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Remarks by Chancellor Kent Syverud

Delivered on August 23, 2016

Location: Goldstein Auditorium

Remarks: Chancellor's Remarks at Reception for New Undergraduate International Students

*The Chancellor was introduced by Pat Burak,
Director of International Students Office*

Thank you, Pat.

Dr. Chen and I thank you - and your staff - for the hard work in organizing this reception. We are grateful to all international staff and faculty for helping these young women and men to feel welcome.

As always, we thank the catering staff for the wonderful service.

Greetings and welcome to all of our new international students. Welcome to a great University.

Our Syracuse University has suffered a great loss this week. Lillian Slutzker passed away. She was 98. Her tremendous generosity, her compassionate nature, explains why the Slutzker Center for International Services carries her family name.

Lillian Slutzker was a refugee from Budapest, Hungary, who lost her parents in the Holocaust. She came to Syracuse and made a life here, sharing everything she could with international students new to America. Lillian was here in person with us at this reception, a year ago. She is here in spirit forever.

This week, you join a significant part of campus life at Syracuse. Our entire international community, including students and scholars, exceeds 4,200 men and women. We are welcoming about 600 new, transfer and exchange international undergraduate students and 800 new graduate students. Imagine: All told, you come from 120 nations.

You all help make this place a great, engaged, thriving diverse international research University. The academic strategic plan for our University emphasizes global engagement and study, as well as academic excellence and innovation.

My wife and I know there can be challenges in adjusting to life in the United States. We hope you will find that the staff at Syracuse University and at the Slutzker Center welcome you as friends and family.

We are so honored you have come to Syracuse.

Welcome. And thank you.

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