

## Syracuse University Alumni and Friends

Syracuse University supports the goal of finding a permanent home for Dark Elegy a very special memorial that was born out of the Pan Am Flight 103 tragedy, but has come to memorialize all victims of terrorism here and around the world in the NYC or Washington, DC area where people from all over the world can experience this memorial. In order to seek a permanent location in the Washington, DC area however (on National Park Service or GSA land), Dark Elegy must be authorized by Congress as a "commemorative work" under the federal Commemorative Works Act.

We are seeking the full support of our SU Alumni network, especially the New York City area Alumni, to take the grassroots action necessary to make this goal a reality. Right now, we need you to make 3 phone calls to: Congressman James Walsh (Syracuse), Senator Hillary Clinton and Senator Charles Schumer.

As stewards of all that is Syracuse, and as alumni, we should carry the spirit of Remembrance Week with us out into our worlds. For those of you who don't remember why we celebrate or for those who may have graduated before 1988, Remembrance Week at SU commemorates the lives of the 35 students we lost to Libyan terrorists in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland on December 21, 1988. Each year, Syracuse presents 35 current students with a scholarship and charge to carry the memory of every life lost. This tragedy is many times referred to as the first terrorist attack on Americans.

As a Remembrance Scholar and SU Alum, I appeal to you to help spread the word about Dark Elegy. Dark Elegy has grown to represent the grief, healing and need for remembrance created by countless and senseless terrorist acts around the world since that awful December day in 1988.

If you have not visited the Dark Elegy website ([www.darkelegy103.com](http://www.darkelegy103.com)), please do so and watch the 8 minute video entitled "Remembering the Moment" (<http://www.darkelegy103.com/remembering.html>).

If you will engage other networks or are well connected to our elected representatives, please step forward and work with us! We appreciate your loyalty and look forward to the power of the SU Alumni network!

To become an active participant in reaching the goal for Dark Elegy, please contact Pam Ray, Congressional & Grassroots Liaison and an S.U. Alumnus ([pamraylc@earthlink.net](mailto:pamraylc@earthlink.net) or 703 522 8278).

Sincerely,  
Jessica Kershaw

## **SU Alumni Call to Action!** **Dark Elegy: A Memorial to all Victims of Terrorism**

### **Current status:**

- Congressman Bishop (NY 1) who represents the district where Dark Elegy is currently located (Montauk, NY) is introducing the authorizing legislation the week of September 24, 2007 in the House of Representatives. (Staff: Will Jenkins @ 202 225 3826).
  - We need a bipartisan group of original cosponsors starting with the New York congressional delegation but not limited to that group.
  - We need our two New York Senators to introduce companion legislation in the Senate.
  
- YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE FROM New York TO HELP! In fact, more people calling from various areas, the better. That demonstrates a united effort.
  
- SIMPLY IDENTIFYING YOURSELF AS A SYRACUSE ALUM IS THE KEY AND CONNECTION!

### **CALLS that S.U. Alumni need to make today:**

***PRIORITY Call to Congressman Walsh as the representative for Syracuse University It is URGENT that you make this call ASAP. The legislation will be introduced the week of September 24.***

Congressman James Walsh      ([www.house.gov/walsh](http://www.house.gov/walsh))  
DC:                                202 225 3701                    (Dan Gage)  
Syracuse :                      315 423 5657                    (Virginia Carmody)

***MESSAGE: Ask Congressman Walsh to please join as an ORIGINAL cosponsor on the Dark Elegy legislation and to contact Congressman Bishop to make that commitment. (Staff: Will Jenkins @ 202 225 3826).***

***Please make calls and send emails to any other member of the NY Congressional Delegation that may represent your interests and ask that they also cosponsor this legislation.***

**CRITICAL QUESTION FOR U.S. Senators: Ask Senators Clinton and Schumer to introduce companion legislation in the Senate.**

**Senator Hillary Clinton**

DC: 202 224 4451  
NYC: 212 688 6262  
Syracuse : 315 448 0470

( [www.clinton.senate.gov](http://www.clinton.senate.gov))

(Kris Balderston/Sheila Menz)  
(Monica Hanley)  
(Jay Biba)

**Senator Charles Schumer**

DC: 202 224 6542  
NYC: 212 486 4430  
Syracuse : 315 423 5471  
Long Island : 631 753 0978

( [www.schumer.senate.gov](http://www.schumer.senate.gov))

(Sarah Bermingham)  
(Ryan Whalen)  
(Jill Harvey)  
(Matt Cohen)

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