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Statement by President Marc J. Cohen on Black History Month

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“Celebrating Black History Month is vital to continuing our progress as a country, state, and University system. The tale of our history as a Student Assembly is tied to the promise of a diverse, equitable, and inclusive education system for all. We applaud the incredible efforts many brave people of color have made to take this promise from a mere dream to our current reality.

“The framework for progress depends on the creators of the frame itself, and the courage, love, and perseverance of these trailblazers should not only be remembered, but reflected in every step we make. From Booker T. Washington to Barack H. Obama, Black educators have helped shape the way we think about our world and our roles in society, and have enriched our lives with their wisdom and humanity. While we take these four weeks each year to recognize these accomplished individuals, we should continue to appreciate their contributions to society throughout the year.”

About the SUNY Student Assembly

The Student Assembly of the State University of New York (SUNY SA) is the recognized student government organization representing the nearly 600,000 students of the State University of New York. Comprised of student leaders elected by their peers from across SUNY’s 64 campuses, SUNY SA is committed to empowering students throughout the state, and ensuring the representation of its members on the state and national level, as well as throughout the SUNY system.

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