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Dear Colleagues,

Much has been said and done, countless condolences sent, and ongoing remembrances paid to honor those lives lost in the tragedy at Virginia Tech last month. For us in the engineering and academic communities, many of the victims were friends and part of our communities. Even the days that have passed have not helped give this devastating event the perspective we each seek.

The loss to our community is one of young lives with promise for the future cut short, and of the wisdom of experienced and seasoned professionals to light the way to a brighter tomorrow now gone.

ASME has responded to the tragedy in a very tangible way. A gift of \$25,000 has been extended to the Virginia Tech College of Engineering to be used to meet short-term critical needs. Your society has made another gift of \$25,000 to The ASME Foundation to start an ASME/Virginia Tech Memorial Scholarship to assist graduate students in pursuing advanced engineering degrees.

We invite you to join us in supporting this memorial by considering a gift to build this legacy. Your contribution will help establish and grow the memorial, which will assist graduate level students specifically at VT. Perhaps more importantly, your gift will help memorialize those whose lives were prematurely taken in a senseless act, and honor those survivors whose courage was heroic.

Won't you take a moment today to make out your check to The ASME Foundation/VT Memorial Fund, and send it to Three Park Avenue, 23N3, New York, NY 10016-5990? You can also make your gift online: go to <https://secure.asme.org/foundation/pledge.cfm> .

In the name of all those we remember, please help us ensure that a spirit of hope for the future prevails at VT and throughout the engineering community.

Sincerely,

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