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Alumni mentors inspire students to excel



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finance background. We need to put some time and energy into the next generation – guide them to be wiser, more community-minded people. We have to invest in them.”

SUPERIOR EDUCATION

Bryant University alumni are 45,000+ strong and span the globe. The distinguishing hallmark of a Bryant education whether an alum graduated in 1967 or 2017 is that they received an innovative education and were head-

and-shoulders above their peers in job preparation. Further enhancing their careers are relationships they build with those who graduated before them.

J. Steven Cowen '69, owner of Cowen & Associates, a financial planning and asset management firm in San Diego, *continues on page 3*

RECORD PHILANTHROPY GENERATES NEW OPPORTUNITIES

For nearly 155 years, Bryant has inspired students to excel. Since the public launch of our historic capital campaign three years ago, record philanthropy has already generated new opportunities for students and faculty, enriched and

which concluded in 2004. The campaign's initiatives include:

- **Scholarship dollars** to attract the best students from all segments of society, and ultimately produce the finest graduates and leaders.
- **World-class facilities** including a trailblazing Academic Innovation Center, where innovative learning is now fostered in a creative and dynamic environment, and outstanding Division I athletic facilities that are among the best on the East Coast.
- **New and enhanced academic programs**, representing academic excellence in disciplines that are in high demand. *continues on page 8*

EXPANDING
THE WORLD OF
OPPORTUNITY

THE CAMPAIGN FOR BRYANT'S BOLD FUTURE

expanded the University's academic programs, and created outstanding facilities that have transformed our campus and the student experience.

When Bryant's Board of Trustees approved the \$75 million comprehensive campaign, *Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future*, it was ambitious. The campaign is the largest fundraising effort in the University's history, exceeding the total amount raised in Bryant's previous capital campaign

19,383
Donors
have contributed to date!

Marissa Crean '81 (right) enjoys advising students and alumni in her position at The Hartford as Program Lead, Early Career Leadership Development Program, and as an active member of Alumnifire, Bryant's online community.

While she enjoys a successful, fulfilling career, **Aliana Soto '04** wonders if her trajectory would have been smoother if she'd had mentor. "I met some wonderful, warm alumni who offered help and advice. But I didn't have an actual mentoring relationship with an alum who could speak to my particular challenges of being a multicultural female from New York looking at a career in finance."

This reflection prompts Soto, Community Relations and Education Manager for New York City and New Jersey at Bioverativ, a global biotechnology company, to be a resource and mentor for Bryant students. She works college fairs for the admission office, is a mentor with the Intercultural Center, attends Regional Alumni Network events in her area, and has partici-

pated in the Women's Summit®. She also worked with the Office of Alumni Engagement to create a special reunion at Reunion @ Homecoming in 2017 for alumni who were involved with the Intercultural Center.

"There are so many alumni that every student should be able to find a mentor who "looks like" him or her – whether it's background, geography, ethnicity, sex, industry," she says. "Every woman should be able to count at least one woman among the mentors who advise and guide her throughout her career. We share a Bryant name and the core foundation and a sense of pride about that."

It's not just the students who benefit, says Soto. "We can learn from mentees; we can stay relevant. I found a great career in technology with a



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NAC CORNER

The National Alumni Council is the planning and decision-making arm of the Bryant Alumni Association. We welcome these newest members.

Bryant Professor of Communication **Stanley Baran, Ph.D.**, joins the NAC as the faculty liaison for the College of Arts & Sciences.

A 16-year faculty member at Bryant, he was instrumental in establishing the Bachelor of Arts in Communication degree.

Sam Broomer '93 and his wife, **Tracy (Holsworth) '94**, are both Bryant alumni. Broomer is Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Berkley Re Direct in Greenwich, CT. He has participated in Stamford area alumni programs and as a judge for the IDEA program on campus.

Betty Calise, Ed.D., '64 lives in Portsmouth, RI, with her husband, **Peter**, also a member of the Class of 1964. Betty was a member of The Archway and Sigma Iota Chi sorority while a student on campus. Calise graduated with a degree in accounting from Bryant's East Side Campus.

Bryant Management Professor **Lori Coakley, Ph.D., P'17, P'20**, joins the NAC as the faculty liaison for the College of Business. As a sought-after industry consultant, Coakley teaches personal branding, negotiation, and women and leadership.

Sean Kenny '98, of South Florida, is a Client Partner within Tribridge - Business Consulting. Kenny was a student leader on campus and has been active with our East Coast Florida network.

Sara Larrabee '13 majored in communication at Bryant and was president of the Student Alumni Association, a resident assistant, and helped establish the Media Club. Since graduation, she has led the Rhode Island Regional Alumni Network.

Rhode Island resident **Kevin Lavalla '78** is a founder of law advisory firm Lavalla & Brown, LLC. He is a Charter Member of the Bryant University President's Leadership Council; a supporter of the Partners in Scholarship Program; an avid supporter of the Black & Gold; and a member of Beta Gamma Sigma.

A National Senior Accounts Underwriter at The Hartford, **Matt Moore '09** was a finance and marketing double major in the Honors Program. He was the President of the Student Alumni Association, co-captain of the wrestling team, and Executive Board member of the Archway Investment Fund.

New York native **Aliana Soto '04** was a finance major at Bryant and received the Martin Luther King Leadership award. She was on the track team and was active in the Multicultural Student Union. As an alumna, she has participated in New York RAN events and on multicultural panels at Bryant.

Alumni Association officers elected



BRYANT UNIVERSITY Alumni Association

Bryant University's National Alumni Council, the governing board of the Alumni Association, has elected officers for the 2017-2019 term.

New members are selected by a nominating committee and endorsed by current members. Outgoing President **Glen Martin '81, '87 MBA** announced the new leadership team, each of whom has demonstrated deep commitment to Bryant through engagement with students, fellow alumni, and faculty.

Incoming President **Jay Weinberg '85**, owner of The Jay Group, a marketing services company in Chicago, credits



Jay Weinberg '85

Bryant with being instrumental in his growth as a business person and a leader. Weinberg has been a sponsor and judge of Bryant's New Venture Competition and regularly meets with students in the University's entrepreneurship program. He has also been a judge and mentor at the IDEA program for first-year students.

Returning as Vice President with a focus on membership is **Rita Williams-Bogar '76**, who also serves Bryant as a member of the Board of Trustees. Williams-Bogar, who has a Ph.D. in management from Walden University, is the president and CEO of Personal Development Solutions, LLC, is a frequent presenter and moderator for the Alumni Association's regular webinar series, notes that she enjoys "giving back and supporting current students in their educational and career pursuits."



Rita Williams-Bogar '76

Marissa Crean '81 will serve as Vice President with a focus on Bryant's Regional Alumni Networks. Crean is



Marissa Crean '81

Director of the Financial Development Program at The Hartford and has helped build Bryant's strong alumni pipeline at her company through internships and job placements and has also participated in the Alumni Association's webinar series. Crean encourages her many Bryant friends to stay engaged as well.

Fogarty serves on Brookings manufacturing policy panel

Ray Fogarty '78, executive director of Bryant's John H. Chafee Center for International Business, served on a panel, Global Perspective: International trade policy and its ramifications at the Brookings Institution recently. The Brookings Institution is a nonprofit



Ray Fogarty '78

public policy organization based in Washington, DC. with a mission of solving problems facing society at the local, national, and global level.

Fogarty joined co-panelists Michelle Drew Rodriguez, Manufacturing Leader at the Deloitte Center for Industry Insights; Mario Rebello, Managing Director of Government Relations, Lenovo; and Washington Post reporter Ana Swanson, who moderated the session.

For more than 35 years, Fogarty and his team have supported Bryant University's mission to provide global undergraduate, graduate, and professional education programs through collaborations with faculty and students. The Chafee Center has trained and assisted thousands of individuals and businesses, providing market research, corporate training, and strategic consulting on international business matters.



NETWORKING AT ALUMNI EVENTS



April 7 | Portland, OR

Bryant jump-started its alumni network in Portland, OR, in April, and followed up with another gathering October 12.

Pictured (L to R): **Alex Daley '11, '12 MBA**, **Vicente Pina '88**, **Lauren Guy '14**, **Adam Ross-Russell '13**, **Kristen Lasorsa '11**, and **Robin Warde P'17**

April 12, May 10, June 21 | Providence, RI

The R.I. RAN Breakfast Speaker Series at the Providence Marriott was held in April, May, and June with exceptional alumni speakers, **Diane (Kelley) Wilbur '88**, **Ed Drozda '89 MBA**, **Beth Carter '85, P'18, P'20**, and **Natalie (Dueri) Velasquez '14**.



April 21 | Smithfield, RI

The Student Alumni Association successfully hosted their 7th annual Student Alumni Networking Dinner (SAND). Thirty alumni and 75 students gathered over dinner for networking and lively conversation.

Pictured (L to R): **Lori (Matellian) Hall '85, P'20**, **Daniella Curcio '20**, **Kathryn Hall '20**, **Ariana Ciunci '20**, and **Ralph Ciunci '87, P'20**

THE BRYANT ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAM



Israel: Explore the Rich Cultural and Spiritual History of an Inspiring Nation

May 22 – June 1, 2018

Join Bryant Rabbi Steven Jablow to experience a 10-night tour to Israel through many dimensions: historical, cultural, religious, political, and others. We begin in Tel Aviv, Israel's largest metropolis and business center, and then travel north to the valleys and mountains of the Galilee, continue south to the Dead Sea and end in the beautiful capital of Jerusalem. Along the way, we explore sites of significance and interest including markets and restaurants.

