

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Remarks by Chancellor Kent Syverud

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Remarks: Chancellor's Remarks at the 2014 Our Time Has Come Scholarship Reception

*The Chancellor was introduced by Deryck Palmer,
Trustee, Syracuse University.*

Thank you, Deryck. Welcome, everyone. Ruth and I are so pleased to have the opportunity to host this reception here at the Chancellor's House.

Let me just start by thanking the folks who put the reception together, especially the staff in the Office of Program Development, including:

- Angela Morales-Patterson, manager of alumni programs
- Larry Martin, vice president
- Miguel Sapp, executive director for development and alumni relations
- Susan Blanca, administrative specialist
- and Maliz Mahop, a student marketing and communications assistant

I am especially pleased to be a part of this awards reception because this scholarship program really represents what Syracuse is all about, and what it has always been all about. That is: welcoming and supporting students who come here hungry for knowledge and eager to learn, and empowering them to be the best they can be.

As you just heard from Larry, the program has been a tremendous success. The achievements of our honorees affirm the wisdom of those people who believed in this program and worked hard to make it a success.

These students have distinguished themselves as scholars, as leaders, and as role models. They are hard workers in the classroom and incredibly busy outside

of it. They are pursuing research, serving as mentors, studying abroad or at one of our metropolitan centers, participating in sports or music ensembles, and pursuing numerous other activities and interests.

They are making the best of what Syracuse has to offer; and they are making Syracuse better for all of our students. Educational excellence thrives on having a diversity of life experiences and perspectives in the classroom and in the University community. This program helps sustain that rich mix of voices and points of view. It is part of what makes Syracuse such a vibrant place to learn and teach.

A special thanks to Deryck and to all those whose gifts have helped make these awards possible. You are a blessing to the University and to our students.

To the family members, friends, faculty, and staff who have supported, encouraged, and believed in these terrific students every step of the way: Thank you.

To the 11 graduating seniors that we recognize today: Well done! You are the next wave of teachers and lawyers; scientists and musicians; communicators, criminologists, and engineers. I know you will do great things. I hope you will stay in touch with your teachers and with the University always.

To all of our scholarship recipients: Congratulations! You are a big part of what makes Syracuse special. I hope you continue to seize every opportunity to make the most of your educational experience and to excel at everything you do.

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