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Obama Proclaims National Day of Service & Remembrance

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“We shall draw from the heart of suffering itself the means of inspiration and survival.”
WINSTON CHURCHILL

Sunday, September 11th, 2011 is the 10th anniversary of the tragedy from the September 11, 2001 attacks. The memory of a dark day is being better remembered through the spirited light of service. This coming 9/11, is expected by some to be the single largest demonstration of charitable service in America’s history.

Inspired by visionary people who suffered loss on 9/11, community groups sought a way to honor those who lost their lives in a fitting tribute. The intentions of these hearts has endured and in an honorable and compassionate way, 9/11 is no longer a day of loss and mourning, as it is now a day of remembrance and service.

In 2009 President Obama signed into law the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, designating September 11th as a national day of service. Consistent with President Obama’s “United We Serve” national call to service, the having 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance is a spirited exercise in nationalism.

The website (911dayofservice.org) is designed to help people find opportunities to serve. Also available are 9/11 education resource materials designed to educate our youth about the events of the day and how through service the victims of the attack can be productively respected.

From those education materials came the headline quote and the following, “In 2009, more than 5 million people participated in community service projects—both large and small—including reading to children, volunteering at homeless shelters, building houses, and cleaning up town parks and beaches."

The national nonprofit organization MyGoodDeed Inc. oversees the National Day of Service and Remembrance, with the vision in mind to craft this observance as a forward looking legacy. The HandsOn Network is another Program leader in the days observance.

The HandsOn Network, the volunteer division of the Points of Lights Institute, includes participation in 16 countries throughout the world, more than 250 HandsOn Action Centers demonstrating its influence as the single largest volunteer network in the country.

More information as to how you may become engaged in the National Day of Service can be found at, www.911dayofservice.org.
The events of September 11th, 2001 led to the loss of two lives in our Pacific Family, one being Barbara Olson, who we seek to honor in this tribute.

Barbara Olson, a rising star as a political commentator, was married to well known and respected Pacific alumnus Ted Olson. If courage means “mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty” as defined by Merriam-Webster, Mrs. Olson proved her abundance of courage in her life until it ended on Flight 77 crashing into the Pentagon.

November 16th, 2001 the 1st annual Barbara K. Olson Memorial Lecture was delivered by her widower, then United States Solicitor General, Hon. Theodore B. Olson, in a series under the guidance of the Federalist Society in Washington D.C.

In that address, he issued these words:

“Abraham Lincoln was paraphrasing our declaration of independence when he characterized our nation as having been ‘conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.’ That revolutionary document set down our collective belief in unalienable human rights to liberty, freedom and equality, the proposition that governments derive their powers from the consent of the governed, the principle that tyrants who would oppress their people are unfit to be rulers of a free people, and the right to the pursuit of happiness. How can these terrorists ever prevail if these American ideals are not only allowed to be expressed, but to succeed so dramatically, and to inspire so many people throughout the world for so many centuries?

The answer is simple, the terrorists of September 11th cannot prevail in a world occupied by the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and its Bill of Rights, the Emancipation Proclamation, the Gettysburg Address, the Statue of Liberty, the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, the Capitol, the Supreme Court, and the White House. They cannot co-exist with these ideals, these principles, these institutions and these symbols. So they cannot survive, much less prevail, in the same world as America and its people.”

—Josh Chipponeri

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Deora Bodley

The events of September 11th, 2001 led to the loss of two lives in our Pacific Family, one being Deora Bodley, who we seek to honor in this tribute.

Deora Bodley, daughter of Derrill and Deborah (Borza) Bodley, died aboard United Flight 93 on September 11, 2001. For this issue, The Pacifican feels our place is to let the families’ lives speak to this matter.

Following Deora’s tragic death, Pacific faculty member Derrill Bodley composed a piece “Steps to Peace.” At the White House reception for all of the families of those who perished on Flight 93, Professor Bodley presented a copy of the work to President Bush before playing piano for those attending. A version of “Steps to Peace” was included on the Dave Brubeck Quartet album London Fiat, London Sharp with Telarc Records. This is one act in a life dedicated to peace and compassion.

“Deora was an individual who made a difference everywhere she went and she set an example all of us could learn from. She was described by her mother, Deborah Borza (VP of Project Team) as a “young, vibrant woman, fiercely independent, who loved her freedom.” Today, Deora continues to be an inspiration for myself and many Project Team volunteers. We honor her with any success that our program encounters.”

