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CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



AS WE CONCLUDE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ACADEMIC YEAR, WE'RE NOT only reaching the end of 2010-11, but marking a decade of work at SU to build on the 2001 Academic Plan and our vision of Scholarship in Action that followed it.

Both of these have leveraged what makes Syracuse so special—our powerful combination of extraordinary professional schools and pinnacles of excellence across the liberal arts—positioning us as a nimble and agile research institution in an increasingly diverse world where the problems are complex and the potential for solutions requires all hands on deck.

All of our progress has been undergirded by multi-year investments in our faculty and facilities, and diversification and significant growth in our portfolio of sponsored research funding and support. During the past decade, we have increased the number of full-time faculty by 20 percent and invested \$365 million in research/academic facilities and collaborative venues. Reflective of SU's agility and entrepreneurial focus, our research portfolio—which has grown by 94 percent in the past 10 years—draws from a wide array of funding sources: federal, state, and local government; corporations; and foundations.

Leveraging our map of excellence, we have created a set of 11 interdisciplinary, highly collaborative research clusters (see: syr.edu/irc) that are breaking down traditional silos to address major issues from global security, biomaterials, and disabilities to inclusive education (pages 14-31), environmental sustainability, entrepreneurship, and the role of the arts, technology, and design in revitalizing metropolitan America. This cluster framework includes faculty leadership appointments, targeted investment from central and school/college resources, cross-discipline degree programs, opportunity for student engagement, and cross-sector partnerships that enrich research and advance scholarly excellence.

Integral to all of this extraordinary interdisciplinary research is educating the next generation of leaders, and partnering with corporations, foundations, local residents, global collaborators, and nonprofits to demonstrate the value of higher education as a public good. This is especially crucial at a time when universities must engage in the world and not depend solely on one avenue of external partnership or support. The entire SU community should rightly be proud of our map of excellence and we are optimistic that the many substantive partnerships we have formed will continue to make a difference in the world.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Cantor". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Nancy Cantor
Chancellor and President