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Subject President's Message to the University Community

To: The Campus Community

From: Shirley Strum Kenny, President

As we share our sorrow in this time of terrible national tragedy, I want to thank all of you who have worked so hard to help.

Our Hospital and Veterans Home immediately mobilized to help those in need of medical care; countless employees volunteered. Employees and students lined the hall of the Blood Bank to donate. It was an extraordinary outpouring of volunteer support for the injured. Firemen were brought to our hospital Wednesday and Thursday for medical services.

The campus counseling offices also immediately mobilized volunteers to help those in need of grief and trauma counseling. Staff members from the University Counseling Center, Employee Assistance Program, the Psychological Center, and the Department of Psychiatry have provided volunteer services.

The Campus Ministry conducted a service Tuesday afternoon that was heavily attended by students, staff, and faculty, even on such short notice. Many of us felt the need to come together as a community to try to cope with the mind-boggling events of the day, and I am most grateful that the ministers helped us in that difficult time. On Thursday night the students conducted a candlelight vigil, another evidence of the grief we share and the strength we can draw from each other.

The campus police also immediately secured our campus from any potential harm and assured all of us that we were safe.

All in all, I have felt great pride that Stony Brook responded to this crisis in such a concerned, caring way. We share a University of great diversity, a campus that reflects the American dream in all its glorious possibilities. We share a country that deserves our love and our every effort to make it the best it can be. We share a campus community in which respect for difference of opinion must be as strong as respect for difference in race and religion. We share grave responsibilities and awareness of our common dreams and goals, sharpened by the terrible events of Tuesday.

All of us contribute in our own way; all of us want to help. I hope that along with volunteering work and donating blood, we will contribute understanding and compassion for all who are suffering and for every member of our Stony Brook family.