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FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY

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## 9/11: Reflections on the Decade

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As the days slipped by and the battles merged, we grew to realize the triumph born on the day that changed the world forever.

Victory is achieved only through struggle, heroes arise only in the midst of trials, experience is of use only if it is learned from. Knowledge is valuable if acted upon.

Let's roll! Ginny Wing

With orientation just over, I had spent a week being wholly self absorbed, engrossed in making new friends and being away from home. The morning of September 11, 2001, reminded me that there was a bigger world than my manicured campus. I think it was the first time my generation was ever challenged to look beyond ourselves. Suddenly we had to face the reality of war and we were no longer invincible. It was a sobering beginning to college and it caused me to re-evaluate my views. I cannot say that where I am today connects directly to those events but I can say that 9/11 and its aftermath drew me closer to my family and that the heroism displayed by a variety of "ordinary" individuals challenged me to seek opportunities in my own life to go beyond the easiest route. Eileen Gilbert

Proverbs 17:17 "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." During the tough times and the traumatic events people rose up to the challenge and dared to help one another. We all became "brothers" through one unifying event. Dylan Rebillot

It wasn't something I could really fathom. What did this mean? Was this the beginning of attacks that were going to happen all over the United States?