Baltic Cruise – Amsterdam to Russia

June 30 – July 13, 2018

Meet in Amsterdam, then board the exquisite Celebrity Eclipse for a 12-night cruise with stops in historic European and Scandinavian ports to and from St. Petersburg, Russia. Amsterdam boasts the wonderful atmosphere of a 17th-century city combined with the contemporary character of a modern metropolis. In St. Petersburg, visit regal palaces and vast public squares of a class all its own.

Just added: Countryside of the Emerald Isle (Ireland)

October 14 – 23, 2018

Check back at Bryant.edu/alumnitravel for details as they become available.

Visit www.bryant.edu/alumnitravel or contact **Kathleen Brown** at (401) 232-6041 or kbrown@bryant.edu for more information or to register.

Alumni mentors inspire students to excel

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discovered how superior his education was while pursuing his MBA and MS in Financial Services degrees. "My graduate studies were, as they should be, an amplification and deeper understanding of the investment, economic, and financial fields," he says.

Though 3,000 miles from campus, Cowen uses technology and travel to continue to cultivate his Bryant connection. He takes an active role in the Bryant community by supporting recruiting efforts, being a Bryant leadership donor, mentoring students and alumni, speaking to finance classes, and cheering on Bulldog athletic teams.

Cowen says that he is as enriched mentoring students and graduates as they are by the experience. "It's not just a one-way street – the feedback I receive and the questions they ask are thought-provoking."

ENCOURAGING GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

"I wouldn't be where I am today without Bryant," says **Jim Brady '81**, Chief Operating Officer for Grant Thornton LLP, a world leader in independent audit, tax, and advisory services. Though he serves on nearly a dozen business, civic, and educational boards, Brady's involvement with Bryant is many-sided as well. He attends alumni events, speaks to classes on campus each semester, recruits for his firm, and has established a scholarship fund for international study.

"We need more global citizens graduating from U.S. business colleges and universities, and students need that global readiness sooner," he says, pointing to Bryant's focus on introducing students to international experiences as sophomores.

Brady knows the importance of a global business perspective. During a 27-year career at his previous firm, Deloitte, he spent seven years building the audit and advisory practices in India and Russia. "Bryant has one

of the best International Business programs in the country," he says.

PAYING IT FORWARD

"Most of us can look back and attribute some part of our life or career success to the time invested by a mentor," says **Marissa Crean '81**, Program Lead, Finance Track, Early Career Leadership Development Program for The Hartford.

Crean looked to her professors to be her mentors. "They provided me with great advice to start my career in public accounting," she says. "When I discovered my true passion in taxation, Professor Mike Lynch helped me secure my first job after graduation."

The only drawback, she notes, was the specialized nature of the mentoring according to the disciplines in which the faculty were experts. "As alumni, we can share experiences, give career advice, and impart new skills," says Crean, who stays involved with Bryant as an officer of the National Alumni Council, by attending networking events, participating in the Alumni Webinar Series, and recruiting students and recent alumni for The Hartford.

"The time invested in mentoring students and other alumni manifests in stronger self-awareness as well as confidence and clarity on career options," she says. "I've benefited by learning from students about new tools to work more efficiently. There's no better way to thank our mentors than by paying it forward and mentoring others."

ALUMNIFIRE

Alumni who have time or other resource restraints can help students and other alumni through the Bryant online community Alumnifire. Go to bryant.alumnifire.com to create an account – you can sign in with your Facebook, LinkedIn, or email account.

JOIN THE CLUB

The Office of Alumni Engagement is creating a **virtual book club** for Bryant alumni which will span topics of professional development and personal growth related to careers and leadership. Join by **November 5** in time for our first book, *The Power of Habit*. Visit pbc.guru/bryant/ for more information or email us at alumni@bryant.edu – Subject: Book Club.



April 25 | Washington, DC

Alumni joined Bryant students on a trip to Washington, DC, at The Washington Center for an evening of networking regarding non-profit jobs in the DC area.

May 26 | London, U.K.

London area alumni came out to the East India Club to welcome our Sophomore International Experience students.

Pictured (L to R): **Dominik Wellmann '98**, **Karl Turner '11**, Kathleen Brown, **Meghan Johnson '10**, **Dawn (Generous) Kelly '93**, **Peter Clark '87**, **Pieter Niesten '13**, and **Jude Addo '11**



Bryant welcomes new and returning trustees

Joining the University for first terms as Trustees are:

Jeffrey W. Gardner '87 is the Co-Founder and CEO of Carousel Industries in Exeter, RI. Carousel Industries is a leader in communication and network technologies, professional and managed services, and cloud solutions. Gardner has been a member of the Bryant Leadership Council and the Delta Sigma Chi fraternity. His company has been a participant in Bryant University Career Fairs and a sponsor of the Northeast Intercollegiate Sales Competition.



Louis Page '89, P'17, is Founder and President of Window to Wall Street, Inc., a private equity and venture capital firm that he established in 1995. A Chartered Financial Analyst, he and his wife, **Paula (Mis) '89**, are members of the Bryant Leadership Council and received the Outstanding Parents Award at the October 2015 Bryant University Champions for Philanthropy dinner.



Joseph Paparelli '17 is the Recent Alumni Trustee for 2017. An Actuarial Mathematics major with a minor in Finance, Paparelli recently began work at The Hartford as a Senior Actuarial Analyst. He was a member of Bryant's Baseball team, the Actuarial Association, Kappa Mu Epsilon National Mathematics Honor Society, and Mu Sigma Rho National Statistics Honor Society. He graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.



Joseph Puishys '80 is President and CEO of Apogee Enterprises, Inc., a leader in technologies involving the design and development of value-added glass products and services. He received the Bryant University Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2013. Puishys and his wife, **Kathi (Jurewicz) '81**, are members of the Bryant Leadership Council and established two separate scholarship funds at the University – one annual and one endowed.



Margaret Van Bree, MHA, DrPH, is President of Rhode Island Hospital and its pediatric division, Hasbro Children's Hospital. RI Hospital is the flagship hospital of the Lifespan health system and the principal teaching hospital of the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Van Bree's awards and recognition include listings in *Becker's Hospital Review's* 130 Women Hospital and Health System Leaders to Know and 100 Leaders of Great Hospitals in America.



Returning to Bryant's Board of Trustees are:

George E. Bello '58, '96H, for whom the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology is named, is the retired Executive Vice President and Controller of Reliance Group Holdings, Inc., which owned Reliance Insurance Company and its property and casualty insurance subsidiaries. Bello was appointed to the Board of Trustees at Bryant in 1986 and again in 2006. He received the Bryant University Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1984 and an honorary degree in 1996. He was Co-Chair of *The Campaign for Bryant: It's About Changing Lives* and is a member of the Bryant Leadership Council and the Wall Street Council.



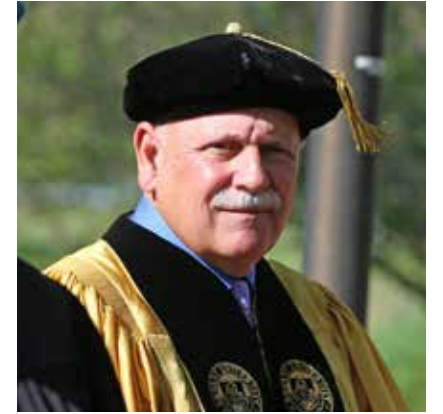
Robert Calabro '88 is a Tax Partner at PwC in Boston, MA, and has been with the firm for more than 20 years. He was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2006. Calabro is a member of the Bryant Leadership Council and established the Robert J. Calabro Partners-In-Scholarship Fund. He is a member of the Multicultural/International Alumni Association, has served on the Accounting Department Advisory Board, and attends many University-sponsored events on and off campus.



Nancy DeViney '75 is retired Vice President for Strategy and Solutions for IBM Corporation, where she was responsible for leading a center to support strategic, cross-enterprise transformation initiatives and build enterprise change capability. DeViney was previously appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2006. She is a member of the Bryant Leadership Council and received the Bryant University Distinguished Alumna Award in 2006.



Rita Williams-Bogar '76 is Founder, President, and CEO of Personal Development Solutions, LLC, and the PDS Institute, LLC, a consulting firm and institute of conferences and seminars teaching leadership development, emotional intelligence, ethics, diversity, strategic thinking, and insurance technical education. She received the Bryant University Gulski Service Alumni Achievement Award in 2015. Williams-Bogar was previously appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2003 and is Vice President of Membership for the Bryant University National Alumni Council. She is a member of the Multicultural/International Alumni Association and the Bryant Leadership Council.



People over profits yields both, says successful alumnus

Gary Furtado '78, '85 MBA, '16H, President and CEO of Navigant Credit Union delivered the address at the graduate programs Commencement ceremony and received an honorary degree.

In addition to every member of his senior management team at Navigant holding a Bryant degree, Furtado's wife, **Bethany (Morris) '78**, and daughter, **Lindsay Chuey '09 MBA**, are also alumni. He shared these four important principles he follows that he believes have led to his success:

- **Be good to your employees and colleagues.** Treat them like family, and choose building a good corporate culture over profits. It will pay off.
- **Be good to your customers.** No matter what field you're in, they're part of your family too. When you treat your customers honestly, fairly, and like family, everyone wins.
- **Be good to your community.** Respect and appreciate the communities you serve. Treasure the role you can serve. And acknowledge their role in your success. Make giving back a part of your lives.
- **Be a risk-taker.** Follow your gut. Everyone makes mistakes – learn from them and give others a chance. Get comfortable being uncomfortable.

NETWORKING AT ALUMNI EVENTS



June 3 | Portsmouth, RI

Festively dressed and ready to toast Bryant, 225 alumni, parents and friends kicked off summer at our annual Newport Polo Champagne Picnic.

