Ohlone affected by Solyndra shutdown

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Solyndra, based in Newark, is a company that manufactured solar panels. The company filed for bankruptcy in 2010, leading to a controversy over government loans. This section discusses the impact of Solyndra's closure on Ohlone College.

“Solyndra’s failure was a wake-up call for the renewable energy sector,” said Laura Dillon, director of the clean technology program at Ohlone College. “It highlighted the challenges and opportunities in the clean technology market.”

Solyndra’s closure had significant implications for Ohlone College, which had been involved in the company’s solar panel projects. The college had invested considerable resources in the clean technology program, and the closure threatened to undermine these efforts.

The closure of Solyndra also had broader implications for the clean technology sector. The company’s failure raised concerns about the viability of renewable energy projects and the role of government funding in supporting emerging technologies.

Despite the challenges, Ohlone College remained committed to the clean technology program, and the college continued to explore partnerships with other institutions and companies to support the development of sustainable energy solutions.

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From a tower

There are moments in our lives when we believe that a dream or a vision of the future will always be engrained in our subconscious. While these moments have the ability to conjure the figure that we inevitably become there are other moments that have the power to transcend.

Moments that come to define more than just one individual, but rather a whole generation.

For our parents' generation it was the day that President John F. Kennedy was shot, which signaled the end of Camelot and led to the tumultuous revolutions of the 1960s and 70s. However, for us 20-to-40 somethings, it was a day that we will never forget.

On that sunny Tuesday morning in September, the airplanes ripped through the Twin Towers in New York City our perception of the world theoretically changed along with the carnage.

The mentality of who we were was shackled up in a tower where we had been brought up to believe in the utopian American dream and that all the nation was an impenetrable fortress.

9/11 grounded and united all of us in that our innocence was lost. Our unchecked complacency attitude gone. In that instant we realized that not everyone shares the values that we do.

We didn’t grow up fighting for the ideals we espoused before that day and after it we were shouting them loud and proud.

They had to be put under pressure before we would stand up to defend them.

When faced with devastating circumstances there are two reactions: fight or flight. Americans are still engaged in the ideological battle.

It took the events of one day to understand that in the 10 years of its aftermath we are more divided than ever.

To overcome hate and intolerance led an outpouring of selfless acts of love.

Where did love go, though, when we can barely learn anything from 9/11?

So at this junction of remembrance, I think that its important to embrace what’s different rather than live in fear of it.