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PCTI Remembers 9/11 with Touching Tribute

Wayne, NJ – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –Fourteen years have passed since the United States experienced the devastating attacks of 9/11. Many people lost those dear to them and members of Passaic County are no different. That’s why Passaic County Technical Institute’s (PCTI) AP History classes took the time to cultivate a special presentation at their annual 9/11 assembly to honor the thirty-one individuals throughout the county whose lives came to an early end on that fateful day.

The gathering of more than 1,000 faculty and students fostered one of the most important components of humankind: connectedness. They saluted the memory of those lost with NJROTC tributes and a video in which students – who were two and three years old when the attacks occurred – took the stage to personally reflect on the tragic event.

Sandra Grazioso added to the emotional depth of the assembly when she spoke about losing both sons during the attacks. She reinforced that remembering the good was paramount. Devastation, though tragic, united our nation. This further allowed all in attendance to form a genuine connection with an event often presented by the media and in textbooks.

As years pass and 9/11 becomes a distant memory, it’s important that those who didn’t experience the catastrophe first-hand continue participating in the act of remembrance. Too often history becomes an abstraction – a forgotten event, an epitomized cliché of what once was. Keeping emotional resonance alive is a goal of Passaic County Technical Institute. To remember expands the minds of tomorrow, enriching their lives with the much valued characteristic of understanding.

PCTI will never forget those who perished on September 11th, 2001.



Faculty and students of PCTI watch an in-house rendered video that underscores the importance of remembering 9/11.



Sandra Grazioso shares an emotional moment with PCTI NJROTC student Dynesty Bryant (Paterson) while her teammates Richer Mendiola (Paterson) and Mostafa Amir (Paterson) look on.