Pictured (L to R): **Pam Brodeur '89**, **Diane (Carlson) Terry '89**, **Carol LaRochelle '89**, and **Dawn (May) Pello '89**



June 22 | Branford, CT

Mark Schissler P'14, Women's Basketball Coach Mary Burke, and **Courtney Schissler '14** were among the many Connecticut alumni, parents and friends celebrating Bulldog spirit with our Athletic Director and several coaches at the Stony Creek Brewery.



June 28 | Springfield, NJ

Corey '75 and **Lili Durling P'08, P'08 MBA** hosted alumni, students, and parents at Baltusrol Golf Club. Pictured here on the far right is our NY Alumni Network Chair, **Gabriella Rossi '12**, along with her father Richard Rossi and several prospective families.

Tenured faculty retire after a collective 200+ years at Bryant

Outstanding faculty have played a critical role in Bryant's success.

This year, five retiring faculty members exemplify some of the best educators and mentors in the University's recent history. Their longevity and popularity was a direct result of their continuous quest for innovative and hands-on learning methods.

Please join us in thanking these Bryant legends for their hard work and unwavering dedication.

To read about the impeccable credentials and vast educational and practical experience of incoming faculty, please go to bryant.edu/news.

Professor of Economics
Joseph Ilacqua, Ed.D.
(48 years)

Throughout his decades as a tenured faculty member, Ilacqua was never content to teach the same concepts in the same way. He received a Fulbright scholarship to teach in Pakistan in 2014, and that experience helped him think about teaching and learning in a whole new way.



Helping students view things differently is part of the teaching process, says Ilacqua.

"I've always liked the learning atmosphere at Bryant," he says. "The culture here is to encourage a professor's entrepreneurial approach to teaching his classes."

And Ilacqua put to good use all the tools at his disposal. Though technology is constantly changing, it was a staple in his classroom and punctuated the finer points of supply and demand, allowing better collaboration.

"Many students coming into the economics principles courses presume that it's going to be difficult, they won't understand it, and they won't like it," he says. "I spent most of the principles classes trying to disabuse them of their preconceptions."

Professor of Finance
Elizabeth "Betty" Yobaccio, D.B.A.
(26 years)

Yobaccio was the recipient of the 2012 Distinguished Faculty Award and served as the Finance Department Chair.

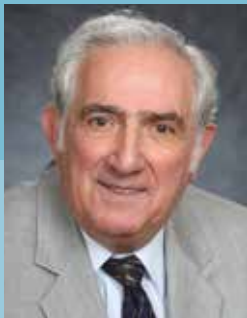
As a visionary recognizing the implications of the global economy for business, she was a key member helping to design, develop, coordinate, and deliver the International Business Program at Bryant (ranked #3 in 2018 USA Today/College Factual).

Yobaccio took an innovative approach to teaching by applying relevance to the material.

"Students learn best when they're actively involved in the process," she says.

"I integrate applications that have meaning to them at this stage of their lives, which is relatively easy since most decisions have a financial dimension."

Reflecting on her 26 years at Bryant, she says. "I'm very grateful to have had the opportunity to be a member of the Bryant community."



Professor of Mathematics
Robert Muksian, Ph.D.
(45 years)

Muksian was the recipient of the 2005 Distinguished Faculty Award and established the Actuarial Mathematics major at Bryant in 1982.



Professor of English and Cultural Studies
Mary Prescott, Ph.D.
(37 years)

Prescott was the recipient of the 2012 Distinguished Faculty Award and was integral in creating the Literary and Cultural Studies major.



Professor of Mathematics
Phyllis Schumacher, Ph.D.
(45 years)

Schumacher was the recipient of the 1996 Distinguished Faculty Award and served as the Chair of the Math Department and the Coordinator of the Actuarial Statistics Program.



July 20 | New York, NY

The Class of 2014 came out to Pier A in full force to welcome recent Bryant graduates to the Big Apple.

Pictured (L to R): **Gregory Marino '14, Sarah Sallee '14, Ellena DiPaterio '14, Anthony Koumarios '14, Michael Lutz '14, Alex Marengo '14, Corinne Loiacono '14, and Meghan Connolly '14**

July 27 | Boston, MA

A record 175 alumni, including these 2016ers (pictured right), welcomed the new 2017 grads (below) to the Alumni Association at Lawn on D.



Roselyne Ulloa '17, Thomas Griffin '17, and Kanal Patel '17



Pictured (L to R):

Front: **Stephanie Barbuto '16, Taylor Rocheleau '16, Hanna Williamson '16, Ashley Chabot '16, and Matthew Licari '16**

Back: **Mary To '16, Brian Cadigan '16, Jack Grant '16, Dalton Hunt '16, Pat Merrill '16, and Maura Bourke '16**



2017 Reunion @ Homecoming



A great weekend for all

On September 23, the clouds parted early to bring us an uncharacteristically warm Reunion @ Homecoming 2017, which celebrated many important milestones and introduced some newer Bryant traditions.



With more than 7,500 fans in Beirne Stadium, Bryant rallied in the fourth quarter to defeat Fordham with a final score of 45 to 40. Bryant's pep band – 50 students strong –

marched through campus and onto the field playing the Bryant fight song – a newer tradition just 2 years old.

Reunion classes from 1957 through 2017 blanketed campus with Tailgate Parties and Class Reunions. The Class of 1967 was inducted into the Archway Society (formerly the Loyal Guard) at a festive dinner – celebrating the 50th anniversary of their graduation from the East Side campus. Thanks to the warm temperatures, more recent classes celebrated Reunion with parties around the pond.

Two significant groups also celebrated milestones – the 25th Anniversary of Bryant Pride for our LGBTQ community and the 40th Anniversary of the Intercultural Center.



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Homecoming is about football! The Bulldogs stunned Fordham with an exciting, fourth-quarter comeback victory – final score, 45-40.

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SAVE THE DATE Reunion @ Homecoming September 22-23, 2018

We're already planning Reunion @ Homecoming 2018. If your class year ends with an '8' or a '3' and you want to get involved, contact us at alumni@bryant.edu with the subject line: Reunion 2018.

Reconnecting alumni and friends



Members of championship teams from reunion class years were recognized on the field at halftime.



The Class of 1967 joins the Archway Society (formerly the Loyal Guard) – those who graduated 50 or more years ago.



The Champions for Philanthropy awards dinner, which takes place every Reunion @ Homecoming weekend, recognizes our most generous donors. See story on p. 9 for more information.



Record philanthropy generates new opportunities continued from page 1

With more than 19,383 alumni, friends, students, faculty, and staff participating, we are succeeding on every front – but we need to do more as the campaign enters its final year.

others to follow,” Machtley said, “we will be bold in creating the model for educating innovative leaders with character who will make a difference around the world.”

Annual Fund contributes as much to the University’s annual budget as a \$2,000 endowed fund? Annual Fund gifts have that much impact.

of our campaign. Currently, however, only about ten percent of our alumni participate each year. More than double that amount have made a gift at some time in the last five years. Increasing our alumni participation and closing this gap will help to improve Bryant’s national standing and secure the University’s future in ways that enhance the value of every Bryant degree.

The distinctive Bryant experience has significant value and is a strategic game changer in higher education.

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT RONALD K. MACHTLEY

“The distinctive Bryant experience has significant value and is a strategic game changer in higher education,” notes University President Ronald K. Machtley.

“The world is changing fast, and increasing and ever-new technology is transforming commerce. To define Bryant’s future and set the pace for

If you have wondered what a gift of \$100 will do for Bryant, the answer is plenty. First, it will demonstrate your support for the University’s progress and vision. Philanthropic support is a crucial metric that propels Bryant’s steady advances in prestigious national rankings. And did you know that a \$100 gift to the

Each gift of \$100 to the Bryant Fund goes to support areas of greatest need– or you can designate your gift to the department, club, athletic sport, or program that means the most to you. Either way, your gift will go to work right away to support today’s students and faculty.

And your dollars add up. Last year, alumni, parents, and friends contributed more than \$10,252,500 in gifts to the University, including \$1,651,753 in annual fund gifts. Every gift makes a difference.

More than 19,383 donors have participated in giving since the launch

When we celebrate the capital campaign’s transformative impact and legacy for future generations, you’ll want to look back and know that you were a part of the effort. Visit bryant.edu/giving to learn more and participate now.

New Endowed Internship Fund Honors Bryant Professor Who Offered Life-Changing Advice

If not for the perceptive Bryant professor who encouraged **Judith Allen ‘55** to reach beyond her comfort zone, she might not have completed the secretarial diploma program. The shy daughter of Italian immigrants wouldn’t have had the skills and confidence to progress from a clerical position at Rhode Island Hospital to



Judith Allen ‘55

Executive Vice President of Human Resources and Public Relations. She wouldn’t have subsequently earned her bachelor’s degree at the University of Rhode Island. And she couldn’t have leveraged her experience and passion for the arts to become a pioneer in designing, restoring, and managing prominent performing arts venues.

To honor the professor who had such a singular impact in her life, Allen has established the Leger R. Morrison Endowed Internship Fund with a \$50,000 pledge. A faculty member at Bryant

for nearly 40 years, Morrison retired in 1972 and died in 2017 at age 95. Allen’s gift was made in support of *Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant’s Bold Future*.

As a businessperson and current faculty member at College of Charleston (SC), Allen respects the value students bring to often unpaid internship assignments. In consultation with Bryant leaders, including Kevin Gaw, executive director of the Amica Center for Career Education, Allen created the fund to provide a need-based stipend to a student pursuing a summer internship with an arts, cultural, or non-profit organization.

“Internships are a rewarding and defining student experience, clarifying career goals and pathways,” notes Gaw. “Students who complete an internship are more likely to land a job offer, and those who complete a paid internship are more likely to command a higher starting salary. Judith’s incredible gift will help Bryant students with financial need leverage the power of the internship and create a solid foundation for career success.”

