

Remembering 9/11: Paws and Reflect

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On Wednesday, Sept. 11 the university held its second annual Paws and Reflect event. The event, organized by Sergeant Cynthia Torres and sponsored by the K-9 Jules Foundation, was created as a way for students and the surrounding community to come together in remembrance and honor of those impacted by Sept. 11, 2001. Campus faculty members and guest speakers came together to speak about the importance of remembering the tragedy in a brief but impactful service. The Navy Seal and author James Hatch shared his personal experience being a member of the military and how the events of 9/11 directly impacted him and his career. Other guests included Police Chaplain Rodney Valdes, the university Police Honor Guard and service dogs. Following the service, Stef Corbeil, founder of TAO Dog Yoga, and her dog Tao were joined by other police and service dogs in leading students and community members through a relaxing yoga session.



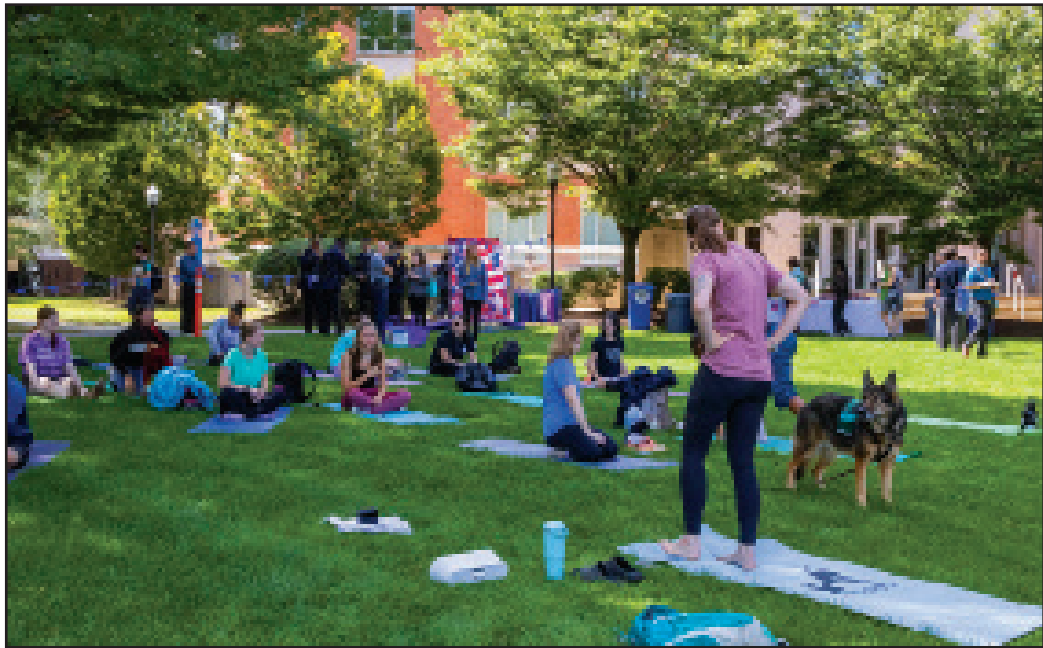
Officer Sandy Quinones from the Bridgeport Police Department singing the national anthem.



Flag flying at half-mast outside Buley Library.



Service dogs Tao, Heidi and Chaplin posing for a picture before the start of the ceremony.



Stef Corbeil and her dog Tao leading community members in yoga.



Students and faculty greeting service dogs Jules and Heidi.



Sergeant Cynthia Torres being interviewed by NBC CT.



Tao the yoga dog.



Interim President Dwayne Smith speaking during the ceremony.