A public policy student develops a program to help police officers learn Spanish and better understand local Latino youth.

An English professor inspired by his love of the written word brings university and high school students together to express themselves through creative writing and photography.

An executive recognizes the need for graduates trained in the business end of the music industry and provides the vision and means for just such a curriculum.

Every day, Syracuse University is propelled by the bold idea of Scholarship in Action. Education that is not static or for its own sake, but the living expression of insights that incite change—one person at a time being moved to change lives, neighborhoods, and the world.
SCHOLARSHIP IN ACTION IS A TRUE REFLECTION OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY’S VALUES—OF WHO WE ARE AND ALWAYS HAVE BEEN

At the heart of Scholarship in Action is the belief that discovery has no physical or intellectual boundaries. By bridging academic disciplines and creating strong connections to society, we have revealed the world’s complexities. By bringing together faculty and students from all walks of life, we have heightened intellectual discourse. By skillfully blending theory and practice, we have empowered students to find meaningful applications for their learning.

Now, we must do even more. This is the driving force behind Insights Incite Change: The Campaign for Syracuse University.

Cornelia Maria Clapp earns a Ph.D.—becomes a pioneering research zoologist who inspires women to seek careers in the natural sciences.

Industrialist Andrew Carnegie donates $150,000 to erect the library that will bear his name.

SU launches a three-year, $2 million endowment campaign to carry the University into the 20th century.
Insights Incite Change: The Campaign for Syracuse University will be the most ambitious campaign in SU’s history—one that will equip our campus community to find the innovative solutions the future demands.

WITH THIS UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF SUPPORT, WE WILL...

Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs—one of the few schools to combine the social sciences and public administration education—is established.

1924

SU establishes one of nation’s first schools of journalism—now the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.

1939

The Daily Orange Editor Elizabeth Donnelly gains widespread attention as one of nation’s first female college newspaper editors.
1. Embed a Culture of Entrepreneurship

Across the Syracuse University campus and beyond, our entrepreneurial mind-set will intensify, leveraging educational, business, and artistic resources in ways that will truly transform communities.

Faculty and students across all disciplines will be more inspired by the innovation, creativity, risk-taking, and commitment of entrepreneurial thinking. They will better recognize their entrepreneurial potential and be empowered to act on it. They will have new opportunities to join with each other and with our communities of experts to transform what is learned in the classroom into practical use for the public good.
2. EDUCATE CITIZENS OF THE WORLD

Students of talent and promise from all ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds will continue to thrive as they engage with the world. They’ll gain not only from our academic strengths, but also from opportunities to partner with industry experts, citizens’ groups, government leaders, and others who are ready to collaborate on change-inciting solutions.

Equipped with a Syracuse University education, our graduates will be well-prepared, active citizens with the drive, initiative, critical thinking skills, and imagination to become change agents of the future—empowered to make a real and lasting difference in their communities, their professions, and the global society in which they live.

SU Abroad

SU establishes an intercollegiate athletics program for women.

David M. Crane receives an SU graduate degree, becomes an expert in international law and chief prosecutor of the U.N.’s Special Court for Sierra Leone.

SU builds the 50,000-seat Carrier Dome—the first athletic stadium of its kind on a university campus.
3. CREATE A WHOLE AS GREAT AS ITS PARTS

Through a culture of entrepreneurship and our engagement with the world, we will develop a reputation equal to those of our individual parts. Syracuse University will be as respected as our renowned Maxwell and Newhouse schools. Better known than our SU Abroad programs. More celebrated than our athletic teams.

Teachers and students will come to SU for groundbreaking interdisciplinary teaching and research, for the broad insights needed to readily identify society’s most critical needs, and for strategic partnerships that allow many different voices to be heard.

Junior Vanessa Williams becomes the first African American to be crowned “Miss America.”

The Vision Fund is established, providing grants for faculty to develop creative ideas for improved teaching and learning.

The Mary Ann Shaw Center for Public and Community Service creates the SU Literacy Corps, mobilizing SU students to tutor local schoolchildren.
Syracuse University is a place where talent, desire, and opportunity flourish—a place where students become leaders, teachers become collaborators, and our community is continually elevated through the energy of new ideas.

Today, we find ourselves in a time when the challenges of society align more than ever with our strengths. Drawing inspiration from our past and looking ahead to the future, we advance our vision of Scholarship in Action.

On November 2, we begin the next chapter in SU history. Become part of Insights Incite Change. And help us impact the world as never before.

Nancy Cantor
Chancellor and President