost to students.*

The Myers-Lawson School of Construction faculty and members are proud of its programs, research, outreach initiatives, focus on professional development, and most importantly student involvement. Thank you for keeping these programs going as Virginia Tech remains a premier construction education institution. Please contact me at 540-231-1924 or [dannette@vt.edu](mailto:dannette@vt.edu) for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dannette Beane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dannette Beane

Coordinator of Outreach and Career Development