

# SU International Students Petition, Syracuse Racial Justice Fundraiser, and Other Items

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Hello Orange Family,

We hope you and your loved ones are healthy, safe, and well.

Today we are writing to you about a few items:

1. [Protect ALL international students at Syracuse University petition](#)
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1. [Protect ALL international students at Syracuse University petition:](#)

As you most likely know, [Chancellor Syverud has announced that Syracuse University will join an amicus brief in support of litigation filed by Harvard and M.I.T. against the recent ICE decision. We support this decision](#) while also acknowledging that there are additional ways to support our fellow international students. We, Justine Hastings and Ryan Golden, along with SA Representatives Yuyin Liu and Amanda Byrne recently met with a few international students

who have brought forward a petition that requests additional demands from the SU administration.

*“International students at SU are asking our administration to propose serious solutions to protect all international students affected by the new ICE regulations. Taking in-person classes is not an option for all, and international students should have the choice to take only online classes if they so esteem necessary. SU also needs to provide real solutions for those international students outside of the US and that are not able to return in time. Please read their demands and sign the following petition if you are an affected international student or a supporter.”*

We unequivocally support both the petition and our fellow international students. If you want to view the petition and sign on, you can do so [here](#). The petition will be sent to John Liu, Interim Vice Chancellor and Provost ([johnliu@syr.edu](mailto:johnliu@syr.edu)), Amanda Nicholson, Interim Deputy Senior Vice President of the Division of

Enrollment and the Student Experience ([agnichol@syr.edu](mailto:agnichol@syr.edu)), and Candace Campbell Jackson, Chancellor Syverud's Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff ([candace1@syr.edu](mailto:candace1@syr.edu)), so she can directly send it to Chancellor Syverud ([chancellor@syr.edu](mailto:chancellor@syr.edu)).

If you would like to promote the petition on your social media pages/communication channels, two graphics are attached to this email. Thank you!

As a reminder, there are plenty of resources to support our fellow international students on [the SA Student Resources page](#) from mental health resources to nationwide petitions to support services. We love and support you and we will get through this challenging time.

## **2. The Syracuse Racial Justice Fundraiser:**

The Student Association has partnered with:

[The Syracuse Black Lives Matter Chapter](#)  
[OG's Against Violence](#)

[Unchained](#)  
[The Black Leadership Coalition of Central New](#)  
[York](#)  
[Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse](#)  
[\(ACTS\)](#)  
[The Syracuse Chapter of the National Action](#)  
[Network](#)  
[Syracuse University's Our Time Has Come](#)  
[Scholarship Program](#)

to conduct the Syracuse Racial Justice Fundraiser.

The purpose of this University-wide fundraiser is to raise money for the organizations in our Syracuse community who are doing important work for racial justice. The fundraiser is open to just about everyone but especially SU students, administrators, faculty, staff, alumni, etc. SU administrators, faculty, staff, and alumni will learn about the fundraiser through the SU News Story, the Enrollment and Student Experience (ESE) staff newsletter and Advancement and External Affairs (AEA) intranet, social media, etc.

## Donation Links (all donations go directly to the organizations):

[Syracuse Black Lives Matter Chapter](#) (funds will be shared with [CuseYouthBLM](#) and [Raha Syracuse](#))

### [OG's Against Violence](#)

Mission Statement: “To serve the city of Syracuse and Central New York to reduce the violence that has afflicted our community through grassroots outreach and a boots on the ground effort to reach out to people and bring positive change.”

### [Unchained](#)

"Unchained is an organization based in Syracuse, NY with a mission to dismantle the carceral state - the white supremacist apparatus that includes police, prosecutors, jails/prisons, parole/probation, ICE, and other forms of surveillance or criminalization. We invest in people locked up by police and locked out of schools - mostly Black and Brown folks and poor

people - to build power and chart a path toward liberation by making racial and economic justice a reality."

