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Oversized Greetings Sent to New York City and Washington, DC

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In response to the national tragedy on September 11th, 2001, the Associated Students, Inc.(ASI), California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona), provided a positive way for the campus community to show support and solidarity to all those affected by the tragedies in New York City and Washington, DC. In addition to partnering with the University and the Muslim Student Association in planning an on-campus Interfaith Gathering, and encouraging donations of blood, ASI wanted to send a tangible expression of love and concern to those directly affected.

Two eight-by-eight foot cards were created for University students, faculty and staff to send their personal words of condolences to the survivors, families and friends of victims, and residents of the two cities. Hundreds of students, staff, and faculty turned out to sign the cards at campus-wide events planned during the first month of classes. Written comments ranged from simple words of support to elaborate and profound words of hope and compassion.

The two cards were packaged and mailed to Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, the Office of City Hall, New York, New York. The second was delivered to the Public Affairs Office in the Pentagon. Banners across the top of the cards read, "We love you New York (and Washington, DC), Your friends at Cal Poly Pomona." Accompanying each card was an official letter of support signed by Cal Poly Pomona University President, Bob H. Suzuki and ASI Student Body President Allen Coson.

"September 11th, 2001 will forever be a watershed day in the lives of every generation who witnessed the tragedy", commented Allen Coson, ASI Student Body President. "Americans and indeed, the rest of the world will stand prouder from this day forth because we have responded to tragedy by coming together and comforting each other. We have learned that when one of us hurts, we all hurt. I am proud of the way our campus community has responded and I know this reflects the values we hold at Cal Poly Pomona. I want to thank all the students, faculty and staff who supported this project."