The internship focus reflects Allen’s inspiring career. Her classical education and early exposure to the construction industry as Rhode Island Hospital was built, positioned her for career-long success in construction management for performing arts facilities – a role few women have undertaken.

Professor of Education Leger Morrison changed my life. That’s the immeasurable impact faculty can have on their students’ lives.

JUDITH ALLEN ‘55

“If it wasn’t for Leger, I never would have reached where I am today,” explains Allen. “Without his advice and counsel, I would have assumed the glass ceiling was there. Because of him, I didn’t see the glass ceiling and just kept going.”

One enduring piece of advice from Morrison truly shaped Allen’s life. “He advised re-evaluating your life, personally and professionally every five years,” recalls Allen. “And if you are not progressing, make a change, hard as it may be. The life I’ve had was the result of his counsel. He changed my life. That’s the immeasurable impact faculty can have on their students’ lives.”

Strategic Goals are Driving Bryant Toward Success

Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant’s Bold Future is the largest fundraising effort in Bryant’s history. With your support, this comprehensive \$75 million campaign is already generating the resources for Bryant to ascend to new levels of excellence and achieve the transformative goals of the University’s Vision 20/20 strategic plan.

GOAL ONE: INCREASE ACCESS TO A BRYANT EDUCATION

Although the University provides significant funding for financial aid and works to keep tuition at competitive levels, additional scholarships are urgently needed. Our goal is to compete for the best students, enroll

ambitious international plan to ensure that our graduates are ready to achieve success in the global marketplace. Campaign gifts are needed to make a significant international experience possible for more students, because we know that a global skill-set is a prerequisite for success.

GOAL FOUR: CREATE A CAMPUS FOR SUCCESS

From classrooms to residence halls, and from the library to playing fields, every inch of the Bryant campus works 24/7 in support of our educational mission. Creating the world-class learning environment that aligns with our bold future has



those who will benefit most from the Bryant experience, and ensure that no one graduates with excessive debt.

GOAL TWO: BUILD ON TEACHING EXCELLENCE

People and programs that enrich learning are at the core of Bryant’s future. The campaign is generating resources that build on Bryant’s tradition of connecting students with dedicated educators who integrate real-world experience with leading academic theory. We have made significant progress in this area, but there is still much to accomplish and even more that we can do to position Bryant to make its full contribution to the future.

GOAL THREE: OPEN THE DOOR TO A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

In recent years Bryant has earned recognition as a leader in international education, and we have developed an

required us to invest in our academic and athletic facilities. Now, new buildings are inspiring excellence across the board and have become models that others follow. We need to continue this momentum.

Bryant is moving ahead at a pace that only continues to accelerate.

The University is attracting record numbers of applicants and rising in prestigious national rankings. To ascend to an even higher level of prominence among the top colleges and universities in the country, we need to do more. Please be a part of the vision. Participate– as alumni, parents, friends, faculty, staff, students, foundations, corporations, and others who share the belief that the best is yet to come.

Visit bryant.edu/giving to learn more about getting involved, or to make an online gift today.

SCHOLARSHIPS TO COMPETE FOR THE BEST STUDENTS

New Endowed Scholarship Will “Give, Grow, and Go On Forever”

Roger and Pat Messier P’14 established a three-year Partners in Scholarship Fund at Bryant as their son, **Bruce Fisher-Messier ’14**, was completing his own Bryant education. They were impressed with the University’s leadership, faculty, students, and campus and further inspired by the action Roger’s high school classmates had taken some years earlier at their 50th class reunion.

“One of my classmates proposed that we raise funds for a scholarship to help a local student and that seemed like a good idea,” explains Roger. An astute businessman and the president of Butler & Messier, Inc. Insurance, Roger recognizes the wisdom of a good investment.



He watched the value of the endowed fund he and his classmates started continue to grow, even with years of annual awards.

The Messiers met with **Jacob Rich ’18**, an accounting major from Cranston, RI, who received the Messier Family Partners in Scholarship Fund award

and saw first-hand the impact of their \$2500 annual gift. Rich maintained a 3.8 GPA and completed summer internships with Citizens Bank and Price Waterhouse Coopers. “We could see how much it helped,” says Roger. “It wasn’t taking very much out of us but it was very helpful to him.”

When the opportunity to create a new endowed scholarship was presented, the Messiers were glad to step up. “We decided to create an endowed scholarship at Bryant with the idea that it would continue to give and grow and go on forever. That’s what appealed to Pat and me,” Roger notes.

If you are interested in establishing a scholarship or making a gift to the campaign, please contact Ed Magro, J.D., Bryant’s Executive Director of Development at emagro@bryant.edu or toll free at (877) 353-5667.

The Roger and E. Patricia Messier Family Endowed Scholarship Fund will provide support to a Rhode Island undergraduate student enrolled in the College of Business. Special consideration will be given to

students from the Blackstone Valley Corridor, the geographic hub where Messier’s business has thrived since 1903.

“Bryant’s a wonderful school,” agrees Pat. “Hopefully our gift will make a big difference to the people who need a little help,” adds Roger. “It will relieve them of a little worry about how they’re going to raise that \$2500 this year.”

2017 Champions for Philanthropy Model Loyalty, Generosity, Engagement

Since 2009, the Champions for Philanthropy awards have honored alumni, parents, and friends of the University whose generosity allows Bryant to fulfill its mission to provide an education that challenges, inspires, and prepares students for success.

At the gala dinner that has become a signature event during Bryant University’s Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, five individuals were recognized as Champions for Philanthropy. This year’s honorees include two alumni couples and a friend with deep personal and corporate ties to Bryant.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

Margaret (Giroux) Janikies ’57 and **Nicholas Janikies ’57, ’86H** received the Outstanding Alumni Award, one of the highest honors Bryant can bestow. Nicholas grew a single Burger King franchise in Cranston, RI, into the Jan Companies, a hospitality empire encompassing over



100 restaurants and country clubs in six states and one of Rhode Island’s largest private businesses. Margaret was always by his side – a partner in life and business. At his passing in May, Nick left a legacy of service, generosity, and loyalty that continues to inspire the Bryant community.

In addition to Nicholas’ visits to campus to mentor and guide students and alumni, he and Margaret believed in giving back through philanthropy. To celebrate their 25th Class Reunion, they issued a \$100,000 challenge grant to their classmates. Over the

years, they have made gifts totaling more than \$1 million. Janikies Theatre is a daily reminder of the family’s longstanding engagement with the University and stands as a tribute to Nicholas’ parents, William and Amelia Janikies.

LOYAL ALUMNI DONORS

Ruth (Hettinger) DeLomba ’60 and **Paul DeLomba ’60** were honored with the Outstanding Consecutive Giving



Society Award. The DeLombas’ lifelong appreciation and devotion to Bryant is demonstrated by a stellar record of continuous giving that has spanned more than five decades. Their generosity has included annual gifts to the Bryant Fund, as well as special gifts to the Campaign for Bryant in 2000 and the current campaign, Expanding the World of Opportunity – the Campaign for Bryant’s Bold Future. They also have established an endowed scholarship that bears their names. Paul’s lifelong employer, PwC, has significantly increased the impact of his gifts through its corporate matching gifts program.

The DeLombas are among an elite group of Bryant alumni whose record of successive gifts spans more than 35 years. They are charter members of Bryant’s new Consecutive Giving Society, founded to honor those who demonstrate that Bryant University is a philanthropic priority through recurring gifts.

OUTSTANDING FRIENDS AND FAMILY TIES

Carolyn Rafaelian – Alex and Ani were honored with the Outstanding Friend of the University Award. The Founder, CEO, and Chief Creative Officer of Alex and Ani, a global lifestyle company with revenues of over \$500 million, Rafaelian grew up understanding the value of a Bryant education. Her father, the late **Ralph Rafaelian ’55**, operated Cinerama, one of Rhode Island’s most successful jewelry manufacturing operations when that industry was at peak productivity in the region.

Carolyn’s relationship with Bryant was further strengthened in 2010 when Alex and Ani sought assistance from Bryant’s John H. Chafee Center for International Business. Impressed with the professionalism and reach of the



International Business (IB) program, Alex and Ani became a corporate partner of the IB Senior Practicum. In 2012, Alex and Ani made a \$1 million pledge to the University to support the Carolyn Rafaelian International Business Practicum course; the International Business Awards program; the Women’s Summit; and the Chafee Center’s World Trade Day. The company also regularly recruits Bryant students for internships and employment.

1863 SOCIETY CHAMPIONS FOR PHILANTHROPY

During a special ceremony held in Florida in January, **Siro ’57** and **Roberta DeGasperis** were honored as the University’s 1863 Society Champions for Philanthropy in recognition of decades of exemplary leadership.

President Ronald K. Machtley thanked Siro and Roberta for their long history of significant contributions to



Bryant, noting that “Our success as an institution depends so much on our alumni and friends who give something of themselves in order to help new generations of students achieve great things.”

The couple has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to developing the whole Bryant student through their generosity to develop innovative leaders with character.

Through the DeGasperis Family Endowed Scholarship, they give students not only the opportunity of a Bryant education but also the intellectual freedom and confidence that come from a reduced student debt burden.

The DeGasperis Community Room and the DeGasperis Catholic Student Program Fund encourage students’ spiritual growth.

In addition to these significant and visionary commitments, Siro and Roberta have made gifts to Bryant for 25 consecutive years. They are members of the Bryant Leadership Council, and through a bequest have also joined our 1863 Society. Siro is a recipient of the Nelson Gulski Alumni Service Award and has served as a member of the National Council on Philanthropy.



Parent's Introduction to Bryant Leads to Partnership with Colony Hardware Corp.

