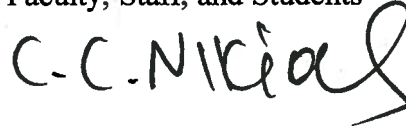


**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Academic Deans, Faculty, Staff, and Students

**From:** C. L. Max Nikias



**Date:** September 6, 2011

**Subject:** Remembering 9/11: Ten Years Later

C. L. Max Nikias  
President

Robert C. Packard  
President's Chair

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The USC community will come together to remember the victims of the attacks of September 11, 2001 in a special service on the ten-year anniversary. This is an opportunity for us—members of the Trojan Family—to show our unity, and I want to personally invite you to gather in Bovard Auditorium at 12 p.m. on Sunday, September 11.

This reflective occasion will also serve as a call to student engagement, and during our gathering, I will announce a major community service initiative, one that is built around interfaith education and leadership. In addition to my remarks, we will hear from Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Dean of Religious Life Varun Soni, Undergraduate Student Government President Monish Tyagi, as well as Catholic, Muslim, and Protestant campus ministers. Rabbi Susan Laemmle, who served as dean of religious life during the attacks in 2001, will relate her personal memories from 9/11.

This event is free and open to the public, and doors will open at 11:15 a.m. We ask that you please respond online at the following link (code is Remember): [www.usc.edu/dept/pubrel/specialevents/esvp/index.php](http://www.usc.edu/dept/pubrel/specialevents/esvp/index.php).

Following the event, students will have an opportunity to join conversations and to do interfaith community service projects in the afternoon. This will inaugurate a special series of neighborhood service projects, organized by the Office of Religious Life. This year-long series will train USC students in interfaith leadership, teach youth in neighborhood schools about world religions, and survey the wide range of congregations in central Los Angeles.

We all have vivid memories from those harrowing days and weeks in 2001. Our memories remain very much with us, and this service will be a special opportunity to come together as a family, to embrace our Trojan spirit, and remember those whom we lost.