

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, Graduate School

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

Business School

Michael Berkeley MBA '87
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

Tyler Ugolyn, BA '01

Brooke Jackman, BA '00
Richard Aronow BA '75
Seilai Khoo BA '86
Brian P. Williams BA '94
Joseph della Pietra BA '99
Robert Murach BA '78

Engineering and Applied Science

Douglas Karpiloff 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

General Studies

Theresa (Ginger) Risco, BA '80
Joshua Birnbaum, BA '01

Teachers' College

Alisha C. Levin MA '92

International and Public Affairs

Karen J. Klitzman, MIA '88
Victor Wald, MIA '75 (also listed under Business)

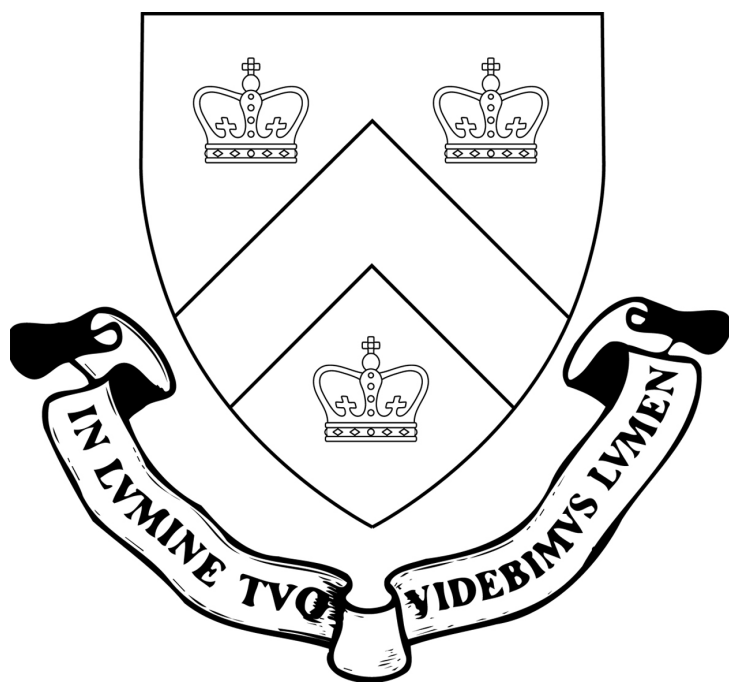
Law School

Matthew G. Leonard, JD, '87
Paul A. Acquaviva, JD, '97
Arlene E. Fried 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 those 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 Kenneth Kaplan, c/o Paul Acquaviva Memorial Scholarship Fund, 1071 Preakness Avenue, Wayne, NJ, 07470

Karen J. Klitzman

Columbia University-Klitzman 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

Tyler Ugolyn

The Tyler Ugolyn Foundation
c/o Ridgefield Bank
Attn: Diane Brautigam
P.O. Box 2050
Ridgefield, CT 06877-00950

Weibin Wang

Rockland Chinese Alliance Church In Help of Weibin Wang's Family
253 Ehrhardt Road
Pearl River, NY 10975

Columbia Remembers Alumni Lost World Trade Center Tragedy

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north tower. His parents reside on Staten Island. **Joshua Birnbaum**, GS'01, took a job with firm following graduation. The 24 year-old Long Island resident, who was born in Israel, studied economics while at Columbia.

Robert Murach, CC '78, was totally involved as a father in the lives of his two daughters, ages 9 and 6, in their suburban home in Montclair, New Jersey, his wife, Laurie Murach, said in an interview with the Newark Star Ledger. "From the time they were babies," she said, "he changed diapers, took them to dance classes, fed them. He'd play his CD's on the weekends and make up dances with them." Murach, 45, who grew up in Brooklyn, was a track star in high school and continued an active life on weekends and vacations, as a golfer and scuba diver. He remained close to six friends who were on the track team that won the city championship in 1974. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of that triumph, the group took a rafting trip to Utah in 1999. Murach, who graduated from Columbia with a degree in economics, was a senior vice president at Cantor Fitzgerald.

Howard Lee Kestenbaum, who received a Ph.D. in physics in 1972 from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, worked for Aon Corp. Risk Services in the south tower. A 1967 graduate of Williams College, he lived with his wife, Granvilette Kestenbaum, Social Work '72, in Montclair, New Jersey.

Tyler Ugolyn, 23, was one of the exuberant young graduates among the Columbia College Class of 2001 at the graduation ceremony on Low Plaza last May 16. Celebrating the moment, he and his buddies mischievously lit up fat cigars as their classmates looked on with amusement. Ugolyn played guard for two seasons on the Columbia basketball team and was known to other players as a generous, caring young man who was deeply spiritual. He was involved in a Catholic athletic group which met for weekly discussion and did volunteer work. Ugolyn, who lived with his parents and younger brother in Ridgefield, New Jersey, had only recently started work as a research associate for Fred Algar Management at the World Trade Center.

Nasima Simjee, Business '93, was an equity analyst at Fiduciary Trust who had just completed her qualifications as a certified financial analyst. She was smart and very ambitious, said a friend, Janet Lubas, Business '94. The two, who had met in Business School, frequently had dinner together after work to share confidences about their careers and lives, and, as single women, to compare notes on the New York dating scene. Both were unattached "so it was a kind of bond to talk about dating," said Lubas. She said her friend was passionate about hik-

ing and had recently returned from a trip to the Canadian Rockies. Simjee, who was born in Burma and grew up in California, was one of seven brothers and sisters. "She was really the center of the siblings, even as the youngest daughter. She was kind and considerate and everyone wanted her guidance and advice." After the attacks, Lubas said, members of Simjee's family gathered at her apartment on the East Side and she learned something about her friend that she hadn't known—beautiful needlepoint canvasses she had stitched.

Joseph Mathai, Business '76, who had worked for many of the country's leading financial and technology firms, was a managing partner with Cambridge Technology Partners and lived in Arlington, Massachusetts, outside of Boston. He was active in the city's technology circles and had won the Cambridge Technology Award for three years in a row. Born in Trivandrum, India, he earned a bachelor's degree at Kerala University. After graduating from Columbia with an MBA, he worked in New York for 17 years, first for Paine Webber, then Merrill Lynch and the New York Stock Exchange. He moved to Boston in 1994, joining Fidelity Investments and switching to Cambridge Technology Partners in 1998. He was a member of the technology committee at Buckingham Browne & Nichols 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 Dartmouth, Massachusetts, the weekend before the attacks. "We had an early birthday party for her," said Norman Benjamin, 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.

Alisha C. Levin, who earned a master's degree in 1992 at Teachers College, worked for Fuji Bank in the human resources department. A memorial service took place in Philadelphia on Sept. 30. Her parents, Marvin and Audrey Levin, reside in Northeast Philadelphia.

Arnold Lim, 28, of New York City, earned a certificate in the analysis and design of information systems in Columbia's Continuing Education and Special Programs division last spring. A memorial service will take place on Oct. 6 at 2 P.M. at the Immaculate Conception Church on East 14th Street.

James Devitt contributed to this article.