Like all successful business people, Colony Hardware Corp. President **Michael Weiner P'18** keeps a watchful eye on the return on investment. This is not your neighborhood hardware store. Colony is a rapidly growing empire primarily serving the construction industry. Selling thousands of tools, supplies, equipment, safety products as well as offering tool and equipment rental and repair services, Colony employs 500 people, 170 of

recruited to play baseball. In his visits to see Ross, Weiner saw some intangible, yet highly desirable, quality in Bryant's students.

Recruiting college graduates to Colony can be challenging, competing with more high visibility industries like pharmaceuticals and high-tech, Weiner and Phillips note. "We don't have a cure for cancer or a computer chip that will change

company engenders enduring loyalty. "If you work at Colony a year," he notes, "you'll work here 25 years."

Engaging with Bryant, according to Weiner and Jim Phillips, Colony's director of training and development, was quick and impactful. "Bryant took the time to understand our company and help figure out the best ways to connect us with programs and students."

In discussions with the Amica Center for Career Education, Weiner was surprised to discover the breadth and depth of Bryant's sales and marketing curriculum and co-curricular programs.

Working with members of Bryant's Development Office, the Colony team received invaluable advice that helped to revise and refine Colony's nascent training program, which has evolved into a distinctive Distribution Leadership Program, a 30-week training program for new hires.

The program concludes with a project reminiscent of many Bryant capstone projects: participants work on an assigned project for a brief period and make presentations summarizing their research and recommendations to the senior management team. Elements from every presentation have been incorporated into Colony's day-to-day operations, says Phillips.

The Distribution Leadership Program appeals to millennial employees, who want more structure in understanding their job responsibilities, Phillips notes. Of those new employees, Weiner adds, "We feel an obligation to them; we want to make sure they get trained and challenged and have a career here."

So successful was Colony's engagement with Bryant as a Bronze Sponsor of the Northeast Intercollegiate Sales Competition in 2016 and 2017, Weiner notes, Colony has committed to be a Silver Sponsor in 2018. This unique tournament-style competition

connects outstanding students pursuing sales careers with some of the best sales organizations in the country. Featuring skill-building sessions, individualized feedback and coaching, students and

Become a member of the **BRYANT PARENTS COUNCIL** like Michael and Sheryl Weiner P'18

Parents Council members serve as ambassadors to the University and provide philanthropic leadership.

For more information, email Robin Warde P'17, director of alumni and parent engagement, at rwarde@bryant.edu.



Michael Weiner P'18, president of Colony Hardware Corp., has had success engaging with Bryant to recruit graduates and implement a leadership training program. He and his wife, Sheryl, are members of the Bryant Parents Council.

whom work at corporate headquarters in Orange, CT. The company has more than 20 locations in 11 states.

"We sell tools and equipment that people could get elsewhere, but everybody in this company is in customer service," says Weiner, explaining that the company's personal relationships with customers, large inventory, and next day delivery are critical factors in Colony's success.

Some of Colony's commercial customers helped to construct some campus buildings - including the Conaty Indoor Athletic Center and the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies facility - Colony first connected with Bryant after Weiner's son, **Ross Weiner '18**, was

technology," says Weiner, "Finding quality outside sales people along with individuals who can not only learn our business, but also develop into leaders who will be able to manage and take responsibility for departments, branches, and distribution centers is a real Achilles heel for us and for the industry."

But, he stresses, "It's a good business, a great industry. And we think we are the best in the industry." Phillips reports that the company, which has tripled its sales since 2011, is actively working toward achieving annual sales of \$500 million.

Colony's ideal candidates are "hard-working people who aren't afraid to learn the business and pour their soul into it," Phillips says. The

sponsors build networks that can last a lifetime.

As a competition judge, Phillips was impressed by Bryant students' ability to work well in groups as well as their entrepreneurial initiative. He realized Colony could hire college graduates who were more knowledgeable about the sales process than some people with a few years of experience in the industry. "We can get them early and help them develop into great sales people," Phillips says.

In addition to the sales competition, meeting with faculty who have recommended strong-fit candidates, Colony has also held a Bryant-Colony Career Day and has participated in other University career fairs.

The return on Colony's investment in partnering with Bryant, Weiner and Phillips say, is powerful not only for the company, but for its employees. That partnership has also led to careers for **Curtis Cocco '17**, **Zack Comeau '16**, **Tyler Dumont '16**, **Stephen Gorton '16**, **Travis Guyader '17**, and **Michael Rota '17** with an industry leader.

Young Alumni Leadership Council of Donors

Bryant understands that sometimes it's a challenge for young alumni to participate in the University's philanthropic initiatives. Many recent graduates are just getting started in promising careers, and others may be making payments on student loans. In order to recognize the sacrifice of young alumni who participate in the life of the University by making a gift, Bryant has established a new leadership giving program.

The **Young Alumni Leadership Council of Donors** is for alumni who are ten years or less past graduation. Bryant's most recent new graduates from the Class of 2017 will be included

in the Leadership Council with a gift of \$100 or more. In each subsequent year after graduation, the amount for Leadership Council recognition will increase by \$100 (i.e., if you are two years out, you'd make a \$200 donation to be included; if you are three years out, a \$300 gift would establish your membership.) Membership includes all of the benefits granted to our current Bryant Leadership Council donors.

Simply make a gift at the designated level to join. Visit bryant.edu/giving to make an online gift today, or contact Bryant Fund Director Steve Luttge at sluttge@bryant.edu to learn more.



CREATING A CULTURE OF STEADFAST PHILANTHROPY: Introducing Bryant's Consecutive Giving Society

Bryant University is fortunate that so many individuals and families have an unbroken history of giving – an inspiring record of generosity that has withstood the multiple challenges of life changes and turbulent economic times. **To recognize the more than 1,000 Bryant alumni, parents, and friends who have made a gift of any size to the University for the last three or more consecutive fiscal years, the University has established the Consecutive Giving Society.** The amount of their consecutive gifts may vary from year to year, but their intention to support the University is unwavering and inspiring.

Among these loyal supporters – now a charter member of the Consecutive Giving Society – is **Daniel Santos '52**. He has made annual gifts to Bryant University for more than four decades and says his consistency in giving has a distinct purpose. “When Bryant’s reputation is enhanced, that also enhances the value of our degree. That’s my intent. If my little share can help Bryant succeed, then I’m going to do that.”

BRYANT POSITIONS ALUMNI FOR SUCCESS

Another charter member of the society is **Brittany Glenn '11**. She made her first gift as a member of the Senior Class

Giving Committee, an initiative designed to encourage soon-to-be graduates to become Bryant supporters before they leave campus. They share a conviction that their Bryant experience will position them for success in their personal and professional endeavors and want to give back. Though the Bryant education Glenn and Santos experienced is significantly different, she shares his outlook that consistent giving is important to her and to the University.

“We are fortunate as alumni to be able to attach the Bryant University reputation to our names,” explains Glenn. “I will never be able to put a value on the opportunities Bryant gave me. But by making even a small donation once a year I am doing my part to give back to the school that gave so much to me.”

No matter the size or purpose, the value of consistent gifts to the University cannot be overstated. “Every gift counts and is valued and appreciated,” notes Ed Magro, Bryant’s executive director of development. “And every gift makes a difference in the life of Bryant University.”

ALUMNI COMMITMENT IS PRIZED

Beyond the impact the gifts have made in every area that touches students’ lives,

they also represent a commitment Bryant prizes. By making annually recurring gifts, these individuals signal that giving to Bryant is a philanthropic priority.

“More than half of Bryant’s 40,000 alumni have made at least one gift since graduating,” adds Magro. “So we know there is a high level of interest in the

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University. By recognizing consistent givers, we believe even more alumni will be encouraged to consistently engage in the future of our University through their philanthropy.”

The members of the Consecutive Giving Society present an inspiring record of generosity that has withstood the multiple challenges of life and turbulent economic times. Among the inaugural members are 1,116 people who have given for at least three consecutive years including more than a dozen who have given for 35 consecutive years.

By honoring such enduring supporters, Bryant is both demonstrating its appreciation and highlighting how important the habit of mindful giving is to the University.

“We know there are many organizations and causes worthy of financial support,” explains Magro.

“That’s why it’s so gratifying to see a wide range of Bryant supporters make gifts to the University year after year. We are deeply grateful and immensely proud that when they make decisions about where their philanthropy will do the greatest good, Bryant University is a priority at the top of that list.”

New Endowed Fund for Nutrition and Health Education Will Promote Healthy Lifestyles for Bryant Students

It’s a common concern among parents and college-bound students. Will students successfully manage the new responsibilities and challenges they face when living away from home for the first time? Will the healthy habits they have acquired withstand the stressors that are sure to arise?

Richard Leto '73 and his wife, Bonnie, first became aware of the prevalence of eating disorders when their daughters were undergraduates at universities in Florida and North Carolina. “As we researched it and learned more, we saw that many more people than you want to imagine are affected by this,” explains Richard.

The Letos felt this was a health issue that needed to be elevated in importance and considered what campus programs could be developed to address it. Believing that a positive, preventative approach to health and nutrition can make a real difference for vulnerable students, they



Bonnie and Richard Leto '73

Nutrition Educator will begin overseeing a range of holistic educational and awareness programs beginning in the Fall 2017 semester. The goal is to create and sustain an environment at Bryant

including John R. Saddleire, Ed.D., Bryant’s Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, to develop a meaningful initiative that would complement the student-centered objectives of the campaign.

Richard notes that, in addition to world-class facilities, academics, and scholarship opportunities, “Bonnie and I felt Bryant needed things to complete the circle of what a great institution has to have. We wanted to do something for the entire Bryant student body that goes hand-in hand with academics and athletics – and that’s health and nutrition,” he says. “A healthy lifestyle prolongs your life and puts you in a better state of mind to achieve success, both in academics and athletics.”

