

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Remarks by Chancellor Kent Syverud

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Remarks: Chancellor's Remarks at 2014 ROTC Chancellor's Review

*The Chancellor was introduced by Lt. Colonel Jon, Landis,
Commander, Air Force ROTC Detachment 535.*

Thank you, Lt. Col. Landis.

Thank-you also to the people who helped organize this morning's event:

- Captain Robert Neuman, Project Officer
- Lars Luffman, Special Project Officer
- Laura Bates, Syracuse University Army ROTC office coordinator
- Virginia O'Connor, SU's Air Force ROTC office coordinator
- and Donald Saleh, SU's Vice President for Enrollment Management

Distinguished guests, parents, cadets, and professors of military science and aerospace studies—I am pleased and honored to be here today to preside over this review and to recognize those Army and Air Force cadets who have achieved distinction for superior performance.

Syracuse University has an unrivaled history of supporting students who aspire to serve in our nation's armed forces. We are especially proud of our long relationship with ROTC—which was founded here in 1918 as the Student Army Training Corps. Syracuse and ROTC share a commitment to the values that inform thoughtful leadership and excellence in service. I am so proud of these cadets. We are all proud of you.

Proud that you have the intellectual, physical, and social skills needed to succeed as effective leaders in areas of crisis and need at home and around the world.

Proud that you are effective problem-solvers, strategic thinkers, managers, and collaborators.

Proud that you have integrity and compassion, and a deep respect for the principles of justice upon which our nation was founded.

Proud that while at Syracuse, you have balanced the rigorous dual demands of your academic discipline and the requirements of your ROTC training. Cadets, you inspire us by what you have achieved and who you have become.

We also expect great things of each of you in the future. The challenges and opportunities you will face in an increasingly shrinking world, are extraordinary, and extraordinarily diverse. Your willingness to prepare for such critically important service speaks to your character, your courage, and your commitment to your country. I know you will make your families, and Syracuse University, even prouder in the future as you lead in the world.

You will take Syracuse University and its whole-hearted support with you as you serve. And we will be with you return from service. Through ground-breaking initiatives such as the University's Institute for Veterans and Military Families, Syracuse has emerged as a national leader in creating opportunities for returning servicemen and -women and promoting their successful transition back into civil society.

I thank today, on your behalf, those family, friends, and dedicated faculty members who I know have provided you with support, encouragement, and guidance. Please join me now in thanking them.

[Lead applause]

Congratulations Cadets, and Godspeed you in your great days ahead!

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