CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

A RECENT VISIT TO OUR SU ABROAD CENTER IN BEIJING BROUGHT HOME for me just how strong an impact Syracuse University is making on the world. It's evident in the latest seminar, *The Other China: Minority Cultures, Development, and the Environment*, from center director Caroline Tong G'91, G'97, addressing crucial questions confronting the world's most populous nation. Working on an even more grand scale—geologic in time and global in scope—is Earth sciences professor Chris Scholz, who has discovered evidence of historic climate change in African lake-bottom sediments that will shed light on trends in human evolution.

But you don't have to go to the other side of the world to feel SU's impact. It's everywhere, as our faculty, students, staff, and alumni engage communities of experts on a stunning array of pressing issues at home, too. You can feel it in the work of SU chemistry professor Rob Doyle and his team of students carrying out revolutionary research in the development of oral insulin treatment for diabetes.

You'll also find it in the remarkably successful Entrepreneurs Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities (EBV) launched last year by the Whitman School. Under entrepreneurship and emerging enterprises professor Mike Haynie's leadership, the EBV already is having an impact nationally through a new consortium centered at SU. Likewise, design students working through UPSTATE: A Center for Design, Research, and Real Estate under architecture professor Julia Czerniak's direction, are fostering transformative change. Along with partners from across the community, they're envisioning a new future for Syracuse's Near West Side as a vibrant Arts, Technology, and Design Quarter from which local artists and entrepreneurs will bring their talents to the world.

We're bringing the world to Syracuse, too, as we tap the global connections of SU art historian Gary Radke '73 to bring a first-of-its-kind exhibition centering on Michelangelo—including eight works of his never seen in the United States—to the SUArt Galleries and then to Lubin House in New York City this fall.

There's news of much-deserved and long-awaited recognition for a different sort of SU "art": perennial NFL all-star and SU Trustee Art Monk '80, who was just elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Perhaps someday he will be joined there by Tom Coughlin '68, G'69, who coached the New York Giants to Super Bowl glory this year, thanks in large part to the sure hands—and helmet!—of David Tyree '02.

Speaking of being in good hands: We salute John Couri '63, outgoing chair of the Board of Trustees, who is stepping down in May following four years in this pivotal leadership position. John's inspirational vision and boundless energy are at the heart of SU's incredible accomplishments over that period—including a record-setting start to our campaign. He will be succeeded by John Chapple '75, whose personal commitment to cultivating students for active roles as citizens in a democracy promises to advance Scholarship in Action for years to come.

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