

**For immediate release
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USI observing 9/11

With the singing of the national anthem, University of Southern Indiana students will open a ceremony of remembrance marking the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks. The observance will begin at noon Wednesday, September 11, on Rice Plaza on the USI campus

Flags of the countries affected by the attacks and represented by USI students will be displayed. The flags will surround the gathering area at the plaza, and more than 26 countries will be represented.

Mary Beth Weber, staff counselor in the USI Counseling Center, will share some of her memories of serving as a crisis counselor in the aftermath of the attacks. Weber traveled to New York City October 3, 2001, to assist people who had lost family members and to counsel New Yorkers uprooted by the attacks on the World Trade Center.

Britney Gentry, president of the Student Government Association, will lead the "Pledge of Allegiance," and Matthew Graham, associate professor of English, will read a reflection. USI's ROTC Color Guard; Daniel Craig, assistant professor of music, Sandi Migonis, president of the USI Staff Council; Rick Reed of the Evansville Police Department; and a representative of the Islamic Center in Evansville also will participate in the observance.

USI Religious Life is organizing the event, which is open to students, faculty, staff, and the public.

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