

# Syracuse University

Remarks by Chancellor Kent Syverud

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Location: C hancellor's House

Remarks: Our Time Has Come Scholarship Reception

*Chancellor Syverud was introduced by Assistant Vice President for Program Development, Rachel Vassel*

Thank you, Rachel. It is my pleasure to recognize the extraordinary work of the young men and women here tonight. Both Ruth and I are honored to celebrate with you.

I would like to thank the many people and offices, who did so much to put together this reception, including: The Office of Program Development; The Office of Special Events; The Office of Publications; and last but not least, Campus Catering.

I also want to thank the faculty members who have inspired and supported these students, in good times and in hard times.

I thank the parents, relatives, mentors and friends who have believed in their students every step of the way.

For three decades, Our Time Has Come scholarships have launched the academic and career success of African American and Latino students. The scholarships provide opportunity. The scholarships are a symbol of this University's commitment to advancing a diverse and inclusive environment.

The Our Time Has Come Scholarship fund was established through the vision and hard work of many of our alumni, including trustee Deryck Palmer and Dave Bing, the former Mayor of Detroit.

Over the years, Our Time Has Come scholarships have provided nearly \$3 million in financial support for outstanding students intent on achieving a degree at Syracuse.

Our Time Has Come scholarship students come to our campus from across the country. Their majors span across colleges. They have an average GPA of 3.6. As part of their scholarship, they commit to volunteering on campus and in the Syracuse community.

To the graduating seniors whom we recognize today: we are proud of all of you. We are proud of what you have achieved at Syracuse.

We know that you will use the gifts you were born with and the gifts you have been given to give back to your communities. We can't wait to see what wonders you will do next. We don't know for sure exactly where you will change the world, but we are sure you will do so.

Thank you.

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