

# WellsLink 10 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE



**P L**  
All students are assigned to a Peer Leader, a successful graduate of The WellsLink Leadership Program, who assists them with the college transition.



**M B L R 7**  
The entire WellsLink cohort attends a formal dinner with a keynote address by Barry L. Wells, for whom the program is named. Wells was the inaugural director of SU's Office of Minority Affairs and former senior vice president and dean of student affairs.

**A7 7C**  
Academic Consultants work together with the students to develop personalized action plans to improve time management skills, reduce stress, study effectively, and stay accountable for achieving goals.

**L C S**  
This exclusive series of workshops covers a wide range of topics aimed at building the social capital necessary to remain competitive in college and beyond.



**S F S**  
Each session addresses key elements for socially and academically transitioning to the first year of college life.



**A7 7I P**  
Students who achieved less than a 2.8 GPA in the fall semester are provided with more guided assistance in meeting their academic goals.



**C B**  
WellsLink staff facilitates various activities throughout the year to build a greater sense of community.

**S R 7 / E - - - C**  
This event honors students who have demonstrated academic excellence and exceptional leadership on campus and in the larger Syracuse community.



**T C**  
A formal ceremony honoring WellsLink Scholars from the previous year who have successfully transitioned to their second year at SU.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR BENEFACTORS!

Norman & Edith Weisfeld  
Barry L. Wells & Claudette McGowan-Wells  
Macy's  
Morgan Stanley



**WellsLink Scholars earned a cumulative GPA of 3.14** (2003-2012)

**96%** of WellsLink Scholars returned to SU for their 2nd year



## H 2003-2013

**2003**  
Dr. James K. Duah-Agyeman (Dr. D) and Dr. Paul M. Buckley establish The WellsLink Program in the 2003-2004 academic year, enrolling 32 first-year students of color.

**2005**  
Transitions Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Dr. Dennis Kimbro, educator, best-selling author, and professor at Clark Atlanta University School of Business Administration.

**2004**  
First cohort of WellsLink Peer Leaders to include participants from inaugural cohort of WellsLink Scholars.  
Jocellie E. Marquez, BS '08 starts as the first WellsLink Intern and serves until she graduates.  
Transitions Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Dr. Lamont Flowers, professor at Clemson University and executive director, Charles H. Houston Center for the Study of the Black Experience in Education.

**2006**  
WellsLink wins a 2006 NASPA Excellence Award.  
Wayne A. Horton BA '07, JD '11 is the first WellsLink Scholar to be elected as the Student Association president.  
A team of WellsLink Scholars wins the Diversity Business Summit Case Study Competition.  
Savannah E. Marion BA '07 is the first WellsLink Scholar to earn a Remembrance Scholarship.  
Transitions Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Les Brown, renowned motivational speaker, speaking coach, best-selling author, and television personality.

**2007**  
The inaugural class of WellsLink Scholars graduates from Syracuse University.  
The WellsLink Program's name is modified to The WellsLink Leadership Program.  
The WellsLink Cabinet sponsors a "WellsLink Family Reunion" that reconnects WellsLink upperclassmen.  
Transitions Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ben Carson, internationally renowned neurosurgeon, professor at Johns Hopkins University Hospital, recipient of Presidential Medal of Freedom.

**2008**  
The WellsLink Class Council initiative is instituted.  
Transitions Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Rosa Clemente, grassroots organizer, hip-hop activist, journalist, and entrepreneur, vice presidential candidate of the Green Party in 2008.

**2009**  
Timeka N. Williams, BA '10 is the first WellsLink Scholar to be selected as a Senior Class Marshal.  
Transitions Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Deryck A. Palmer '78, partner, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, Syracuse University trustee.

**2010**  
Transitions Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Dr. Steve Perry, founder and principal of Capital Prep Magnet School, best-selling author and CNN education contributor.

**2011**  
WellsLink enrollment reaches its highest level with 87 students.  
Transitions Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Charlene Teters, professor, Institute of American Indian Arts, founding board member of the National Coalition on Racism in Sports and the Media (NCRSM).

**2012**  
The 10th WellsLink cohort is enrolled in the 2012-2013 academic year.  
Transitions Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Jeff Chang, Journalist, American Book Award winner, and executive director, Institute for Diversity in the Arts at Stanford University.

**2013**  
10th WellsLink cohort transitions at the 10th annual WellsLink Transitions Ceremony on November 1, 2013.  
Transitions Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Nikki Giovanni, world-renowned poet, writer, commentator, activist, and educator, University Distinguished Professor, Virginia Tech.



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