One year later...

"A Requiem for September 11" was performed by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra with the Westminster Symphonic Chorale at Liberty State Park, directly across from Ground Zero, in Jersey City. The concert was broadcast nationally on PBS and was shown simultaneously on both Rider's Lawrenceville and Westminster campuses the evening of the eleventh.

They were our neighbors, our husbands, our children, our sisters, our brothers, and our wives. They were our countrymen and our friends. They lost will burn with unending brightness.
- New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg

September 11 is the anniversary of the worst terrorist act in history. Let us today, once again, remember and mourn the dead. Let us give thanks to the fire fighters, the police, the ambulance and medical services, the ordinary citizens of New York. Their courage was the best answer to the terrorists' cruelty. Terrorist can kill and maim the innocent, but they have not won and they never will.
- Tony Blair, Prime Minister of Great Britain

Last year's annual Cranberry Fest turned into an open forum discussing the horrific events of earlier that morning. Father Bruno, Rider's Catholic Chaplain, Nancy Schieter, the Protestant Chaplain (far left), and President Ludeke offered comforting and reassuring words as hundreds of students gathered for what they thought would be a day of fun, not tears.

For those who lost loved ones, it has been a year of sorrow, of empty places, of newborn children who will never know their fathers here on earth. What our enemies have begun, we will finish.
- President George W. Bush

Even Rider’s Mascot, the Bronc, displayed his pride for his country. The American Flag was pinned on his back during a Men’s Basketball game immediately following the terrorist attacks. The crowd greeted his patriotism with a standing ovation and thunderous applause.

Dean Campbell comforts a student who is unable to use her cell phone to contact her family. Many other students had the same problem that afternoon as Americans nation-wide frantically called their loved ones.

The windows of the Art Gallery (right) on the top floor of the Student Center became a makeshift memorial to those affected by the tragic events of the year before.

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