

SUNY DELHI TO REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11 WITH CEREMONY

DELHI, NY ... SUNY Delhi will hold a Ceremony of Remembrance Wednesday, September 11, at 4 p.m. near the college's Peace Pole, to mark the anniversary of the nation's tragic events and remember those who were lost that day.

Dr. Candace Vancko, SUNY Delhi president, and Rev. Martha Vink, chaplain, will offer words of remembrance and hope. Students and other faculty and staff will share their thoughts as well. Alumni Coordinator Kim MacLeod will dedicate the Peace Pole area as a place of remembrance for alumni who perished. The Delhi Gospel Choir will invite those in attendance to join the group in singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth." Concluding the ceremony, a flock of white doves will be released to the sounds of bagpipes, and Rev. Vink will offer the Closing Benediction.

In addition to the Ceremony of Remembrance, the campus community will observe four moments of silence—at 8:46 a.m. when the first plane struck the World Trade Center; at 9:03 a.m., the moment of second impact; at 9:59, when the first tower collapsed; and at 10:29 a.m. when the remaining tower fell.

Throughout the day, student, faculty and staff volunteers will ring a memorial bell that will be located at the center of the Delhi campus. A ring will sound out every six seconds to commemorate each life loss in New York City, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania. A Wall of Remembrance, built by Delhi carpentry students, will give the campus community an opportunity to offer their personal thoughts. Counseling staff and peer counselors will be nearby for those who need help coping with the anniversary.

The community is welcome to attend. In the event of rain, the Ceremony of Remembrance will be held in the Farrell Hall Theater.