Good afternoon. I am grateful to be able to welcome so many King family members and friends on this happy day as we dedicate the King + King Architecture Library. Thank you for the support for Syracuse that has made today possible.

I also thank the many people who made today possible, including Carmen Luppino, Campus Planning, Design and Construction, senior project manager, who oversaw this renovation.

I am also grateful for the hard work of those who planned today’s event, including:

- Taylor Wood, Assistant Dean for Advancement, Sherry Hayes, Assistant Director of Advancement from AEA, and Beth Pierson from the School of Architecture;
- Jessica Reilly from the Office of Donor Relations;
- Ron Thiele from Syracuse University Libraries; and
- Alex Snow from the Office of Special Events.

This library will be home for generations of architecture students. Our students will discover amazing resources here to support their academic studies. They will also make a lifetime of memories inside these walls, with their colleagues and friends.
You may have noticed that Architecture students spend a lot of time in this building. When I walk this campus, late at night and early in the morning, the lights are always on in Slocum, even when almost everyone else is sleeping.

Given that reality, it is so important that the spaces our students work in live up to a great architecture school.

The King family and King + King Architects know this. Four generations of the King Family have attended Syracuse University and the School of Architecture.

King + King Architects for 148 years has had a hand in almost every building on campus, from Crouse College to Bird Library, from the Physics Building and Holden Observatory, to the Tolley Humanities Building and Manley Field House.

The family and the firm have been our faithful partners and friends in the building of this University and this school.

And now that glorious history will forever be embodied in this library, at the heart of Slocum Hall and this school.

I thank you and I celebrate with you. Many thanks!

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