

Dear S.U. Alumni Friends,

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, a very special memorial that was born out of our tragedy but has come to memorialize all victims of terrorism here and around the world. 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>).

**Syracuse University supports the goal of finding a permanent home for Dark Elegy 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 (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 S.U. 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 (contact information attached).**

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 S.U. 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 ([pamrayllc@earthlink.net](mailto:pamrayllc@earthlink.net) or 703-522-8278).

Sincerely,  
Jessica Kershaw  
Remembrance Scholar (2006-07)

## Dark Elegy: A Memorial to all Victims of Terrorism

### S.U. Alumni Call to Action!

**September 18, 2007**

#### **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!
- These calls shouldn't be difficult for us--we live in and around DC. Some of us work on the Hill or have other Hill connections. Please utilize your position to help make this effort a reality.

#### **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.***

<b><u>Congressman James Walsh</u></b>	<b><u>(www.house.gov/walsh)</u></b>
<b>DC: 202-225-3701</b>	<b>(Dan Gage)</b>
<b>Syracuse: 315-423-5657</b>	<b>(Virginia Carmody)</b>

**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.**

<b><u>Senator Hillary Clinton</u></b>	<b><u>(www.clinton.senate.gov)</u></b>
<b>DC: 202-224-4451</b>	<b>(Kris Balderston/Sheila Menz)</b>
<b>NYC: 212-688-6262</b>	<b>(Monica Hanley)</b>
<b>Syracuse: 315-448-0470</b>	<b>(Jay Biba)</b>

<b><u>Senator Charles Schumer</u></b>	<b><u>(www.schumer.senate.gov)</u></b>
<b>DC: 202-224-6542</b>	<b>(Sarah Bermingham)</b>
<b>NYC: 212-486-4430</b>	<b>(Ryan Whalen)</b>
<b>Syracuse: 315-423-5471</b>	<b>(Jill Harvey)</b>
<b>Long Island: 631-753-0978</b>	<b>(Matt Cohen)</b>

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