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#NOTAGAINSU News Release

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Attn: Syracuse University, local and national media

#NotAgainSU, a Black student-led movement, shares the narrative of the current sit-in protest at Syracuse University

SYRACUSE, New York -- On Thursday, November 7, 2019, Syracuse University freshman students on the fourth and sixth floor of Day Hall woke up to racial slurs written across the bathroom walls targeting both Black and East Asian communities. After discovering the hate crime late Sunday night November 10, 2019, on social media, SU students took the initiative to spread the news via multiple platforms. However, the administration did not inform Syracuse students and faculty of the crime until Monday, November 11, 2019, at 5:37 p.m. via an email from Robert Hradsky, Vice President for the Student Experience.

Between this time span, Syracuse University launched Forever Orange: The Campaign for Syracuse University on Friday, November 9, 2019, to raise \$1.5 billion to improve the student experience. Hosting over 150 donors, the University failed to inform its Orange family of this major issue which affects the livelihoods of underrepresented University students.

#NotAgainSU is a Black student-led movement that believes transparency from Syracuse University's administration is necessary. The safety of students on this campus — specifically the safety of underrepresented and underserved students — is paramount. #NotAgainSU stands in solidarity with all groups and communities that identify with and for the movement.

Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at 10:30 a.m., #NotAgainSU began a peaceful protest in the lobby of Syracuse University's Barnes Center at the Arch — a brand new \$50 million recreational complex. The student demands were posted in the Barnes Center's lobby, allowing participating protesters to critique and construct them as a collective. After an open meeting with central administration, #NotAgainSU revised the demands to better suit the needs of Black and underserved students.

The sit-in has continued in the Barnes Center since then. #NotAgainSU has given SU administration a deadline of November 20, 2019, at 5 p.m. to sign and meet these. Once #NotAgainSU's demands have been met, the protest will cease. Until then, the protest will

continue. The movement has welcomed and invited campus and community allies to stand in solidarity until the University administration takes concrete steps toward meeting the demands.

This movement has received local and national news coverage of the #NotAgainSU mission. Including a statement from New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo calling for an immediate investigation of the hate crimes.

To get involved with or support the student-led protest, please contact #NotAgainSU via Twitter and Instagram. Protesters are still seeking donations (i.e. toiletries, food and financial support). For monetary donations, please visit the movement's GoFundMe at www.gofundme.com/f/black-student-led-sitin-at-syracuse-u.

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