

Dear Stevens Community,

I am inviting you to join me for a memorial service at Castle Point this Sunday, on the 10th anniversary of the tragic events of September 11. We will gather to honor the innocent people who lost their lives, to pour out our hearts to those most deeply affected by the terrible events of that day, and to reflect as a community on the profound and life-altering impact of that day on our campus, our region and our country.

A decade has passed since the attacks on the World Trade Center took place in view of Castle Point, but our sense of loss is still palpable. On Sunday, we will join together with lighted candles and in silent observation at a ceremony beginning at 8:45 a.m., a minute before the first tower was struck. Students from Air Force ROTC Detachment 490 will offer a military salute to the victims and we will recognize them throughout the ceremony.

But while we grieve, we also gather on Sunday to experience the unity, strength, and inspiration that come from joining together even at our darkest moments. Indeed, the terrible events of September 11 unleashed tremendous reserves of courage, resolve and strength.

It is in this spirit of remembrance and healing that I hope to see you Sunday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N. K. Kvardin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N" and "K".

President