The Health and Nutrition Educator will work collaboratively with multiple campus offices and organizations to enhance community awareness about

eating disorders and to create a knowledgeable, supportive peer community. A comprehensive education, outreach and referral process will be developed and implemented in partnership with the University’s student health and counseling services.

“The philanthropic leadership Rick and Bonnie Leto have demonstrated will have a transformative impact for Bryant students,” says Saddleire. “Through this initiative, our students will understand how to incorporate healthy choices into their own lives and develop compassion for others who struggle with eating disorders. Their vision is a game-changer and will establish Bryant as a leader in creating a campus community that effectively supports students contending with this threat to their health and lives.”

The Letos’ gift comes as Richard transitions from an executive leadership career with retail giants Macy’s, Kohl’s, and Mervyn’s. “As I started to wind down a very busy career, I saw there were some debts to be repaid,” he notes. “I wanted to give back to Bryant – to step up and do something for my alma mater, because it did something great for me.”

In reflecting on how the couple determined this philanthropic priority, Bonnie notes the other universities their family is linked to have large endowments. “The focus has always been on where our gift would do the most good. We felt the money could go further and do more at Bryant.”

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RICHARD LETO '73

made a \$200,000 gift to Bryant University to establish the Richard and Bonnie Leto Nutrition and Health Education Endowed Fund.

An additional gift of \$25,000 ensures that the initiative will begin immediately. A part-time Health and

that promotes healthy lifestyles in which students maintain a wise and balanced relationship with food.

The Letos’ gifts were made in support of *Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant’s Bold Future*. They worked thoughtfully with Bryant leaders,



DANA BARLOW '78, '84 MBA, P'19 MBA: Adapt and thrive

As a Bryant undergraduate, Dana Barlow heeded the advice of a family friend and CPA to study accounting. "He told me, with accounting, you can branch off into many different areas because you will have the knowledge and understanding of how numbers work and are put together," recalls Barlow.



The wisdom of Barlow's choice has been proven many times over in his 39-year career with The Moore Company. A family-owned enterprise founded in 1909, today The Moore Company has grown into a diverse group of manufacturers that supply specialized elastics and textiles to the world's top brands in healthcare disposables, apparel, sporting goods, and maritime products. Four divisions with manufacturing facilities in Rhode Island, Vermont, Tennessee, and El Salvador share customer service, technical, sales and marketing, research and development, and management functions and expertise.

Barlow responded to a job posting for a general accountant through Bryant's career center. Eight months later, he was asked to "temporarily" assume the credit manager's job. He spent 12 years in that position and today is the president and CEO of the company.

Barlow believes that good leaders listen to their people. "Leaders don't have all the answers. Good leaders listen to the people around them. We have a tremendous work force with a lot of knowledge and many years of experience

in our industry," says Barlow. "I'm proud that, with my team, we have been able to guide and steer the Darlington warp-knit textile company through some very difficult times. It's been a tough environment. We've survived and thrived by adjusting and adapting. We're succeeding in our original business in 2017."

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-Dana Barlow '78, '84 MBA, P'19 MBA

Barlow credits the success of any business endeavor to a simple principle, enunciated by a favorite Bryant professor. "The most important thing in a company is that the company has to be successful and profitable." For Barlow and the employees he leads that means, "You work very hard to be good at what you do, to prove yourself as a valuable resource to your employer every day. Every employee has to ask themselves every day, 'what can I do to help my company be successful?'"

Bryant's impact permeates Barlow's personal and professional life. His wife **Cathy (Gorton) Barlow** also graduated from Bryant in 1978 and they both earned graduate degrees at Bryant in 1984. Their son, **Brandon**, is enrolled in the University's MBA program. Barlow continues to maintain close ties with the University as a multi-year sponsor for the International Business Practicum program and by meeting with Bryant Finance students to provide workplace information, insights and advice. "Bryant prepared me well for entry into the business world and gave me a good background, good disciplines," says Barlow. "It was a strong school then and it's only better today."

LINDA LULLI: Exceptional leadership and service

Linda Lulli, who served as Bryant's Vice President for Human Resources and Chief Human Resources Officer for 19 years, has received the prestigious College and University Professional Association for Human Resources (CUPA-HR) 2017 Donald E. Dickason Award.

The award is named for the association's founder and recognizes an individual for exceptional leadership and service to CUPA-HR, and is the organization's highest honor.

Through the generous support of TIAA-CREF, CUPA-HR is pleased to offer a \$6,000 contribution to Bryant University's endowment or a scholarship

She played an integral role in the association's diversity and inclusion initiatives, the Wildfire program for early-career higher ed HR professionals, and the Emerging Leaders program. She retired from the University in December 2016.

"It's an honor to be recognized by my peers with this award," said Lulli. "Being part of and contributing to the evolution and growth of CUPA-HR has been a rewarding experience. My experiences serving as a CUPA-HR board leader have enabled me to become a better leader and to make a difference through my work, and for that I am grateful."



"During her 19-year tenure as Bryant's chief human resources officer, Linda Lulli served as a tireless advocate for the University's greatest strategic resource: our people."

-Ronald K. Machtley, President, Bryant University

fund of Lulli's choice. She has generously chosen to invest these funds in support of student scholarships - one of the key goals of Bryant's historic capital campaign, *Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future*.

Lulli began her service to CUPA-HR when she joined the Eastern Region board of directors in 2007. She served as Chair for the National Board in 2014-15, and previously as Chair of CUPA-HR's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and as a member of the Eastern Region Board, receiving the 2013 Member of the Year Award.

"Linda's many accomplishments and her distinguished career have been phenomenal. Her time on the CUPA-HR board of directors has made a profound impact on the association, the higher ed HR profession and the institutions we serve," said University at Buffalo Chief HR Officer Mark Coldren.



NETWORKING AT ALUMNI EVENTS



July 29 | Saratoga Springs, NY

It was a great day at the races for Bryant alumni and parents.

Pictured (L to R): **Nancy Palmer, Charles Palmer '84, Stephen Kohut '84, Ken Jalbert '84 and Sue Jalbert '93 MST**



August 3 | Columbus, OH

Bryant's Student Alumni Association Executive Board attended a student advancement conference in Columbus this August. Bryant alumni living in Ohio welcomed them to the area during an informal networking night.

Pictured (L to R): **Rianna Susco '18, Stephanie Griffith '13, Laura Hayes '17, Elena Grigevich '18, and Spencer Cooke '16**

August 10 | Portland, ME

Young alumni gathered at RiRa on the waterfront in Portland for an enjoyable summer evening networking with Bryant folks.



DOUG CRAIG '90: What can you do to help?

It's as integral to the Superbowl as commercial-watching and the half-time show: Puppy Bowl on Animal Planet. And it was the brainchild of alumnus Doug Craig '90, then-Vice President of Programming at Discovery Communications.

Since graduating from Bryant, Craig has worked in the television/media industry for such recognizable brands as MTV, Discovery, Nielsen, and Roku.



Which is why he advises recent college grads entering the professional workforce to be honest and work hard. "Always ask your manager what else you can do to help," he says. "That's the best piece of advice I ever received: Your job is to make your manager look good. If you do that, your career will blossom."

But just as important to your career is your work-life balance because you

"Honesty and transparency are two qualities that leaders need in abundance. There will always be some things you can't share with your team, but nobody likes surprises... that's true down – and up – the organizational ladder."
–Doug Craig '90

Now Vice President of Content Strategy & Programming at Fandango/NBCU, he couldn't be happier with how his career has evolved.

"At Fandango, I'm focused on the intersection of content and technology," Craig explains. "I manage the content team at Fandango, which includes Rotten Tomatoes and Movieclips. Half of my team focuses on creating the interesting content – videos and articles – while the other half focuses on distributing that content across our websites, mobile sites, and social media platforms."

The media landscape is changing and evolving at lightning speeds – a challenge he enjoys.

"I find it fascinating to be creating new forms of content for new platforms," he says. "We're reaching consumers wherever they are, whenever they're online."

Honesty and transparency are two qualities that leaders need in abundance – no matter the company or industry, he says. "There will always be some things you can't share with your team, but nobody likes surprises...that's true down – and up – the organizational ladder."

need personal fulfillment to bring a fresh perspective and creativity to your job. "Work hard, but don't take your work home with you. You'll have to work late or over the weekend at times, but make sure you make time for the other things that are important to your life."

And trust your gut, Craig says. "Early in my career, I let my supervisor talk me into taking a position that took me away from a job I really enjoyed. I ended up not looking forward to going to work and eventually quit. You should always take delight in your work – you spend a great deal of time there!"

Craig was pleasantly surprised to find that there is a group of Bryant alumni near him in Los Angeles. "I went to my first alumni event a few months ago and plan on attending more."

CAMPUS VISITS MADE PERSONAL



The Class of 1998 was represented by these alumnae who visited campus in August: **Kelli (Young) Bukofser, Erica (Gilefsky) Kyrouz, Sara (Hetzl) DeForge, and Tina Monos.**

Jeff Ferrante '81 escorted his mother, **Rachel (Porreca) Ferrante '54**, to campus to check out the Smithfield campus in the morning and the former East Side of Providence campus that afternoon, specifically South Hall on Young Orchard Avenue, where Rachel had attended classes.



Art '60 and Carole (Oliner) '59 Sukel visited campus in August. The Sukels live in New Jersey and Florida and have established a scholarship at Bryant.

Be sure to contact the **Office of Alumni Engagement** if you plan to visit.

Whether living near or far, alumni are encouraged to come to campus and tell us about their Bryant experiences. Email alumni@bryant.edu with your expected visit date.

