

REMEMBERING 9/11

Memories of attacks still fresh for New Yorkers at IU

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Most IU students will never forget the events that took place Sept. 11, 2001, but for sophomore Lauren Marinelli and several others, the actions of that day literally hit a lot closer to home than the typical IU undergraduate.

Marinelli, a Long Island resident in 2001, was at school when she found out a plane had hit the tower where her father was having a business meeting.

"You don't really realize that something could happen to your family, and that was really hard for me," Marinelli said. "Trying to figure out where my dad was and what happened to him was something that tore me apart all day. Finding out he was OK was very relieving."

Unfortunately, many other students weren't so lucky. Throughout the day, students were

pulled from classes by their parents to go home, while others held on to desperate hopes that their parents had survived the attacks.

As confusion spread, classes were canceled and business stopped. The country began to get a better idea of what had happened, and rumors students had heard in school were put to rest.

"I was in Italian, and I remember hearing that somebody said that a plane went into the Empire State Building, which was the first rumor that went around," said sophomore Adam Green. "Then someone said that the World Trade Center had been bombed, and then we found out that an actual plane hit it."

Green said that his mother was caught in the city and had to stay overnight in an apartment.

"She said it was the most chaotic thing. She told me that she saw the actual plane hit when she was working at NBC and said that it was something out of a movie – like something that

you could never imagine seeing with your own two eyes."

For many New Yorkers, the wounds of Sept. 11 haven't healed completely as it's only been five years since the loss of thousands of family members and friends.

"Everything is still fresh and all of the emotions, the devastation are still kind of lingering," Marinelli said. "(For) a lot of my family friends and people that I went to school with who have lost parents and have lost relatives, it's still an open wound. No one's really completely healed."

The recent recreations of Sept. 11 in movies such as "World Trade Center" and "United 93" have caused mixed emotions in the New York community.

"I'd like to say that it's not too soon, but as a New Yorker, it is way too soon," Marinelli said. "I think with time, the hurt will subside, but it

will definitely take some time to heal from."

Green also said he felt it might be too soon. "It's just too fresh in our minds," Green said. "I can still remember seeing every single detail on the news, seeing the buildings fall."

The images of that day are likely to never leave the thoughts and memories of those who were so closely impacted and changed by the attacks.

"The way I look at that day, it's like older people know when JFK was shot. I think our generation's going to know where we were when we found out about 9/11," said sophomore Benjie Perlson.

Five years later, the images of two falling buildings have been forever engraved in the minds of Americans.

"I just hope that no one ever forgets what actually happened," Green said.

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Where were you when the World Trade Center towers went down?



"In eighth grade, the teachers all got notes but were told not to react. I didn't find out until the end of the day. I watched it on TV. It was like awe. Pure awe. Raw emotion."

Jessica Schultz
Freshman



"I was sitting in class. Everybody was completely shocked. No one knew how to react. It's hard to explain how you feel. I wasn't there, but it's still my country."

Jenna Walker
Sophomore



"It was a big shock. It opened my eyes a lot. You hear of them (terrorist attacks) but don't really think it will happen."

Chelsea Yocham
Sophomore



"It was like I was in a movie or something. It didn't seem real. Unless it really hit home, a lot of people aren't as fazed as they should be."

Jonathan Klein
Junior



"I was watching CNN with my uncle, who is Arab. The second we saw the plane hit, he just said, 'Oh my god!' It's a fear we hadn't experienced before then."

Sarah Almuhaire
Sophomore who was in the United Arab Emirates during the attacks



"It was definitely the most historic wartime event that I'd ever seen or been a part of. I'm never going to feel as safe as I used to."

Josh Barth
Sophomore



"It was kind of chilling to realize it's such a huge space, and now there's like nothing there."

Doug Goodman
Junior



"I have family that lived there, so I wanted to call home to see if they were OK because they live in Manhattan. It didn't seem real."

Jessica Rubenstein
Freshman



"I spoke to my mom and she said from the apartment (in Long Island) she could see the smoke from the buildings. I was very scared, nervous, all the feelings you don't want to have."

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"I was in ballet in tights and a leotard. I had to go to an emergency meeting still wearing them."

