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United We Stand

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A MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTE TO AMERICA ON UCF CAMPUS

Orlando, FL: A patriotic tribute and three month memorial of the terrorist attacks is being held December 11th on the University of Central Florida main campus. The event, titled United We Stand, will include political and religious speakers from the local community, live musical entertainment and an all American sing-a-long. Several UCF groups and local groups and organizations designed the day to reflect and celebrate the American spirit.

"We organized United We Stand to not only strengthen our community by allowing everyone to heal together, but also to remind our neighboring countries that we continue to be united in this mission of peace and justice," said David Orozco, UWS Chairman. "We are also using this opportunity to raise money and collect food for local charities. We want to show the world that we are ready to make a difference." Participating in the event are several UCF groups and organizations including the UCF College Republicans, the Student Government Association, and various campus ministries. All members of the community are invited and encouraged to participate in the memorial. "Through diversity, we will show our solidarity," said Orozco. "We are encouraging everyone to add their voice to our call of support for our troops and for the world by bringing their families, flags and monetary or food donations." Second Harvest Food Bank will be on hand to collect food for local families. Donations may be made at any First Union Bank branch to the "UWS Hope Fund."

A human luminary line will begin at 6:30 P.M. at the UCF Reflection pond in front of the library and move to the Pegasus Grand Ballroom in the Student Union for the official start of proceedings beginning at 7:00. At 7:30 EST, a Worldwide two minute Moment of Silence will be recognized. The program will end at 9:00. All visitors will be able to sign the UWS banner that will be sent to U.S. troops overseas. Visitor parking is FREE, just print a UWS flyer and put on your dashboard, in any student "D" parking lot or garage. A free copy of the UWS Program is available for pick up at any Central Florida Kinko's location. For more information including an itinerary, a map of the campus, a printable flyer, or for information on making a charitable donation to the "UWS Hope fund", visit: http://unitedwestand_usa.tripod.com.

The UWS Event is sponsored by the UCF College Republicans, Kinko's, City Beverages, 12.5 Productions, Strong Communications, One Day Masterpieces, the Orlando Jaycees, and Wharton-Smith. It will benefit local chapters of the American Red Cross, Second Harvest Food Bank, Central Florida Coalition of the Homeless and Covenant House.