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COLUMBIA COMMUNITY REMEMBER

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Columbia, NY — Columbia’s schools were spared victims. Columbia College, the School of General Studies, the Fu Foundation School of Arts and Sciences and the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Sciences counted alumni among the dead, as did the professional schools of architecture, international and public affairs, Teachers College and Continuing Education and Special Programs. Columbia Business School was the hardest hit with ten alumni among the victims.

Columbia will honor those alumni and the many relatives of current students, alumni, faculty and staff who were also lost in the attacks at a service of Remembrance and Prayer on Thursday, Nov. 15 at noon in the Roone Arledge Auditorium in Alfred Lerner Hall.

The following information compiled by the Office of Public Affairs, is based on interviews with classmates and relatives, information supplied by the mutual friend, and a memo posted on the Internet that noted that a bankrupt company would conduct a vigil for each registrant.

Douglas Kapilloff of Mamaroneck, N.Y., earned a master’s degree in mechanical engineering in 1971 at Colum-
bia. As life safety and security director of the World Trade Authority at the World Trade Center, he was in demand as a worldwide expert on terrorism and terrorism threats in urban areas. His advice on terrorism and security was gained from first-hand experiences following the Twin Towers bombing in 1993, when he served as director of tenant services. As recently as Aug. 27, he conducted a security tour and briefing at the Twin Towers for 40 top professionals representing the International Security Conference and Exposition. In his memo posted on the Internet noted that a bankrupt company would conduct a vigil for each registrant.

In the privatization of the World Trade Center, Kapilloff was serving on a transition team to assist the new security director, John O’Neill, formerly an FBI counter-terrorism expert, who also died in the attacks, as secretary of the Port Authority. Daniel Bergstein of Tenafly, N.J., a 1984 graduate of the engineering school, also was lost in the attacks.

Although she gravitated to Wall Street after graduating with a degree in finance from Columbia College in 2000, Brooke Jack- man was not completely fulfilled in her financial career, she said her brother, Ross. Her goal was to earn a master’s degree in journalism. She might have left the night before the attacks, she was filling out applications for graduate school. She decided there were more important things in life than making money,” he said.

She wanted to help people.” Jack- man worked at Cantor Fitzgerald for only three months, trading general equity, he had lost a leg in battle and received the Purple Heart. She was a Projects, who works in Manhattan, said her father, a journalist in Australia on business when the hijacked American Airlines Flight 77 slammed into the Pentagon. A resident of Sewickley, Pa., he had founded Stratin Con- sulting Co., working for General Foods and other firms.

She described her father as a man who loved to spend time with family and was an avid reader of his- tory books. “He had a big sense of personal strength, she said. “When he came up, everybody felt his presence.” Besides his daughter, Gabriel is survived by his wife, Ann, and four sons.

Nine days after the attacks, more than 700 people filled a memorial service for Clinton Hartz, Business ’62.

Besides his wife, Elinore, three grown children, stepchildren and other relatives, the mourners included hundreds of Grief and neighbors from the Somerset Hills Country Club, where Hartz, 64, was presi- dent and a member of the Essex Club, where he was a longtime member, as well as two bus- loads of his business associates and colleagues from New York City, where he was a senior vice president at Fiduciary Trust, International, and had worked on the 94th floor of the north tower. Many recalled that when the World Trade Center was bombed in 1993.

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Alisha Levin, TC ’92

Hurtz helped lead fellow work- ers to safety and many felt sure they had to save her on Sept. 11. The outpouring of grief, friends and associates reflected Hurtz, that Hurtz was the sort of man who was always there to help in times of crisis. He was the founder of the Somerset Hills community: a childhood friend described him as one of those “brave and noble men.”

He was a son, a brother, a husband, a father, a good citizen, a dear friend and a neighbor,” he said. “We shouldn’t have had to lose John in this way.”

Walter Doherty, Earth Observatory, said of Wang: “He had a unique perspective.” A native of Taiwan, said Wang had recently joined the Aon Corporation. He is survived by his wife, Karin, and two children, John and Liqing.

Robert Murach, CC ’78, was totally involved as a father in the lives of his two daugh-ters, Sarah and Elizabeth, who ran a New York City home in Montclair, N.J., 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

Paul Acquaviva, Law ’97, was vice president for corporate development at Cantor Fitzgerald and previ- ously was a lawyer at Willkie Farr & Gallagher, a Manhattan law firm. In addition, Leonard had done extensive pro bono work, largely for MLW Legal Services, where he had worked as an intern while a student at the law school. He is survived by his wife, Yolan- da Cerda Leonard, and their 7- month-old baby.

Victor Wald, SIPA ’75 and Business ’76, was passionate about international politics, according to Suzanne Rosen- berg of Teaneck, N.J., a class- mate and friend of Wald’s who had renewed their Columbia friendship years later when they found their children attended the same school in New Jersey. “I know that right now Victor would have been sending out a million e-mails totally engaged in the geopo- litical significance of this tragedy,” Rosenberg said sev- eral days after the attacks. “He was very intense when it came to political discussions,” she said. “You just waited for his e-mails whenever a crisis occurred because he had such an interesting perspective.”

A native of Teaneck, N.J., Wald was totally involved as a father in the lives of his two daughters, Rebecca, and two daughters.

John B. Fiorito, CC ’82, of Stamford, Conn., was also a bond trader on the 104th floor. A memorial service was celebrated on Sept. 22, at St. Gabriel’s Church in Stamford. Fiorito, 38, was survived by his wife, Karen Kovacco Fiorito, his son, John, his brother Dr. Joseph E. Fiorito, Jr. and three children—Sarah, Joshua Birnbaum, 24, who studied economics and graduated in May from the School of General Studies, also was a Cantor Fitzgerald trader. His wife and family lived in Oceanside, N.Y.

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Alumni Among the Dead in September 11 Attacks

Among the more than 5,000 dead in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were at least 39 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; two had completed their studies on Morningside Heights several 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:

Karen J. Klitzman Columbia University-Klitzman Fellowship (Fellowship at SIPA for the elimination of terrorism and the resolution of conflict.)
Attm. 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 Watching Plaza No 109 Montclair, NJ 07042

Brian Joseph Murphy The Brian J. Murphy Class of 1993-99 Memorial Fund Established in honor of their two sons, Brian and his older brother Ken, who died in 1994.

The Kenny and Brian Williams Fund (Established to benefit Covington Catholic High School in memory of their two sons: Brian, and his older brother Ken, who died in 1994.)

Brian Williams The Kenny and Brian Williams Fund c/o Covington Catholic High School 1600 Dixie Highway Park Hills, KY 41011

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 Sept. 11 attacks:

Paul A. Acquaviva
Paul Acquaviva Memorial Scholarship Fund (In memory of a scholar-athlete at Wayne Valley High School, NJ)
The Law Offices of Kenneth Kaplan, c/o Paul Acquaviva Memorial Scholarship Fund 1071 Preckness Avenue Wayne, NJ 07470

Joseph della Pietra

Victoria Wang

Brian W. Fiorito

John B. Fiorito, MIA '75 (also listed under SIPA)

Robert Murach

Thomas Regan MBA '98

Harry Taback MBA '84

Tyler Ugolyn

Colin Brown

Nauza Kushitani, MBA '88

Law School

David C. Lam

Continuing Education and Special Programs

Arnold Lim, certificate in administration 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 deceased in the attacks.