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Virginia State University (VSU) Alumni, President and CEO of Concord Crossroads, LLC, Lieutenant Colonel Claude A. Wood frequently answers the call from VSU to give back for multiple purposes. In the Legacy Issue of the VSU Alumni Magazine, Summer of 2016, Mr. Wood, Class of 1977 (College of Business) was highlighted for establishing an Endowed Scholarship to benefit VSU students, with preference given to those majoring in Agriculture or Business from Mecklenburg County, Virginia. He credits God for his ability to donate and hopes he sets an example for other loyal Trojans. "I am so grateful and blessed that God has put me in a position to give and that I am responding. It is much easier to be the giver than to be the person in need," said Mr. Wood. "I hope that my gifts will inspire others to do similarly."

Presently, 9% of VSU alumni support their alma mater through various forms of giving such as scholarships, tuition assistance, annual fund, and endowments. President Abdullah is committed to providing a transformative experience to the VSU students with the alumni donations by continuing to expand academic opportunities for students; pursuing an aggressive research agenda; recruiting and retaining top quality senior management, faculty, staff, and students; maximizing the fundraising opportunities; and strengthening community outreach throughout Virginia and beyond.





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Mr. Wood has been an active alumni supporter in many ways in the past. In May of 2016, LTC Wood was honored by President Abdullah for alumni whose donations exceeded \$50,000. Alumni Wood established an Endowed Scholarship for students who major in Business and Agriculture. During the May ceremony, Mr. Wood was recognized with a plaque that reads, "Claude Allen Wood '77, LTC US ARMY (RET) Endowment Fund, In Recognition for Outstanding Support to Virginia State University May 2016." In honor of his contribution, this plaque was placed on the wall of the VSU Reginald F. Lewis College of Business. Prior to May, Mr. Wood was an active member and inductee into the VSU Powell Society. On October 17, 2015, the ten inductees bequeathed over \$300,000 by making provisions for the university with a will, life insurance policy, or other planned gift arrangement. The legacy of Alumni Wood will live on for generations through this gift for VSU students. Such an act of commitment underscores his strong belief that "the value of our HBCUs is as important today as it was in the very beginning."

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