Jason Woody President, Project Team.

The Mission Statement for Project Team, “Project Team’s volunteers set the standard for social responsibility within communities by mentoring youth and addressing issues such as poverty, hunger, and the environment through various service initiatives. Project Team’s outreach focuses on teamwork as it believes collaborative effort is the driving force that inspires positive change.”

“If I would just live for the moment, and make every moment count, maybe the future would work out. Maybe that moment would be a doorway to the future.”

Deora Bodley (1981-2001)

—Josh Chipponeri

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September 11, 2001, a bright sunny morning, crystal clear, sparkling blue; a perfect Indian Summer day in Washington, D.C. A travel day, I was flying from Washington's Dulles Airport to San Francisco. Normally, I would have been on an early morning flight. Not that day. I needed a haircut, so booked an afternoon flight from Dulles.

Turned on the TV, to catch a California weather report, just in time to see the second plane crash into the World Trade Center. Listened for a bit, went on to the haircutter. There, my wife Margaret called. A CVS pharmacist in Fort My version, she had been ordered to evacuate, a possible bomb in the State Department parking garage across the street. Margaret walked to the haircutter's shop. From there we started home together. Traffic in total gridlock, inching slowly forward in our car, we crossed the 14th Street Bridge into Georgetown. Looking straight down the Potomac River, we saw it; the horrendous, terrifying sight of the Pentagon, heart of America's military might, wreathed in billowing black smoke, fiercely shooting sheets of flame, splashed against the deep blue September sky. At that moment, we felt the full impact of what had transpired that day. The Nation's Capital had been attacked! America was under siege! It was one of the most chilling, most sobering moments of our lives. The unbelievable, truly awful sight of that burning Pentagon building seared into our minds; along with the shattering realization, it can happen here. That day, we experienced how quickly and easily a single blow from an unknown unseen enemy could shatter our safe, secure, comfortable world.

In the days following, we saw how the Nation was drawn together; how we turned to each other for comfort, solace, understanding. In the many memorials that took place, a sense of renewal, of purpose... of unity emerged, as it swept across America's communities large and small. Let us not forget 9-11. Rather, let us hope such renewal, purpose and unity are the long-term blessings that our country takes away from that dreadful, fateful day. More than that, let us each work to make it so.

Dedication to great causes and principles, working for peace in our time, and giving back to our community by providing service to others. Our service project will be an opportunity to mark this day by planting olive trees at a neighboring mosque, a neighboring synagogue, and a neighboring church. Some would argue that religions cause the deepest divisions in our country and world. At Pacific, we are instead working to honor and model mutual understanding and mutual realization of the values that are shared in common among faith traditions and beliefs.

"Every brush with death is a brush with life," Rabbi Lawrence Kushner has written. What has our brush with 9-11 led us to understand about our own future, about the imperative to understand, to improve our interdependency in the world, and the need to listen to our neighbors so that we might live, work, and study in the community we envision? President Obama has named the tenth anniversary of 9-11 A National Day of Remembrance and Service. That message—that through tragedy can come renewal, if we come together around our common humanity and if we are thoughtful and intentional about what can be learned — is the message that great leaders give, and that President Obama asks of us now. It is the message of Abraham Lincoln asking the soldiers at Gettysburg to secure the freedom for which Union soldiers had given their lives; it is the message of Martin Luther King who asked that civil rights activists not resort to violence but instead "rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force;" and it was the message of Robert Kennedy on the eve of the assassination of Martin Luther King when he told the country that they faced a choice; they could feed their anger, pushing the nation toward more division and more hatred. Or they could follow the path Dr. King laid out for them and "replace that violence, that stain of bloodshed that has spread across our land, with an effort to understand.

Last year, to contribute to the effort to understand, Pacific responded to President Obama in his Better Together campaign through the promotion of interfaith dialogue on campus. Launched a few years ago, the Better Together campaign has the Interfaith Living-Learning Community in Grace Cowell Hall. We employed a Lutheran minister, rabbi, and Muslim lay leader to work together when our multifaith chaplain was on leave. We met with Bishop Desmond Tutu. This year, Pacific was chosen as one of the founding universities of the President's Interfaith and Community Service Challenge that has a specific goal to make the world better, together. Last year on the anniversary of 9-11, President Obama said if there is a lesson to be drawn (from 9-11), it is this: "we are one nation - one people - bound not only by grief, but by a set of common ideals. And that by giving back to our communities, by serving people in need, we reaffirm our ideals - in defiance of those who would do us grave harm. We prove that the sense of responsibility that we felt for one another was not a fleeting passion - but a lasting virtue."

