

Syracuse University

Remarks by Chancellor Kent Syverud
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Location: Joyce Hergenhan Auditorium
Remarks: Student Marshal Luncheon

*Chancellor Syverud was introduced by Shiu-Kai Chin, University Marshal
and Provost's Faculty Fellow*

Thank you, Shiu-Kai. My wife, Dr. Ruth Chen, and I welcome everyone to this year's Student Marshal lunch.

Thanks to everyone who helped make today's event happen, including Kelly Chandler-Olcott, Tara Snyder, the entire Special Events staff, the staff of Learning Environments and Media Productions; and Syracuse University Catering.

These are your final weeks of your time as a student at Syracuse University. These weeks will fly by. We are 54 days from commencement—the culmination of your career here at Syracuse.

I know you are excited about this important milestone. I share that excitement and look forward to celebrating your success with you, your family and friends. Commencement is a celebration and recognition of years of hard work, dedication, and intellectual growth. As student marshals, you exemplify those qualities.

You have excelled in your academics and in your extracurricular pursuits.

You have recognized and honored the value of being engaged members of the community - on campus and beyond. All of us at Syracuse University are very proud of you and very grateful to you.

I have three requests of you as you prepare for Commencement:

- 1) Embrace your role as University Marshals: wear your medallions at convocations, events, and commencement. People want to see you and celebrate you.
- 2) At commencement and the events surrounding it: smile. You will interact with many people—families, friends, faculty, people from far away. They will be lost and confused by the rituals. As you help them find their way, smile and celebrate.
- 3) Finally: Please stay in touch with your professors and others who have been part of your Syracuse “story.” They want to hear from you and stay up to date with all of your news.

No matter where your career and life paths may take you, you will always be a valued member of our alumni community. You are forever Orange.

Congratulations. Best of luck in the semester and years ahead.

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