

PRESS RELEASE

PCTI Remembers 9/11

Wayne, NJ – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—Twelve years ago, our nation suffered one of the most devastating attacks in history. September 11th will stand as one of the most tragic events ever to take place on American soil. Each year, Passaic County Technical Institute seeks to preserve the memory of those lost with the annual 9/11 ceremony.

The morning commences with AP history students participating in a ringing of the bells ceremony wherein individuals take turns recounting the sequence of events that occurred in 2001. Those who lost their lives are commemorated with the striking of a bell. Students then gather in the auditorium to join NJOTC members and guest speakers in remembering a dark time in US history.

This year, AP History students cultivated a video to honor friends, family, and loved ones who were taken long before their time. The interview-style presentation gave students the opportunity to pause, reflect, and connect with history on an individual level, especially given their young ages (ranging between four & six) at the time of the attack. PCTI seniors were kindergarteners in 2001. To hear what they recalled at such a young age was both enlightening and heart-breaking.

In addition, speaker Sandra Grazioso shared her experience of losing both sons, executives of Cantor Fitzgerald, on that fateful day. Her testament is a sobering reminder that the victims of tragedy are everywhere, and that even after years of time has passed, the wounds of loss still ache.

A sincere thanks to all those who participated in this ceremony of remembrance. PCTI will never forget September 11th, 2001.



Photo Caption 0697: Ayesha Ahmed (Paterson) and Jesyln Alemany (Passaic) present the ringing of the bells ceremony over PCTI's PA system on the morning of September



Photo Caption 0799: PCTI broadcasts the student-made video to attendees at the 9/11 ceremony featuring Nileema Ahmed (North Haledon).