Come join us on 9-11 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in front of the DeRosa Center to affirm the Pacifican ideals with your presence and participation.

Dave Frederickson
Services for Students

Allyson Seals
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Morris Chapel, along with many other services offered by Pacific, often goes unrecognized by students. Interim Multifaith Chaplain, Dyan Hollenhorst, has spoken out in reference to this, keeping in mind that the period around midterms and finals, September 11th is around the corner.

Hollenhorst added, "I am here if any students need to talk."

Morris Chapel offers a student-led Catholic Mass on Sundays at 8 PM for those that identify with Catholicism. The Chapel also has a newly created "Sacred Space" on the first floor. Chaplain Hollenhorst explained, "The Sacred Space is a place where students, faculty, and staff of non-Christian traditions can gather together for worship."

Beyond the normal church services offered to students and faculty, the chapel also has services offered in times of crisis. "In times of questioning, tragedy, or in need of spiritual guidance," Hollenhorst added, "the best place to start is Sears Hall. Sears Hall is on the west side of Morris Chapel, on the side closest to Grace Covell Hall. Sears Hall is now the center of the chapel offices and where students can seek out religious counseling, if need be.

Hollenhorst and the rest of the Morris Chapel staff wants students, staff and faculty to remember that they are here to help in times of tragedies.

To help fight the "senselessness" Hollenhorst describes, she urges students to do something kind, especially on the upcoming National Day of Service. "Sometimes it's enough to simply smile at somebody," she remarked.

Morris Chapel, itself, on September 11th will be one of the main players in a September 11th Ceremony being held in front of the University Center, at the Reflection Pool. The event will begin at 11 AM and will include numerous students of different religious groups from around campus.

Interim Multifaith Chaplain, Dyan Hollenhorst, can be reached by calling 209.946.3262. If you are not interested in speaking with her directly, though, she urges students and staff to remember that "Morris chapel is here and it's open. It is a wonderful place of peace & a wonderful place to just stop and gather your thoughts."

Other Campus Services:

Victim's Advocacy Program
209.403.0250

Public Safety Emergency
209.946.3911

Counseling Services
209.946.2315 ext. 2
Reaching “Beyond Our Gates”

Dr. Robert Benedetti
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE JACOBY CENTER

It was an accident of fate that the Jacoby Center for Public Service and Civic Leadership began the same year the United States suffered the tragedy of 9/11. However, the success of the Center over this past decade is intertwined with the nation’s reaction to those tragic events. Over the past ten years, college students and university faculties have intensified their efforts to reach out beyond campus walls and to engage with their communities as a way to reaffirm the commitment of citizens to each other.

The Jacoby Center is a manifestation of this engagement at Pacific. Through the Center, our students and our faculty have partnered with local schools to produce after school programming, provided tutoring to help elementary school students learn... and facilitated conversations between the leaders of Stockton and its sister city in Empalme, Mexico. The Center has provided internships with agencies private and public in the City of Stockton, San Joaquin County, Sacramento, and Washington, DC. It has launched leadership programs to strengthen civic leadership among undergraduates and local residents.

When Pacific’s President Pam Eibeck decided to reach out to the community, the Jacoby Center responded by helping to organize the Bayou: Our Gates Forums and the upcoming Dialogues of Distinction. In sum, the spirit of 9/11 has continued to inform the Jacoby Center over these ten years, since that horrendous date and to remind us all of the critical importance of citizenship, as well as the obligation to serve, that it requires of us all.

History Books to be Marked With Largest Day of Service

David Paine
PRESIDENT AND CO-FOUNDER MYGOODDEED INC.

Our hopeful mission, by annually organizing the 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance (“9/11 Day”), is to provide a positive and forward-looking way for Americans and others to forever honor and remember the 9/11 victims, survivors, and the many that rose in service in response to the 9/11 tragedy, including first responders, recovery workers, volunteers, public safety officers and members of our military. It is easy and free to participate. All you need to do (joining millions of others around the world) is observe the anniversary of 9/11 by performing good deeds, supporting charitable causes, volunteering and engaging in other acts of compassion.

