

# SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Remarks by Chancellor Kent Syverud

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Remarks: Chancellor's Remarks at the 2014 Student Philanthropy Council Reception

*The Chancellor was introduced by Keith Zubrow, Class of 2015.*

Thank you, Keith.

To start, I would like to thank the folks who helped organize this event:

- Jean Brooks, director of operations and special events for the residence
- Sam Edelstein, assistant director for regional programs and engagement in the Office of Alumni Relations
- Keith Zubrow and Ivan Rosales-Robles from the Student Philanthropy Council for planning tonight's event.

A special thanks also to all the members of the Student Philanthropy Council for your work in organizing this event and for all your hard work throughout the year. Your commitment to building a culture of philanthropy among your peers contributes very directly to the University's continued success.

One of the most important, and enjoyable, parts of philanthropy is having the opportunity to thank someone for giving time, expertise, or money for a larger cause. I am delighted to be able to do that this afternoon, because every person in this room has already given to the University in a variety of ways.

Whether you are a student organization president, a Remembrance Scholar, a peer advisor, an orientation leader, and on and on, I want to thank you for all you have done here. You had many choices in how to share your time or resources. Your decision to contribute in such meaningful ways shows how much you care about this place and what it means to be a student at Syracuse University.

Students come to Syracuse for all kinds of reasons, and I am sure you are no different.

Maybe it was a program at Newhouse or in the School of Architecture. Maybe it was location: Syracuse was close to home—or far from home! Maybe you loved the sports, or the look of campus, or maybe you just really like snow.

Whatever the reason you came here, you will all leave as graduates of Syracuse University. You will be connected to the more than 240,000 other alumni who came here to study and learn. You will be the face of Syracuse University in the world, and I know you will do great things.

So along with thanking you for all you have done here as a student, I am also going to make a request and an “ask” of you.

- Remain involved as a member of our alumni community. Tell us where you are going ... what you are doing ... and how you are doing. (Stay in touch with your teachers, too. They also want to hear your news.)
- Join one of our many alumni clubs around the country. One thing I have learned since coming here is that Syracuse University is everywhere. Wherever you go, look for opportunities to connect other Syracuse alumni. They really are everywhere.
- When you are positioned to do so, please continue to give back to the University. Many of you may have received scholarships, or your organizations may have been funded by donations from generous alumni. Your support helps continue that tradition of seeding opportunities for future generations of students.

Syracuse has fantastic students and a fantastic alumni community. You get to be part of that alumni community for the rest of your life. I am excited to see how you continue to lead the way in the world, and here.

Thank you again for all your hard work and ongoing dedication to Syracuse University. You really are a big part of what makes this University so special, and I hope you will continue to be a big part of its future.

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