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Central Student Government Welcomes Kent Syverud as President-Elect of the University of Michigan

ANN ARBOR, MI – Central Student Government (CSG) is proud to announce that Kent Syverud will be the next President of the University of Michigan. Coming to us from Syracuse University, where he has served as Chancellor and President, President-Elect Syverud brings a storied background in higher education leadership and deep, lifelong ties to the Michigan community.

During the search process, it became evident that our next leader needed to be someone who could bridge the gap between administration and the student body. Serving on the Presidential Search Committee gave a front-row seat to the future of our institution, and I am incredibly proud to welcome President-Elect Kent Syverud. In every conversation, it became clear that he doesn't just understand the Michigan Difference, he embodies it. Beyond his credentials, Syverud is a dynamic leader who leads with empathy and a genuine heart for the people he serves. He is profoundly student-centered, and I have no doubt he will show a tireless dedication to fostering authentic relationships across every corner of our campus. Whether in a boardroom or walking the Diag, he will prioritize the student experience and the university's mission.

Our university is built on a foundation of rigorous inquiry, a commitment to public service, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. Our new President carries these values in his DNA. With deep and lifelong ties to this community, he understands the unique heartbeat of our campus, from the Diag to the laboratories and the sidelines of Michigan Stadium.

We were looking for a leader who shares our morals, listens to our voices, and champions the diverse perspectives that make U-M a world-class leader. We found that leader. I am confident that his vision will honor our history while boldly pushing us toward a more inclusive and innovative future.

We must also extend our deepest gratitude to President Domenico Grasso, whose exceptional leadership has been a beacon of stability during a time of significant tumult for our university. When we needed guidance most, he stepped up with unwavering resolve, acting not just as an administrator but as a true partner dedicated to empowering students across campus. His willingness to listen, collaborate, and elevate student voices has helped us navigate complex challenges, and his legacy will be defined by his genuine commitment to the success and agency of the student body.

As President-Elect Syverud steps into this role, the Central Student Government looks forward to co-creating a new chapter for our university. We are dedicated to bridging the gap between the administration and the student body, ensuring the President's office remains accessible and responsive. Together, we aim to build a university environment that prioritizes the well-being and success of every Wolverine. We are eager to collaborate with a leader who has demonstrated a commitment to being present and accessible.

We are honored to have President-Elect Kent Syverud join us at our University. Welcome Home!

Best & Forever Go Blue,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric L. Veal Jr." in a cursive, flowing style.

President Eric L. Veal Jr.