

Syracuse University

Remarks by Chancellor Kent Syverud

Delivered on Friday, April 20, 2018

Location: Hendricks Chapel

Remarks: One University Awards Ceremony

*The Chancellor was introduced by Vice Chancellor and Provost,
Dr. Michele Wheatly*

Thank you Provost Wheatly. I will be very brief. First of all, I want to thank the University Singers for modeling excellence together as a group. Today we are celebrating remarkable people at Syracuse University. They have helped define what is the best here. I am in awe of all the awardees. They show each day what we want Syracuse and what we want the world to be.

Today also, however, is a day for our community to reaffirm what we reject – a day to say what we refuse to let Syracuse and the world become. It is a day to reject hatred and bigotry. It is a day to squarely face and refuse to countenance behavior that is profoundly hostile to our whole community – and to all Orange people, whatever their religion, whatever their race, whatever their gender identity or sexual preference, whatever their national origin, whatever their disability.

For the rest of this ceremony we will acknowledge Syracuse at its best. We do so by acknowledging people who come from all backgrounds – who are all Orange – and who all deserve the same respect and civility that we aspire to show to every single student, faculty member, staff member, alumnus, and friend of this University.

Thank you.

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