SU Student Assists in Ground Zero Recovery Effort

Tim Kane was nourished on the fulfilling appeal of service to one's community. His father, SU philosophy professor Fran Kane, is co-founder of the campus' Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE). His mother, SU nursing professor Mary Kane, is renown for her unstinting public health service.

So, no one was surprised on campus when Tim immediately responded to the call for help from the New York Mayor’s Office of Emergency Management in the aftermath of the September 11 tragedy.

From Intern to Manager

The 21-year-old, who had just completed a three-month internship with the OEM in New York, was called back to Manhattan for a two-week stint in which he logged nearly 200 hours as a night manager in charge of rescue and recovery logistics, often overseeing 200 or more people.

Tim is a geography major who plays for the SU soccer team, but it was his computer skills with satellite imagery and digital mapping that proved invaluable for a city in dire need.

Among the Heroes

"Obviously being involved, being able to do something in the face of all that devastation, meant something to me," Tim said. "Every night I work here, somebody gets to go home to his wife and kids."

He played down his contribution, though, adding: "The people working on that (Twin Towers') pile are the heroes."

Digital Mapping Through Chaos

A bright star in SU’s Geography and Geosciences Department—which includes specialties in oceanography, meteorology and urban planning—Tim worked 13- to 18-hour shifts, using digital maps to sort out the complex logistical puzzle of getting supplies through the city to workers sifting through a 10-story pile of rubble.

Tim’s commitment to service was subsequently praised in a [Baltimore] Sun editorial: “New York City is better off for the Tim Kanes who answered the call. So are Salisbury and Maryland. The 21-year-old Eastern Shoreman who directed hundreds of relief and rescue workers to go where most needed—because he knew how—makes all Maryland proud.”

Institute for Service Learning Award

SU students who enrolled in Mary Kane and Marylane McGlinchey’s community health service learning class went to prison last spring. Not because they did wrong, but to do right by talking to prisoners at the nearby Eastern Correctional Institute about preventing cancer. Faculty from SU, Coppin State College and Towson University are teaching future teachers how to successfully integrate service learning into their classrooms. This is particularly important in Maryland, the only state with a universal high school graduation requirement involving service learning. Such unique opportunities are part of SU’s Institute for Service Learning’s (ISL) goal to integrate academics and service to others. In recognition of its imaginative and effective efforts, the ISL has received the Maryland Association for Higher Education (MAHE) Distinguished Program Award. This honor came just before the Department of Service Learning at the Corporation for National Service renewed a $200,000 grant for next year.
SU student Tim Kane interned with the Manhattan Office of Emergency Management and was called back to assist in the aftermath of the September 11 tragedies.

Scarborough Student Leadership Center

SU opened the cutting edge Scarborough Student Leadership Center, the first of its type in Maryland. Named in honor of alumnus J. Michael Scarborough, the center brings leadership programs, academic honor societies, and fraternities and sororities together under one roof. Scarborough, a member of the Class of 1976, is president and CEO of The Scarborough Group, a pioneer in the 401(k) advice industry. Financing for the building—a little more than $1 million—came from a variety of sources, including an $830,000 donation from Scarborough, a $100,000 contribution from the estate of the late Salisbury legislator John R. Hargreaves and a $100,000 allocation from the student-run Appropriations Board.

Community Outreach Programs

Committed to enhancing the community, SU supports several programs that enrich the lives of Delmarva’s residents. Among those are:

- Access 26, cable access channel
- Bobbi Biron Theatre Program
- Dance Company
- Eastern Shore Senior Games
- Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture
- Great Leader Lecture Series
- International Film Series
- Juilliard Music Series
- Maryland Summer Center for the Arts
- Riall Education Lecture Series
- Salisbury Symphony Orchestra
- Sea Gull Century, cycling
- University Galleries
- Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art
- Writers-on-the-Shore Literary Series
- WSCL National Public Radio