August 17 | Wakefield, RI

A beautiful summer evening enjoying cocktails on the grounds of Theatre By The Sea are **Bud '70 and Judy Allenson, Pat and Margaret Nassaney P'95, P'98, Marilyn (Bolger) '58, and Frank Manzi '61.** Dinner followed at The Bistro by the Sea and then the opening performance of "The Producers."



August 18 – September 6 | Alumni Travel Program

Bryant alumni and friends traveled in August to Cape Town, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe for an adventure of a lifetime.

IN MEMORIAM

Remembering Bryant alumni who have passed away.

LEAH (PETRECCA) CATELLI '27
May 7, 2017

DOROTHY (ALLEN) GUSTAFSON '33
March 17, 2017

JOSEPHINE (GOVONI) HENDERSON '37
August 11, 2016

ROBERT M. BECK '38
February 1, 2017

WILLIAM A. LAMBERT '38
November 2, 2016

SHIRLEY (SHEFFIELD) MISLICK '38
October 26, 2016

GEORGE SHENKMAN '38
June 10, 2017

AVIS (WELCH) DICKERSON '39
January 13, 2017

DOROTHEA (ANTHONY)
DI LUGLIO '40
June 7, 2017

EMILY (KOZINSKI) STEPKA '40
January 25, 2017

EVERETT H. WILBUR '40
September 11, 2016

VIRGINIA BLYTHE (SANFORD)
GRIM '41
December 6, 2016

ELEANOR (COLLINS) O'HARA '41
October 25, 2016

KATHRYN (BRADSHAW)
NAUGHTON '42
April 4, 2017

JOSEPHINE RENOLA '42
May 3, 2017

WINIFRED (WILDENHAIN)
BOURGOIN '43
April 1, 2017

MYER JARCHO '43
December 30, 2016

LEGER R. MORRISON '43
April 29, 2017

FRANCES (EDWARDS) NICKERSON '43
November 19, 2016

ROBERT W. SCOTT '43
November 18, 2016

JOSEPHINE (SANTORO) CIPOLLA '44
September 9, 2016

BARBARA (RUSSELL)
CULBERTSON '44
August 26, 2016

CHRISTINE (WARD)
HARRINGTON '44
February 19, 2017

EILA (LAHDENPERA) HARRISON '44
September 2, 2016

LORETTA (CARDOSA) MONTEIRO '44
January 8, 2017

MARGARET (MCMANUS)
FOGARTY '45
March 9, 2017

GENEVIEVE (GRALA) KAY '45
November 10, 2016

CARMELA (DI FRUSCIO) NASTARI '45
September 14, 2016

RUTH (DURANT) ROSS '45
August 29, 2016

GERTRUDE (KARL) SCHNEIDER '45
January 2, 2017

ALICE (BUONACORSI) ALFANO '46
November 25, 2016

BARBARA (GRINNELL)
COGGESHALL '46
April 24, 2017

MARJORIE (WYLLIE)
MACNEILLE '46
July 22, 2017

HELEN (LORDEN) SUGG '46
February 22, 2017

EILEEN (DUBIN) WINKLER '46
April 7, 2017

KATHRYN (QUINN) COLETTA '47
December 6, 2016

MILDRED (KOLEK) MAJKUT '47
November 5, 2016

GEORGE A. ANDREWS '48
June 1, 2017

LOUIS E. ARCHAMBAULT JR. '48
February 6, 2017

ROBERT J. BEVILACQUA '48
August 3, 2016

EDWARD J. CREAMER '48
December 22, 2016

WARREN FISH '48
November 18, 2016

FRANK W. MCNALLY '48
July 29, 2017

JOAN (WALSH) NOONAN '48
February 9, 2017

MARY (WILSON) NOONEY '48
February 17, 2017

MINERVA (GOLDSHER)
ROSENBERG '48
February 15, 2017

ERIC W. SMITH '48
May 1, 2017

ANGELINA (DINEZZA) VITULLI '48
June 30, 2017

HELEN (BOZEK) BASSANO '49
May 22, 2017

WILLIAM L. BENSON '49
April 3, 2017

JOHN J. BILLOW JR. '49
October 7, 2016

ARMAND C. BONNEAU '49
March 28, 2017

ROBERT G. CHARLAND '49
February 12, 2017

WINTHROP F. CORNWELL '49
August 15, 2016

J. ROGER DUPONT '49
December 6, 2016

JAMES S. HOGAN '49
June 6, 2017

WILLIAM JOHNSON JR. '49
March 10, 2017

MARY (STARON) LAMBALOT '49
June 9, 2017

PETER G. LEASCA '49
February 15, 2017

MARY (MURPHY) LEBLANC '49
March 23, 2017

VINCENT D. PELLEGRINI '49
November 9, 2016

NORMAND E. PETIT '49
December 4, 2016

ARTHUR SIMEONE '49
August 7, 2016

GEORGE W. WELLER III '49
July 25, 2017

ARMINDO L. CAIRRAO '50
March 6, 2017

DAVID W. CRARY SR. '50
August 18, 2016

ANTHONY J. DIBIASIO '50
January 14, 2017

FRANCIS X. GIRR JR. '50
January 26, 2017

ELMER E. HELIN '50
March 25, 2017

WALTER J. KANE '50
September 3, 2016

WARREN E. KIMMEL '50
September 5, 2016

FRANK J. MARASCO '50
February 16, 2017

JOHN E. NOLAN JR. '50
August 8, 2016

WILLIAM J. TEASDALE '50
October 6, 2016

JOHN O. DRIVDAHL '51
April 8, 2017

RUSSELL G. GASKING JR. '51
February 27, 2017

ANN (KAYARIAN) GERMAGIAN '51
April 11, 2017

FRANK L. KAPLAN '51
April 14, 2017

DANIEL J. MACDONALD '51
July 1, 2017

EUGENE N. PERRY '51
August 8, 2016

EDWIN TONNESEN '51
March 16, 2017

RAYMOND J. VINCENT '51
June 3, 2017

CECILE (LEVESQUE) ALLEN '52
November 23, 2016

DUDLEY C. BARROW '52
January 25, 2017

MARYANN (DASZEWSKI) DUNN '52
December 18, 2016

THOMAS E. GANNON '52
June 16, 2017

CYNTHIA (KARLSTROM) SEIBERT '52
January 2, 2017

BARBARA (GABERT) SILISKI '52
March 4, 2017

ANN (BARBOUR) SUNDELIN '52
February 12, 2017

SHIRLEY WEISS '52
December 9, 2016

HOWARD C. BAKEWELL '53
December 10, 2016

JOHN V. BREDICE '53
January 9, 2017

MARY (GORSKI) DALTON '53
June 9, 2017

SANDRA (PLATT) HANAWAY '53
July 29, 2017

JOHN H. JOYCE '53
March 16, 2017

DONALD D. KELLY '53
May 23, 2017

JOSEPH A. PIZZI '53
October 16, 2016

ALBERT E. BEECH JR. '54
July 23, 2017

ROBERT C. DOBBINS '54
May 3, 2017

RICHARD D. GARBARINO '54
March 26, 2017

LEON JACY '54
June 20, 2016

NELLIE (EDGERTON) KIDD '54
July 16, 2014

GORDON E. PILLSBURY '54
March 22, 2017

JOSEPH RAVALESE JR. '54
July 21, 2017

MICHAEL P. DALEY '55
September 6, 2016

ANTHONY C. DANIELS '55
January 5, 2017

LOYAL M. LITTLEFIELD '55
June 14, 2017

CELESTE (LOUREIRO) MARTINS '55
January 7, 2017

JAMES R. PARAVATI '55
November 7, 2016

ROBERT C. PENNEY '55
January 21, 2017

RAYMOND F. WALSH JR. '55
July 5, 2017

GEORGE W. CALDWELL '56
December 8, 2016

BERTIL E. CARLSON '56
November 25, 2016

PATRICIA (TUCHY) CONLIN '56
March 24, 2017

JOAN (DE SANO) DE PASQUALE '56
November 5, 2016

ALBERT J. DI FONZO '56
February 10, 2017

MARY (FLANAGAN) GOLDEN '56
October 22, 2016

WILLIAM C. MCLAUGHLIN '56
March 1, 2017

JOHN T. PARKOS '56
January 5, 2017

SOLOMON A. SOLOMON '56
October 21, 2016

NORMAN G. EISNER '57
December 11, 2015

NICHOLAS W. JANIKIES '57
May 15, 2017



RICHARD F. ALBERG, former Dean of Academic Administration, died July 10, 2017. Alberg is survived by his wife of 60 years, Rebecca (Brockelbank) Alberg, six children and eleven grandchildren.

Alberg was a veteran of the Korean War, where he served for four years in the U.S. Air Force.

Alberg began his career at Bryant as a geography instructor and held several other positions during

his 40-year tenure, including Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Academic Administration and Registrar. Additionally, he led Bryant's 120th Anniversary celebration and served for many years as a Commencement Committee Chair.

Upon his retirement from Bryant in 1996, he sent an open letter to the Bryant Community, which read in part: "I have not regretted one of the nearly forty years that I spent at Bryant... The nice thing about working at an academic institution is that each day may seem the same but is really different. How can it not be when the population of thousands of students and hundreds of faculty, administrators and supporting staff brings with it a host of personalities, cultures, and idiosyncrasies? I am richer for your friendship and support."

Throughout his retirement, Alberg remained a friend and donor to Bryant and attended events on campus regularly. A conference room in the Unistrukture is named after him.



NICHOLAS W. JANIKIES '57, '86H, notable Bryant alumnus and recipient of an honorary Doctor of Science in Business Administration from the University, died May 15, 2017. Janikies is survived by his wife of 57 years, Bryant alumna Margaret (Giroux) Janikies '57, four children and five grandchildren. He leaves an enduring legacy of personal and professional success.