### [The Black Leadership Coalition of Central New York](#)

"Black Leadership Coalition's mission is to build a culture of political engagement within Black/Brown Communities. We create spaces of conversation and advocacy around issues impacting Black people. We believe those in office and those seeking office must be held accountable for the policies they seek to implement and must be able to speak clearly to communities of color."

### [Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse \(ACTS\)](#)

"The Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse (ACTS) is a grassroots, interfaith network advocating for social justice. We are voices striving for a more just and fair community that improves the quality of life for all in Onondaga County."

## [The Syracuse Chapter of the National Action Network](#)

"Syracuse NAN works within the spirit and tradition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to promote a modern civil rights agenda."

## [Syracuse University's Our Time Has Come Scholarship Program](#)

"The Our Time Has Come Scholarship creates possibility for Black and Latino students at Syracuse University" including endowed scholarships for those populations.

Although these three organizations could not ultimately join the fundraiser for a variety of reasons, we would like to highlight the important work they're doing for our community and ask that you find other ways to support them:

## [Syracuse Police Accountability and Reform Coalition \(SPAARC\)](#)

"Syracuse Police Accountability and Reform Coalition (SPAARC) is a grassroots collective



committed to transformational, citizen-led police reform."

### [Syracuse Onondaga NAACP](#)

"Our mission is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination."

### [Central New York Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union](#)

"The New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU) is one of the nation's foremost defenders of civil liberties and civil rights."

**We completely understand that not everyone is in a financial position to donate, especially during the current times.** Again, there are other ways to support these organizations including volunteering, attending their events, supporting/sharing their content on social media, etc. We also highly recommend checking out the Anti Racism Resources section on our [Student Resources page](#) so you can find ways to educate yourself and others on anti-racism, sign

petitions, find various organizations to support, etc. If you would like to share additional resources with us to include on this page, we encourage you to do so! Please reach out to [StudentAssociation@syr.edu](mailto:StudentAssociation@syr.edu) as we want this page to be as inclusive and expansive as possible.

We also wanted to say that we are **extremely proud** of our fellow students. We have been keeping up with what's been going on on social media and [we are really happy to see our fellow students/student organizations using their platforms to speak up about important issues like systemic racism and police brutality \(x\)](#). We are also really happy to see that a lot of the experiences that students of color face on this campus (and worldwide) are being brought to light (ex: [BlackatCuse](#), [BIPOC.Syracuse](#), [DearIntlStudents](#)) and that this is causing individuals to truly question and interrogate themselves when it comes to issues like privilege and complicity. We are both committed to doing similar internal work and

acting forward. We would also like to thank the organizers of [#NotAgainSU](#) for doing a lot of the ground work in raising these issues and actively addressing them on our campus. You all deserved better and we are committed to ensuring that your agreed upon demands are met. There is definitely still a lot of work to do but we are hopeful that we are all moving in the right direction.

More information about the Syracuse Racial Justice Fundraiser can be found at [sa.syr.edu/fundraiser](http://sa.syr.edu/fundraiser). If you would like to promote the fundraiser on your social media pages/communication channels, two graphics are attached to this email. Thank you!

### 3. Quick update on [the Suspend Syracuse University Tuition Increase for 2020-2021 Academic Year petition](#):

Chancellor Syverud has received the petition and he told us that he is meeting with [the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees](#) to discuss the petition today, Tuesday, July 14,

2020. We will share more information with you once we hear back.

#### **4. Student Association's 2020 Summer Directors:**

The Student Association has created the 2020 Summer Director program. Its purpose is to coordinate advocacy over the summer for issues that concern the Syracuse University student body. Below is information on the director position, description, and name and contact information if you would like to reach out. As a reminder, you can also reach out to us, Justine Hastings ([jchastin@syr.edu](mailto:jchastin@syr.edu)) and Ryan Golden ([rjgolden@syr.edu](mailto:rjgolden@syr.edu)) about anything as well!

