



**\*\* Special Announcement \*\***

**Letter to Students from Saudi Arabia**

Dear Students from Saudi Arabia,

I write to express our deepest sympathy and condolences to you all, and your families and fellow citizens of Saudi Arabia, as you mourn the death of King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz al Saud. Our Chancellor Kent Syverud has reached out directly to Prince Sultan to convey and express condolences on the passing of His Royal Highness King Abdullah. Syracuse University alum, U.S. Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr., L '68, will lead a U.S. Presidential delegation to Saudi Arabia to pay respect and offer condolences to King Abdullah's family and the people of Saudi Arabia.

Syracuse University has long celebrated the commitment that King Abdullah had made to education, and we have received hundreds of students from Saudi Arabia as a result over the past many decades, going back to the 1980s. We stand ready to join together with you here on campus, and Hendricks Chapel, to honor the memory of King Abdullah in a gathering most appropriate and significant to you. Please contact me, or Dean Tiffany Steinwert of Hendricks Chapel, so that we might work with you on this memorial.

The University has published their condolences and acknowledgement of the ascendancy of Prince Sultan in the SU NEWS which appeared yesterday, January 23, 2015: <http://news.syr.edu/father-of-syracuse-university-alumnus-assumes-saudi-arabian-throne-51749/>

Our prayers and deepest sympathy join with the condolences already expressed by Chancellor Syverud to the Royal Family. May the beneficial legacy which King Abdullah has left in the world continue to keep his memory alive.

With sympathy and respect,  
Dr. Patricia A. Burak, Director  
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