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CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES JOE BIDEN L'68 SPENT MANY memorable terms as a senator on the Hill in Washington, but when he spoke at Commencement this May, his affection for SU and the Hill in Syracuse came through in strikingly heartfelt terms. Perhaps even more striking, however, he exuded the irrepressibly entrepreneurial SU spirit, urging that we view the persistent uncertainty in the global economy as a unique opportunity, saying, "This is a moment that comes seldom in history...when we reach an inflection point that is so consequential for the next generations...we're in the beginning stages of beginning to change the world."

In the weeks that followed, I heard that characteristic can-do SU attitude echoed consistently from coast to coast. At gatherings from LA to Atlanta to New Jersey, I met alumni not only fondly reminiscent about their days on the Hill and profoundly grateful for the doors to opportunity that SU opened for them, but fiercely committed to securing that experience and those opportunities for the next generations. That's the kind of commitment that assured the success of Syracuse Responds—our lightning-quick, midyear fund-raising campaign to help students and their families who were suddenly strapped last fall by the economic downturn. Rallying to the cry "Keep 'em 'Cuse," the SU family did just that, providing crucial resources to assure that 426 of our students would not lose their chance to prepare for the world at SU.

And because we know that the best way to prepare our students for the world is to prepare them in the world, through Scholarship in Action we're constantly and strategically developing new opportunities to bring the world to SU and vice versa. A great example is our distinctive and expansive collaboration with global financial services leader JPMorgan Chase (JPMC), which creates unprecedented opportunities for our students to tackle real-world problems inside the classroom and out. Whether minoring in global enterprise technology—the new curriculum our faculty devised jointly with JPMC technologists—or interning at one of nine sites from the East Coast of the U.S. to the West Coast of India to the East Coast of China, our students are immersed in breathtakingly engaging environments that redefine the boundaries of learning.

But when it comes to breathtaking, few environments could match Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts, on Memorial Day, where the men's lacrosse team staged a heart-stopping, come-from-behind national championship victory over Central New York rival Cornell. That's a tough act for the rest of the summer to follow. Here's to making the most of yours.

Cordially,



Nancy Cantor
Chancellor and President