#### **Student Living Director, Amanda Byrne ([ambyrne@syr.edu](mailto:ambyrne@syr.edu))**

This representative is responsible for coordinating communication between the Office of Student Living as well as the Housing office. Any issue related to on/off campus living will fall under this purview.

**International Student Director, Yuyin Liu**  
**([yliu414@syr.edu](mailto:yliu414@syr.edu))**

This representative is responsible for advocating for and communicating with international students across campus.

**First Year Experience Director, Louisa Mancuso**  
**([lmancus@syr.edu](mailto:lmancus@syr.edu))**

This representative is responsible for working with administrators who are responsible for the First Year Experience and to provide a student voice and perspective.

**Student Safety Director, Kailee Vick**  
**([knvick@syr.edu](mailto:knvick@syr.edu))**

This representative is responsible for working with the Department of Public Safety and any other relevant offices with the goal of achieving reforms that support students in their interactions with the Department of Public Safety, The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR), and Title IX.

**Health & Wellness Director, Morgan Eaton**  
**([mweaton@syr.edu](mailto:mweaton@syr.edu))**

This representative is responsible for working with the Barnes Center as well as the Counseling Office and any other relevant departments to advocate for greater access to health related resources for students on/off campus.

**Accessibility Director, Justine Hastings**  
**[jchastin@syr.edu](mailto:jchastin@syr.edu)**

This representative is responsible for working with the Center for Disability Resources (CDR), Housing Office, and any relevant registered student organizations or campus departments to find ways to offer proper accommodations, ensure that the accommodations are being provided in an efficient and accountable manner, and make campus more accessible.

This information can also be found on [the 2020 Summer Directors page](#) on the SA website.

5. [Department of Public Safety \(DPS\) Focus Group Topics and Questions \(Google Form\)](#):

We recently sent a brief Google form asking for student DPS concerns and experiences. Thank you to those who responded. Attorney General Loretta Lynch has received the responses to that form. If you want to directly get in contact with Loretta Lynch the best way to do so is reaching out to her associate, Meredith L Borner, [mborner@paulweiss.com](mailto:mborner@paulweiss.com). We asked Loretta Lynch for more information about the timeline for the review and she is not 100% certain yet. We will share once we know more information.

[This Google form](#) is different. The Student Association is working with the Department of Public Safety, and potentially the Division of Enrollment and the Student Experience (ESE), Stop BIAS, and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion in order to conduct student focus groups centered on DPS- student relations. The purpose of this brief Google form is for students to suggest topics and questions covered in these focus groups that will take place in early Fall. More specific information about details and

sign-ups for the focus groups will be distributed then. Although students are suggesting topics and questions for the focus groups in advance, one of the goals for the focus groups is to keep them open-ended so students can raise or share any specific concerns if need be. Please complete the Google form [here](#) by Wednesday, July 22 at 11:59PM EST.

**6. Speakers and initiatives that you'd like to see related to racial/social justice (Google form):**

The Student Association is working on initiatives and programming related to racial/social justice, including ways to show campus-wide solidarity for [the August 28 March on Washington](#) and other events throughout the year. Here is [a brief Google form](#) asking for your input on initiatives and/or speakers/performers that you'd like to see. Due to University COVID-19 guidelines, outside speaker/performer events will be virtual.



## **7. Speakers and/or initiatives that you'd like to see related to mental health (Google form):**

The Student Association is also planning Mental Health Awareness week (October 4 - October 10, 2020) and we are seeking your input on speakers/performers and/or initiatives that you'd like to see related to mental health. Here is [the brief Google form](#) asking for your input. Again, due to University COVID-19 guidelines, outside speaker/performer events will be virtual.

Woo, that was a lot of content for just one email! If you actually read all of this, thank you, we appreciate you. Expect an email from us soon about SA's 2020-21 action plan (first edition) and more information about our permanent initiatives (thank you to the 63rd legislative session for the ground work on this).

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Stay well,

**Justine Hastings and Ryan Golden**

*President and Vice President*

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