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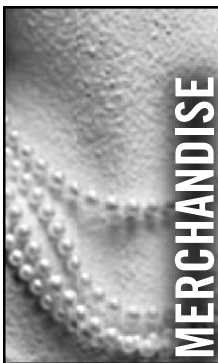
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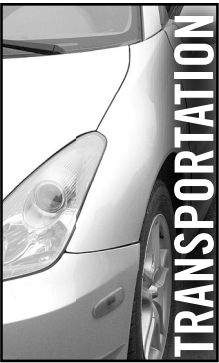
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Sept. 11 scholarships honor victims

Fund created by IUSF in memory of 3 parents of IU alumni

By Carly Dachis
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Five years later, some might find it difficult to look at the clock at 8:45 a.m. and not think about what happened Sept. 11 only a half-decade ago.

For 2005 IU graduate Rachel Jacobson, it's not just Sept. 11 that it's difficult to cope with the death of her father.

"It's not so black and white," Jacobson said. "It's a hard time of year for everyone, and I want to remember the good things. I want to treat it as a celebration of his life and not a remembrance of how he died."

In 2002, Jacobson did just that by helping establish the IU Student Foundation's 9/11 Scholarship Fund. The fund finances three memorial scholarships each year, and this year's applications will come out in early October.

Jenny Bruffey, director of IUSF, said the fund began because three IU students lost their fathers at the World Trade Center, and so many other IU students were affected.

"A lot of our scholarships are established by alumni, but this one is just different because of how tragic it was,"

Bruffey said.

IUSF began fundraising for the scholarships in 2001 by donating proceeds from Little 500 races and asking for alumni support. According to a 2002 press release, in addition to the \$49,616.42 IUSF raised, Lawrence D. Glaubinger, a 1949 IU graduate who lived in New York City at the time of the attacks, matched what IUSF raised.

Following Glaubinger's gift, other Indiana and East Coast residents responded to the news of the scholarship and donated an additional \$7,000 to the fund.

IUSF then met with the three students and their families in order to establish the criteria for the three scholarships to be awarded each year in memory of each of the students' fathers who died in the attacks. Each family had the opportunity to select the criteria based on what aspects were most important to them.

"I know that when I was contemplating the criteria, the most important thing was that it reflected my father's beliefs and values," Jacobson said. "I was so lucky that I got to play an active role in the scholarship decision for as long as I did."

Bruffey said each scholarship is a little different, and some of the specific criteria include financial need, a 2.7 or higher grade point average, involvement in student or community activities and an

essay about the importance of family.

"I'm really touched that people took such a deep interest and care in making such a positive thing from something so negative," Jacobson said.

IUSF Student President Elliott Chapman is especially proud of this scholarship because it differs from the other awards available to students.

"It's a really meaningful way to give away money and help students at the same time," Chapman said. "It makes it more special, and it serves to remind people what happened that day and keep that in our minds."

Chapman said IUSF gives approximately \$80,000 in scholarships a year and has given more than a million dollars total since the organization was founded in 1950.

Applications for this year's 9/11 scholarships come out in early October and will be awarded at the IUSF scholarship banquet, to be scheduled for late November.

Jacobson said it's still difficult to cope on a daily basis and not just on the anniversary of her father's death, but she maintains a positive outlook and her own memorial.

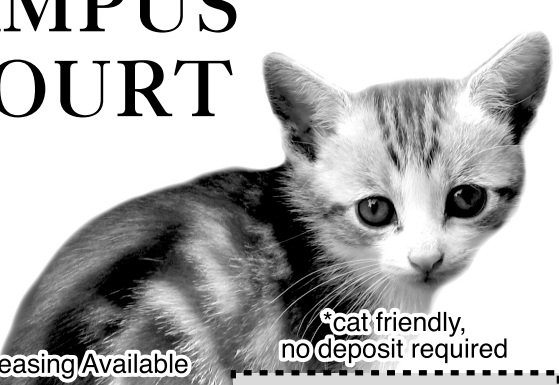
"He will remain with me in all my endeavors, wherever I go in life," she said. "I will never truly lose him because he is a part of me."

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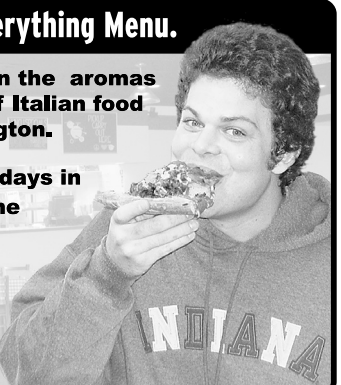
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