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MORE THAN 19,000 PEOPLE PACKED the Carrier Dome on May 10 to celebrate the 155th Commencement of Syracuse University and the 112th Commencement of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

The University conferred more than 4,800 degrees and awarded honorary degrees to U.S. Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. L'68, who delivered the Commencement address; Molly Corbett Broad '62, president of the American Council on Education; Monsignor Charles J. Fahey, a renowned expert on aging; Seymour M. Hersh, award-winning investigative reporter; Irving Powless Jr., a chief of the Beaver Clan of the Onondaga Nation; and Gianfranco Zaccai '70, co-founder, president, and CEO of Continuum, an international design and innovation consultancy.

"Just as with every generation that is at an inflection point in history, it's totally within your power to shape history and literally bend it," Biden told the Class of 2009. "This is not bravado. This has been the history of the journey of America from its inception."