This year, for the 10-year anniversary of 9/11, our nonprofit group, MyGoodDeed, is partnering with HandsOn Network to co-lead efforts to organize the single largest day of charitable service in United States history. Please feel free to take a moment to view some of our touching Public Service messages by visiting YouTube.com/911dayofs. Also visit and “like” our 9/11 Day Facebook (FACEBOOK.COM/911DAY) page, and follow-us on Twitter (TWITTER.COM/911DAY).

The 9/11 Day Observance was originally created in 2002 by two friends, David Paine and Jay Winuk, who lost his younger brother Glenn, a volunteer firefighter and EMT, in the attack on the World Trade Center on 9/11. Since then, more than one million people from all 50 states and 165 nations have visited the group’s website.

9/11: The Tribute Movement

Anne O’Neill
VICE PRESIDENT, COMMUNICATIONS POINTS OF LIGHT INSTITUTE

The goal of the 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance is to create a permanent and positive legacy rekindling the spirit of unity that existed immediately after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, and honoring the 9/11 victims, heroes and all those who rose in service in response to the terrorist attacks that changed our nation.

To accomplish this, the 9/11 nonprofit MyGoodDeed and HandsOn Network, the volunteer activation division of Points of Light Institute, have joined together to encourage all Americans to commemorate the anniversary of Sept. 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance, leading the efforts to inspire one million acts of charitable service in tribute to the victims, survivors and those who rose to service in response to the attacks 10 years ago. To post your own 9/11 Day tribute, please visit www.911day.org.

I will Join the 9/11 Tribute Movement
Out of the Ashes...

HOPE ARISES

Ann Johnston, Mayor of Stockton

“The events of September 11, 2001 provide us with a dramatic wake-up call to become engaged with each other at every level of our society. As a former Peace Corps Volunteer who served in Iran during the 1960’s I heard President John F. Kennedy’s call to service in his immortal words: “Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.”

Each of us must use our talents to bring understanding, tolerance, and peace to our nation and the world. It is what you and I must do to honor the victims of the 9/11 attack in this turbulent world.”

---Ann Johnston
Mayor
City of Stockton

As a young man recently enlisted in the Marines, I knew what the attacks of 9/11 meant. America was going to war, and I was going with them. It seemed near impossible to process that then, and I certainly had no idea what war was like. I was just a kid from Stockton, with the best of intentions, but no real understanding of what lie ahead of me.

I wouldn’t run to Canada or anywhere else, I’d just shut my mouth and go. That’s all. Ten years later, I realize how much I could have lost, and don’t take for granted the fact that I’m alive and well now. To move past tragedy, to move beyond my own experience, I’ve learned not to be so strong and silent anymore. I share my stories with others and meet with people who share theirs with me, and that’s enough to keep moving.”

---Victor Inzunza
Founder of Pacific’s Veteran Writing Circle

“I have been asked to write about my reflections concerning the 9/11 National Day of Service. My hope is that this day will provide the necessary push for Pacific students and local citizens to become permanently involved in serving this great country of ours.

Whether it spent cleaning up your local community, volunteering to serve the less fortunate, or welcoming a Pacific Student Veteran to your classroom, your efforts, even on a single day, will make a huge impact. Plus, here’s something else. It will make you feel good. Pacific students are leaders. Share your leadership skills on 9/11.”

---Captain Bob Bechill
United States Navy
Retired
Serve for your Country,
Serve for Yourself

Remembering Tragedy Today:
Helping St. Jude Children’s Hospital

Allyson Seals
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital opened in 1962 and since then, has dedicated its mission to helping children diagnosed with cancer and other threatening diseases. According to St. Jude, the hospital is “the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatment not covered by insurance. No child is ever denied treatment because of the family’s inability to pay.” Through the research conducted at St. Jude, the survival rate of children affected by cancer and treated at St. Jude has jumped to 80 percent in recent years.

Because St. Jude Children’s Hospital does not require monetary payment for families without health insurance, programs such as Up ‘til Dawn have been created to help assist St. Jude. Mena Her, Executive Director of Pacific’s Up ‘til Dawn campaign states, “Up ‘til Dawn is a nationwide movement.”

Up ‘til Dawn is now a program being implemented at approximately 250 schools in the United States. It is a campaign focused around the idea of students writing letters to friends and family members asking for donations for St. Jude.

