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# What do you remember?



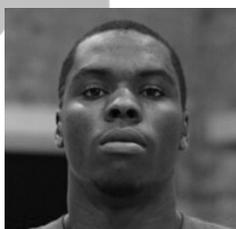
**Lauren Strain, psychology senior,** "I didn't really know what was happening but I knew a lot of people had been killed. I knew that day I was blessed that my family was where they were at."



**Elijah Rodda, biology freshman,** "We returned from recess and my teacher asked us to pray. It was a public school and that is not especially common. After that, I learn that America isn't always a safe place."



**Ashley Alley, campus minister,** "I was in seminary. I was listening to the radio and they broke into a song and said that a plane had hit. I saw the second plane hit the tower on TV and I was in a spell-bound."



**Vince Folston, general education senior,** "I walked in all hyper and everybody looked at me. Then someone told me what happened. It was really quiet and we were watching the news. Our nation still hasn't got over that tragic event."



**Maggie Collet, communication senior,** "I was in fourth grade. I attended a Catholic school. We lined up for our daily mass but later mass got canceled and we all watched the news in our very own classroom. The teacher was crying"



**Katelyn Kendel, music sophomore,** "I was at my grandmother's house. We were watching the news and planes were crashing into buildings. I didn't understand. But as I grew, I to understood the attack. It was mind blowing."

## Editorial: Generation remembers Sept. 11 on Patriot Day

Elizabeth Ochoa  
*Staff reporter*

Twelve years ago, the most tragic thing happened for our generation.

September 11 is our generation's tender spot. Two planes crashed in to the world trade center killing 2,606 people.

American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airline Flight 175 crashed into the World Trade Center in New York. The nation was devastated 2,977 loved ones were lost.

American Airlines Flight 11 hit the north tower and 87 people on board were killed. United Airlines Flight 175 hit the south tower and 60 people on board were killed. United Flight 93 crashed in Shanksville, PA because the passengers fought back and 40 people were killed. It was one of the biggest attacks on American soil.

Your parents most likely remember the Oklahoma City bombing

on April 19, 1995. Two men, an ex-army soldier and security guard bombed the Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City. When the bomb went off, within seconds the area looked like a war zone.

More than 300 nearby buildings and cars were damaged and destroyed. After the entire disturbance, 168 souls were lost including 19 children. When I asked my father about it, he said "I remember watching it on TV back then. They didn't tell a lot on the news."

Your grandparents probably remembered Nov. 22, 1963. John F. Kennedy was assassinated as he rode in a motorcade through Dealey Plaza in downtown Dallas.

Kennedy was passing the Texas School Book Depository when gunfire suddenly went off. The president got hit in the back of the neck and fell on his wife's lap. The governor also got hit in the chest. Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested

for the president's death. He was a recent employee at the Texas School Book Depository.

If your great grandparents are still alive they would remember the attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

The Japanese shocked the world by bombing the American naval base at Pearl Harbor. More than 3,500 Americans were killed and wounded in two waves that lasted for two hours. Eight battleships were sunk and 350 aircrafts destroyed.

I don't remember much of what happened 12 years ago. I was in first grade and we were celebrating my birthday. We were having fun and eating cupcakes.

All of a suddenly the teachers had this blank look on their faces. You could tell something was wrong.

We got out of school early. As children, we were really excited, but our parents weren't. I remember seeing the plane hit the second

tower. The thing that impacted me most was seeing people jump 80 floors from the buildings.

There were firefighters running everywhere. Police were searching for people. Families were in tears. Watching the TV was like watching a sad movie.

For the next couple of days, the attacks were all anyone would talk about. As we grew up, people talked more about it and we heard updates about the attack.

There were frequent new stories about Osama bin Laden. Bin Laden was eventually killed by American Special Forces May 2, 2011 in Pakistan.

Every year we take time to remember what happened. We will never forget the heroes and loved ones who died that day.

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