FALL ON CAMPUS IS ALWAYS A TIME OF RENEWED ENERGY AS THE ACADEMIC year gets under way—and this year is no exception. While we are only a quarter of the way through the year, we've seen many successes and achievements. For example, the campus is still buzzing with excitement after the historic dedication and opening of Newhouse III (see page 18) several weeks ago and all of the hope and opportunity a stunning new state-of-the-art building presents.

Tremendous excitement is also building as we prepare for the public launch on November 2 of the most ambitious capital campaign in the University’s history: The Campaign for Syracuse University. The campaign will capture the momentum of Scholarship in Action to drive us forward for years to come as a place where our students become leaders, our faculty become collaborators, and our graduates infuse the world with the energy of their work and ideas. As with our vision, our aspirations for The Campaign for Syracuse University are ambitious—with the anticipated goal of $1 billion to support the many ways we are putting scholarship into action and serving as the living expression of insights that incite change.

One initiative that just recently garnered national visibility and is emblematic of the ideals of Scholarship in Action is SU’s Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism (INSCT). The institute optimizes interdisciplinary, scholarly expertise of faculty and students from the College of Law and the Maxwell School to focus on how governments can confront threats to their citizens posed by terrorism while safeguarding liberties and human rights. In October, INSCT joined with the International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism in Herzliya, Israel, to bring together a distinguished team of international scholars, legal experts, and human rights advocates on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Hague Rules—one of the first formal steps to regulate combat and warfare—to re-examine the rules in light of the new realities of the 21st century. INSCT’s success wouldn't be possible without the insight and generous support of SU trustees Gerry Cramer ’52, Paul Greenberg ’65, and Joshua Heintz G’69.

Overall, the initial outpouring of support to date for our capital campaign has been incredible. Leadership-level campaign commitments have already surpassed the total of SU’s last fund-raising effort—setting the stage to reach our unprecedented campaign goal over the next five to seven years and significantly increase our ability to prepare our students and faculty to make a difference in the world as never before.

We are privileged to have three devoted alumni and University trustees—Melanie Gray G’81, Deryck Palmer ’78, and Howie Phanstiel ’70, G’71—as our campaign co-chairs (see “Leading the Way,” page 12). Their considerable expertise and combined energies will help us reach our key campaign objectives: to embed a culture of entrepreneurship throughout campus, to educate citizens of the world, and to create a University as excellent as its individual parts by advancing Scholarship in Action to ever-higher levels of excellence.

But most crucial to our success is the support and engagement of you—our alumni and friends. We know you are ready to join us on this exciting journey. Let’s get started!

Cordially,

Nancy Cantor
Chancellor and President