Pacific’s 2011 Up ‘til Dawn campaign is being referenced to as the “Up ‘til Dawn 2.0 Plan.” The 2.0 Plan will be an ongoing event that will last until November 3rd, when the large celebration will actually take place on behalf of Up ‘til Dawn. The final event will be held on this date in the UC Ballroom from 7:30 to 11:30 PM.

From September 20th, when the Kick-Off Party will occur (where students can register to become a part of an Up ‘til Dawn team) to November 3rd, groups will continue to raise money for St. Jude via donation letters.

Even though Up ‘til Dawn is an ongoing event meant in a more entertaining fashion, Mena Her wants to remind students that there is a real reason behind the purpose of Up ‘til Dawn. Her states, “It’s almost unimaginable how strong the children who get treated at St. Jude are. It makes me proud to be apart of the Up ‘til Dawn program because at this point, funding is the best way we can support St. Jude.”

Because Up ‘til Dawn will be beginning their campaign on Pacific’s campus right after the National Day of Service wraps up in September, Her pleads service to students by saying, “I want everyone to think about what they can do in their lives to promote service.”

Mena Her, Executive Director, can be contacted by emailing m_her@u.pacific.edu. More information on this event and how to get involved can also be obtained on the “Pacific Up ‘til Dawn” Facebook page or by going to www.stjude.org/utd.

Service in Life:
Promoting Respect, Not Hate

Bill Coen
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ALUMNI RELATIONS

United Way Board Member for 10 years, recently completed term as Chair for 2010-11.

My commitment to service is more than one day or an event; it is a culture I think people should commit to everyday. My goal is to continue to be a resource to my community and help improve the lives of others and the conditions of those underserved.

The Tragedy of 9/11 will always serve as a disappointment to humanity.
We must learn to live and respect other’s cultures and values without violence or the indignity of immoral acts.
Ways to Serve Pacific & the Community

Council of Social Entrepreneurs

Lydia Wassan
MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL FOR UNIVERSITY SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS

The Council for University Social Entrepreneurs provides internship opportunities, platforms for discussion, and workshops on practical skills for the University community. Whether you are interested in serving disadvantaged communities locally or globally the council provides opportunities that allow everyone to get involved. We help you to help others.

STORM: High School Mentoring

Ty-Licia Hooker
STORM EXECUTIVE MEMBER

STORM stands in the shadow of Dr. King in believing that Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve... You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. STORM is striving, not only within our organization, but we are striving with the Stockton community, and the youth to overcome some of the cities biggest ills. We do so resilience, because we understand that systematic change does not come over night and also with motivation. We highly believe that for every person we can motivate and encourage through our individual and shared testimonies we can change this city from most "miserable" to most "considerable" change.

Alpha Phi Omega

Michael Pham
PRESIDENT
ALPHA PHI OMEGA

Service is a fundamental aspect of Alpha Phi Omega to help develop strong student leaders through self-led projects and to create a connection with others by participating in service programs that reach out to the nation, community, and campus.

The United States Military

Rebecca Mich
U.S. COAST GUARD RESERVE 87-01
STATIONED AT GOLDEN GATE

I chose to serve as a Coast Guard Reserve while teaching sailing in college. I dedicated my life to the search and rescue of those lost to the sea. Family priorities redirected the course of my life, though a part of me will forever be in the service and always in service. This National Day of Service is resonant to me and my family with honor as my son will be a true legacy representing both the United States Coast Guard and compassion at Ground Zero on 9/11.

The Coast Guard taught me that leveraging differences with respect to diversity strengthens teams when the mission is priority fueled by compassion. OUR National Day of Service is a commitment to honor these differences in the face of great adversity where indeed it is these very differences that strive to divide us. The mission of peace defines and unifies our team of a diverse University, Nation, and World.

CCI & The Reach Out Program

Chelsea Wood
CCI REACH OUT COORDINATOR

The Center for Community Involvement is built and run on the three pillars of education, action and service. We believe that through tutoring, volunteer programs and increased awareness about the Stockton community and the larger world, we can spark change that resonates beyond the doors of Pacific.

Community Involvement Program

Levi Scott
MEMBER OF CIP

The Community Involvement Program. It says it all in the name, our mission is to give back to the community we come from and make it better. It is because of CIP we are given the opportunity to better ourselves at Pacific and to give back to our community.