

# SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Remarks by Chancellor Kent Syverud

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Location: Falk College

Remarks: Chancellor's Remarks at the Falk College Complex Dedication Ceremony

*The Chancellor was introduced by Dean Diane Murphy,  
Dean of the David B. Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics.*

Thank you, Dean Murphy, and welcome, everyone. This is a happy day for Falk College and Syracuse University.

First, I would like to thank the folks who planned this dedication ceremony, especially:

- Dean Diane Lyden Murphy
- David Salanger
- Michele Barrett
- Kate Veley
- Kim Desmond
- Brandon Steiner
- Arents Family

I join all of us here in thanking also the donors whose incredible generosity made this day possible:

- David Rhonda, Daina and Jocelyn Falk family, your visionary gift supported the college's move to the new Falk Complex.
- And all the donors—alumni, parents, friends, faculty, staff—whose gifts, large and small, helped fund this renovation

Thanks to all of you who believe in the University and have worked hard to make it the best it can be for our students.

A lot of people at the University and Falk College worked on the renovation project:

- Campus Planning, Design, and Construction,
- Eric Beattie Chris Danek and Carmen Luppino
- Physical Plant, Allan Breese
- Purchasing, Douglas Freeman

I would like to thank Dean Murphy. Today is really her day. There is no way we would be here now if not for her leadership, patience, and tenacity. She navigated this project with a steady hand and much-needed sense of humor over three-plus years. And she did it all while stewarding the Falk College toward great success.

Thank you, Dean Murphy.

Falk College has a long and distinctive history here at Syracuse. It dates back to 1917, when a nutrition course in the College of Agriculture became the seed for the School of Home Economics.

Today it encompasses alumni from the colleges of:

- Agriculture
- Home Economics
- Human Development
- Human Services and Health Professions
- Human Ecology
- And the schools of Nursing and Social Work

Falk College is home to some of our oldest and most innovative programs. Falk has never had the physical spaces that matched its breadth and aspirations.

Today, this college's spaces and its aspirations finally match. For the first time, the college and its wide-ranging programs will be housed in one "home."

It has spaces that duplicate the professional workplace and support hands-on learning. [ie., a demonstration kitchen, physical assessment room, technology lab where students can engage in live game-day production experiences]

It has spaces for collaboration and innovation. Indeed, it has everything except one big common living room, and we are working on that right now.

The move-in process will continue for several months. But the Falk Complex has already become a distinctive point of pride for students and for Syracuse University.

On behalf of current and future generations of students: Thank you to everyone who helped make the Falk Complex a reality.

And thank you for all you do to support our students and advance the University as a place of excellence.

Thank you.

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