

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), 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 DC 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 or 703-522-8278).

Sincerely,

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