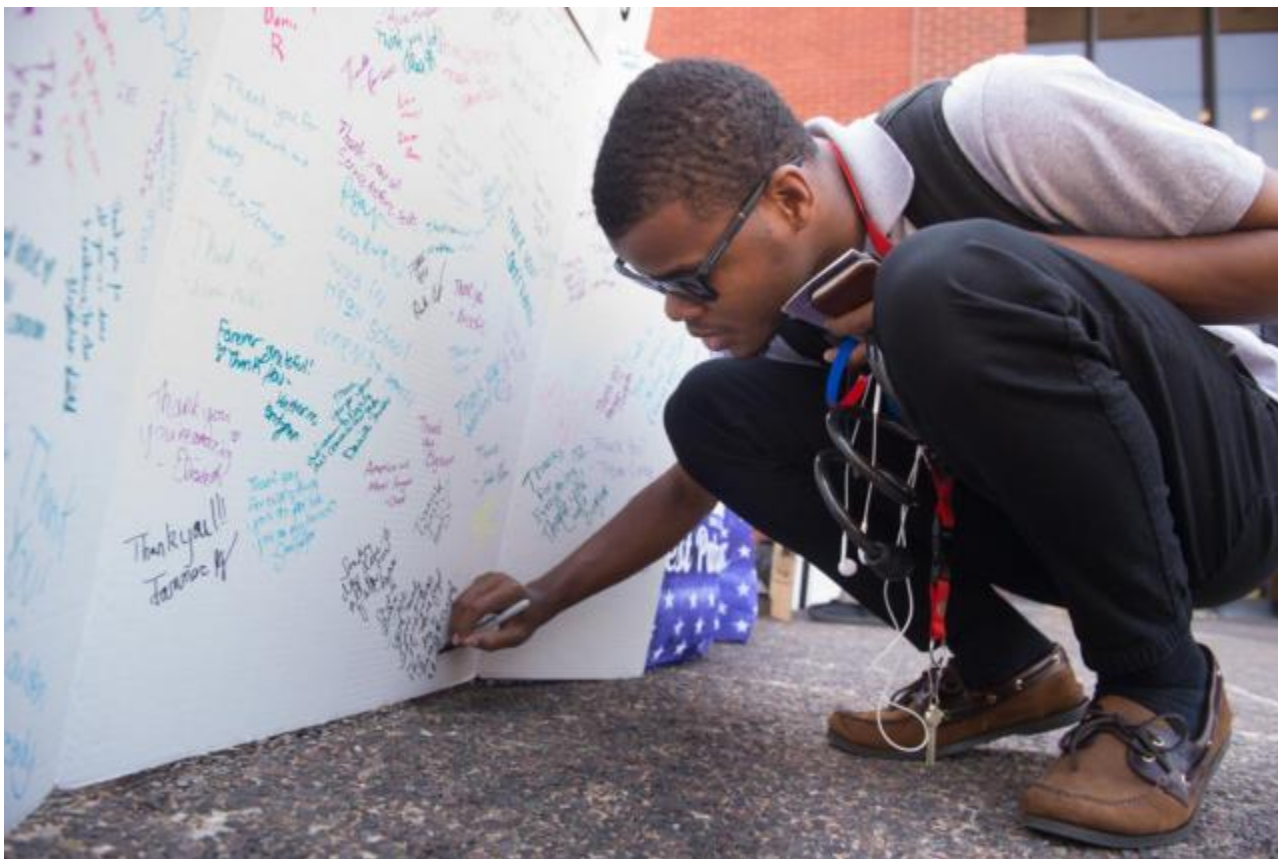


# College Republicans of SIUE pay tribute with 9/11 Memorial

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EDWARDSVILLE - The College Republicans of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville paid tribute on campus today to those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The student organization decorated The Rock on the Stratton Quadrangle and surrounded it with 2,977 American flags, each emblematic of a life lost in the attacks.

“This is meant to be a physical reminder of the impact of 9/11,” said vice president Gretchen Arnold, a junior political science major. “We want to educate those who were too young to remember what happened that day and pay tribute to those who lost their lives.”

The College Republicans invited individuals to sign a card and a book. They plan to take a photo of the card with the flags and share a print with area law enforcement agencies. The book will be sent to the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at ground zero.

At 7 p.m. Monday, the group presented a one-hour documentary film on 9/11 in the Student Success Center, room 1203. At 8 p.m. they will host a memorial service on the Quad.

[Southern Illinois University Edwardsville](#) provides students with a high quality, affordable education that prepares them for successful careers and lives of purpose to shape a changing world. Built on the foundation of a broad-based liberal education, and enhanced by hands-on research and real-world experiences, the academic preparation SIUE students receive equips them to thrive in the global marketplace and make our communities better places to live. Situated on 2,660 acres of beautiful woodland atop the bluffs overlooking the natural beauty of the Mississippi River's rich bottomland and only a short drive from downtown St. Louis, the SIUE campus is home to a diverse student body of more than 14,000.