

Syracuse University

Remarks by Chancellor Kent Syverud

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Location: Goldstein Auditorium, Schine Student Center

Remarks: Salute to Service

The Chancellor was introduced by Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resource Officer, Andy Gordon.

Thank you, Andy. Let me start by acknowledging the dedication and hard work of those who planned this event. I thank you for your service:

- Jaclyn Grosso, Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations, Public Affairs;
- Stephanie Irwin, Director of Administration, Human Resources;
- Chuck Merrihew, Vice President for Advancement and External Affairs;
- Lucille Murphy, Shared Services Representative, Human Resources;
- Jake Tanksley, Senior Business Partner, Human Resources; and
- Brittany Zaehringer, Senior Business Partner, Human Resources.

Thanks also to the staff of the University Archives for providing me with some interesting historical facts that Human Resources asked me to share today.

This afternoon we are honoring 147 employees who celebrated significant service milestones last year, ranging from 25 to 50 years.

You have dedicated yourself to getting the job done, even if it takes you well beyond the normal workday. You take pride in what you do and we take pride in you. You create and sustain the environment needed for our students to achieve their full potential. Together, you have compiled almost 5,000 years of service to Syracuse University.

You represent every aspect of this great university:

In this room are people who teach our students and conduct groundbreaking research. Others expand, maintain, and improve our buildings and infrastructure. Some do essential things that enable the University to operate each and every day. Others serve our campus community in critical ways, including keeping us all warm, fed, healthy, informed, and safe.

Your service to the University spans an extraordinary period in history: 1966-2017. 1966: no co-ed dorms. Dean of Women and Men. Curfews. No Bird library. No student center. Chancellor Tolley.

In late January 1966, a winter storm dumped more than 42 inches of snow on Syracuse in a four-day period. The storm shut down many University operations and even pushed back spring registration.

We have three professors who started that year, and who are celebrating 50 years. We recognized them at our inaugural One University Awards ceremony on April 25. I am glad to recognize them again today. They are

- Jack Graver, professor of mathematics in the College of Arts and Sciences;
- Donald Morton, professor of English in the College of Arts and Sciences; and
- Sarah Short, professor of nutrition in the Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics.

We also have employees celebrating 45, 40, 35, 30, and 25 years of service with us today. Between the years 1966 and 1991, history recorded some very memorable occasions. Perhaps some of you will remember when the concept and construction of Bird Library was announced, back in 1966. Others will remember 1971, the year that Dellplain Hall became the University's first co-ed residence hall. Some of you started work in 1976, the year that construction

began on the Marshall Square Mall. Or in 1981, the University abolished recognizing only a valedictorian and salutatorian—instead honoring a group of University Scholars selected on the basis of exceptional academic performance and achievement. Many of you started in 1991, 25 years ago, the year that Chancellor Buzz Shaw was inaugurated. 25 years equals three chancellors.

The University has endured some very challenging times and celebrated truly great moments. One thing remains constant: Your collaboration, initiative, and caring make Syracuse University the special place that it is. The University's story is your story, too. You are, and always will be, valued members of the Syracuse University family.

People like you.

On behalf of the University, thank you for your dedication. Thank you for your commitment to our work and mission. Thank you for making Syracuse University a central part of your life.

Congratulations on achieving this important milestone.

Thank you.

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