

# SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Remarks by Chancellor Kent Syverud

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*The Chancellor was introduced by Deborah Armstrong,  
Vice President for Development.*

Good afternoon, and welcome. Ruth and I are delighted to host you this afternoon at the Chancellor's House. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to join us here at the beginning of Family Weekend. This weekend allows us to celebrate our talented students – your children – and honor all the family members who support their success.

I want to especially thank:

- Ruth
- Liz Costa, and
- Campus Catering for their usual wonderful service
- We also have some very special guests joining us in a few moments. The Syracuse University Pep Band will be here to perform. I hope you will join me on the back patio after the remarks to listen to these very talented students.

As you walk around this weekend, I expect you will notice a number of improvements to the look and feel of our campus. You'll be able to see our larger vision for this vibrant place later this autumn when we release our campus master plan. We're very excited about this and more.

Syracuse is a place of exceptional scholarly research. We're proud of our track record of developing critical thinkers who succeed in their academic and professional pursuits. We're also committed to building on this success by providing our students with great places to live, eat, and study. And, that's central to all that you'll hear from me over the coming months – robust investment in our students' experience here.

This central theme speaks to the importance of philanthropy, which is the difference between a great and a good University; between students having life changing experiences or simply going to class. I invite all of you to become active agents of marked change on behalf of *our* students.

There are several families in this room that have already raised their hands and stepped forward in a big way to help take Syracuse to new heights. You have our utmost appreciation.

For those of you who are new or haven't yet had the opportunity to get engaged, I'd like to introduce you to Bill Barry. Bill has just joined the University to head up our Office of Family Giving after spending many years at Deerfield Academy. Please take the time to welcome him to our community and use him as a resource as you explore ways to make a difference.

Thank you once again for being here. Please come over to say hello if we haven't yet had a chance to meet. I look forward to sharing this weekend with you.

Thank you.

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