Alumni Among the Dead in September 11 Attacks

Among the more than 6,000 dead in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were at least 31 individuals who have been identified as having been educated at Columbia University. They were lawyers, engineers, analysts, brokers and dot-com researchers. Two had been among the graduates at commencement last May; others had completed their studies on Morningside Heights years ago and gone on to executive success in the financial world. Along with their families, friends and classmates, the greater Columbia community mourns their loss:

Arts and Sciences, Gradu- ate School

Weisin Wang Ph.D., ’94, Earth and Environmental Sciences/Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Howard L. Kestenbaum Ph.D., ’72

Business School
Michael Berkley MBA ’97
Richard Gabriel MBA ’72
John Hartz MBA ’62
Joseph Mathai MBA ’76
Brian Murphy MBA ’87
Thomas Regan MBA ’98
Nasima Simjee MBA ’93
Harry Taback MBA ’84
Victor Wald, MBA ’76 (also listed under SIPA)

Columbia College

Tylor Ugolyn, BA ’01
Brooke Jackman, BA ’00
Richard Arnonov BA ’75
Seilai Kho BA ’86
Brian P. Williams BA ’94
Joseph della Pietra BA ’99
Robert Murach BA ’78

Engineering and Applied Science

Douglass Karpfolf MS ’71
Vassilios G. Haramis MS ’71
Daniel Bergstein BS ’84
Ronald Tartaro BS ’84, MS ’85
Leah Oliver, Class of 98
Paul V. Barbaro MS ’91

International and Public Affairs
Karen J. Kitzman, MIA ’98
Victor Wald, MBA ’75 (also listed under Business Law School
Matthew G. Leonard, JD, ’87
Paul A. Acquaviva, JD, ’97
Arlene F. Eddie JD, ’93

Continuing Education and Special Programs

Arnold Lim, certificate in analysis and design of information systems, ’01

In addition to these alumni, Columbia University mourns the loss of the relatives of alumni, current students, faculty and staff who are among the missing or deceased in the attacks.

Memorial Funds for Columbia Victims

Columbia University is aware of the following memorial foundations that have been established by family and friends honoring alumni victims of the September 11 attacks:

Paul A. Acquaviva Paul Acquaviva Memorial Scholarship Fund. Founded to annually benefit a scholar- athlete at Wayne Valley High School, NJ

The Law Offices of Ken- neth Kaplan, c/o Paul Acquaviva Memorial Scholarship Fund, 1071 Preakness Avenue, Wayne, NJ, 07470

Karen J. Kitzman
Columbia University-Klitz- man Fellowship.
Memorial Fellowship for the elimination of terrorism and the resolution of conflict at SIPA. Attn: Dean Lisa Anderson School of International and Public Affairs 420 West 118th Street New York, NY 10027

Robert Murach
Madison and Hayley Murach Education Fund 41 Watchung Plaza No 109 Montclair, NJ 07042

Brian Joseph Murphy
Williams College. The Brian J. Murphy Class of 1980 Memorial Fund P.O. Box 231 Williamstown, MA 01267

Tylor Ugolyn
The Tylor Ugolyn Foundation /c/o Ridgefield Bank Attn: Diane Brautigam P.O. Box 2050 Ridgefield, CT 06877-0050

Weibin Wang
Rockland Chinese Alliance Church In Help of Weibin Wang’s Family 251 Elmhurst Road Pearl River, NY 10975

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Kestenbaum, Social Work ’72, lived with his wife, Granvilette graduate of Williams College, he received a Ph.D. in physics in 1972 from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Graduate School of Engineering and Applied Technology Award for Cambridge Tech- nology Partners in 1998. He was a member of the technolo- gy committee at Buckingham Brown & Nicho School in Cambridge, which his son and daughter attend. Besides the children, he is survived by his wife, Teresa, four brothers and his mother.

Leah Oliver, SEAS ’98, had visited her family in Dart- mouth, Massachusetts, the weekend before the attacks. “We had an early birthday party for her,” said Norman Ben- jamin, a friend of her mother, Elizabeth Rego. Oliver would have turned 25 on Sept. 12. She had just started her job in risk management for Marsh USA, an insurance company, about two months ago. “She had a lot of drive,” Benjamin told the Boston Herald. “She did a lot in her short life.” Oliver, who lived in Brooklyn Heights, worked on the 96th Floor of the north tower.


Arnold Lim, 28, of New York, was involved in the analysis and design of information systems in Colum- bia’s Computer and Information Special Programs division last spring. A memorial service will take place on Oct. 6 at 2 PM, at the Immaculate Conception Church on East 144th Street. James Devitt contributed to this article.