Born in Providence, he attended Bryant after an honorable discharge from the Air Force. After graduating, Janikies unwaveringly supported his alma mater, and the Janikies Auditorium was dedicated in honor of his loving parents.

He was a lifelong entrepreneur and founder of the highly successful Jan Companies, one of the largest restaurant operations in New England. Janikies expanded his early investments in Burger King restaurants into a vast hospitality enterprise - which today encompasses more than 100 restaurants and country clubs across six states and employs more than 4,000 workers. His children, including Melissa '84, William, Jonathan, and Cynthia, inherited their father's business acumen and helped to build the thriving company. Grandson Nick Simonson '18 continues as the third generation earning a Bryant degree.

Janikies generously spent much time on campus after his graduation, mentoring students and offering guidance. He was also a loyal alumnus and leading philanthropist. Over the course of his lifetime he and his wife, Margaret, donated more than \$1 million to support our University mission. Nicholas and Margaret Janikies have been honored as the Outstanding Alumni Award recipients as part of the 2017 Champions for Philanthropy Awards for their many years of giving back to Bryant.

SIDNEY LEVINE '57 November 6, 2016	H. STEPHEN HARVEY '62 September 3, 2016	DOUGLAS B. MCCAIG '69 February 6, 2017	CHERYL A. PERTUSO '75 December 4, 2016	JAMES D. WALSH '84 April 23, 2017
CHARLES J. MCCOWEN JR. '57 June 22, 2017	DAVID C. STERLING '62 November 20, 2016	NEAL H. WHITE '69 October 22, 2016	DEBRA C. SHIMCHICK '76 July 24, 2017	JOHN A. RUSSO '85 April 15, 2017
MICHAEL P. RICAPITO '57 January 6, 2017	PATRICIA (HROBAK) STINEHOUR '62 March 22, 2017	WILFRED O. LEBLANC '70 July 27, 2017	LARRY C. TEDESCHI '76 November 15, 2016	FRANCES K. GIOIA '86 October 15, 2016
THEODORE B. TORNUQUIST '57 February 11, 2017	CATHERINE (CARROLL) KENNEDY '63 June 27, 2017	NEAL F. POIRER '70 June 28, 2017	DOMENIC F. CAPALBO JR. '77 October 20, 2016	ERIC L. CALDER '87 MBA February 22, 2017
ELIZABETH (MCQUADE) BURKEWITZ '58 June 14, 2017	MARION (OLIVER) MARCEAU '63 November 6, 2016	THOMAS V. POPE '70 July 29, 2017	PHILIP A. DUARTE '77 August 25, 2016	MEREDYTH CHURCH '87 June 27, 2017
THOMAS A. CHARPENTIER '58 January 29, 2017	JEROME J. WIXTED '63 October 21, 2016	ANTHONY S. VINCI '70 June 12, 2017	JAMES F. GILLOOLEY '77 January 11, 2017	ROBERT V. GIRASOLE '87 MBA January 8, 2017
LOUIS T. FRACASSA SR. '58 July 24, 2017	EDWARD F. ERICKSON '64 October 22, 2016	RICHARD T. AUDETTE '72 June 2, 2017	SUSAN (ZARLENGA) TARTAGLIA '77 August 24, 2016	HAZEL (KINGSLEY) TURLEY '87 MBA December 18, 2016
HARLAN T. JANNEY '58 October 29, 2016	BETHANY (LUTHER) GRAY '64 September 25, 2016	ROGER G. CREPEAU '72 October 31, 2016	KAREN (ANTELL) CLEMISHAW '78 December 27, 2016	RICHARD B. DUMONT '88 January 7, 2017
FIORINDO LEONE JR. '58 April 27, 2017	JUDITH (LABAN) POULIOT '64 April 7, 2017	RICHARD F. GERLING '72 September 20, 2016	JOSEPH M. MCCABE '78 December 2, 2016	ARTHUR I. FLETCHER '89 September 12, 2016
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DONALD H. MCCARTHY '58 October 22, 2016	EDWARD M. BAILEY '65 July 20, 2017	JOHN R. LYDEN JR. '72 July 4, 2017	DAVID E. NYE '78 December 22, 2017	DIANE MARIE TRUDEAU '89 August 16, 2016
JOHN D. MCNEILL '58 July 2, 2017	SANDRA (BROWN) CAPELLI '65 January 25, 2017	RICHARD J. MATZKO '72 December 20, 2016	RALPH A. RUGGERI '78 February 3, 2017	SUSAN L. RICHARDS '90 April 10, 2017
ANTHONY L. DE QUATTRO '59 October 28, 2016	PAUL S. DAVENPORT '65 December 29, 2016	ALAN H. NEWMAN '72, '73 MBA June 24, 2017	CRAIG B. MILLER '79 December 29, 2016	TRAVIS N. GRAY '91 October 30, 2016
DOUGLAS A. FILLEY '59 July 22, 2017	DOMENIC T. PASQUARELLI '65 May 17, 2017	MARCIA (ETHIER) SHERMAN '72 July 24, 2017	PATRICIA (KINGHORN) CARRINGTON '80 November 29, 2016	JEAN (ANDERSON) ROBEY '91 MBA March 2, 2017
CHRISTINE (PILON) HERLIHY '59 December 1, 2016	MARTIN L. PEZZULLO '65 August 13, 2016	MICHAEL L. CAREY '73 October 20, 2016	JAMES B. MANVILLE '80 March 25, 2017	LUCIA (AMARAL) ARRUDA '92 MST August 7, 2016
ROBERT M. MOORE SR. '59 September 15, 2016	ASTERIO H. SOUSA '65 February 6, 2017	CAROLYN W. DOYLE '73 March 27, 2017	GENO V. PICCOLI '80 June 29, 2017	ANNA (PICONE) GARDECKI '94 July 9, 2017
MARIE (ROCHA) MORAN '59 February 16, 2017	CHESTER F. JANIK '66 September 11, 2016	ROLAND E. MONGEAU '73, '76 MBA January 29, 2017	PAUL M. BOHAC '82 September 7, 2016	ROBERT E. MORRIS '94 July 14, 2017
JOAN-ANN (CROKE) ZIPOLI '59 December 21, 2016	WALLACE T. JAVELLE '66 October 21, 2016	ROBERT G. POWERS '73 April 10, 2017	JOHN J. DOLAN JR. '82 March 1, 2017	KEVIN R. SHUFELDT '94 March 20, 2017
DAVID P. FOX '60 November 14, 2016	EDMUND ORANGE '66 January 6, 2017	MATTHEW F. SAVASTANO '73 April 9, 2017	EDWARD A. STONE '82 MBA September 18, 2016	SHANNON (POOLE) GRIFFITH '95 April 23, 2017
MARIA (MATRICARIA) KOWAL '60 February 27, 2017	MAURICE A. WINE '66 November 16, 2016	JAMES G. BOURIE JR. '74 October 7, 2016	PAUL H. GIRARD '83 July 14, 2017	GERALD C. GRABOWY '97 March 1, 2017
ALBA (GATTI) KUHLMEIER '60 August 25, 2016	RONALD B. KLEIN '67 February 20, 2017	ROBERT W. MARTEL '74 MBA August 5, 2017	BARBARA (SAWYER) CONNOLLY '84 October 15, 2016	BRIAN A. ALTOMARI '98, '11 MST July 9, 2017
BRUCE E. BARTNETT '61 March 1, 2017	RONALD A. MCKENNA '68 May 18, 2017	KEITH F. MARTINS '74 August 22, 2016	VITO W. GESUALDI JR. '84 December 22, 2016	SCOTT D. GILL '99 August 28, 2016
JOAN (SELIGA) GENTILE '61 October 19, 2016	THOMAS J. MORAN '68 November 29, 2016	UDELL L. PENSKI '74 January 22, 2017	RAYMOND R. HOULE JR. '84 September 27, 2016	DENIS L. BATCHELLER '01 August 27, 2016
GERALD J. KIRKWOOD '61 February 8, 2017	LINDA (PALMIERI) PINSONEAULT '68 July 2, 2017	EDWARD T. PIROZZI '74 June 28, 2017	ROBERT J. TELLIER '84 December 15, 2016	
RONALD W. KOSINSKI '61 November 5, 2016	VIRGINIA (MILLMATHER) DOLCE '69 August 18, 2016	JOHN A. GALLUCCI '75 August 6, 2017		
HAROLD "JACK" ANDREWS '62 January 19, 2017		RONALD D. MCCORMICK '75 December 24, 2016		

Please note this list includes notices received between August 1, 2016, and August 1, 2017, as reported by family members, newspapers, and other sources.



GEORGE SHENKMAN '38, distinguished Bryant alumnus, died June 10, 2017. He was the husband of the late Florence Littman, to whom he was married for 75 years. He is survived by his two sons, three grandsons, and nine great-grandchildren. Shenkman was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served with distinction as a sergeant of the U.S. Fifth Armored Division.

He was immensely proud of his military service during World War II. His decorated unit was the first American division to break through the Siegfried Line at Wallendorf, Germany, and saw combat during the Battle of the Bulge. A letter he wrote to the Bryant Service Club in 1942 was featured in the book *Bryant College Goes to War*, written by Bryant history Professor Judy Barrett Litoff, Ph.D.

Shenkman was an energetic entrepreneur with a colorful career. He was the founder and CEO of Pilgrim Mills, a fabric retail chain. He also founded the Yardstick Store, one of the earliest discount department stores in the country. He spent time as a public speaking instructor alongside Dale Carnegie.

Shenkman was a proud alumnus of Bryant. In recognition of his 90th birthday in 2004 his son, Mark, made a generous gift to the *Campaign for Bryant: It's About Changing Lives*. For Shenkman's 100th birthday in 2014, he was gifted a new diploma from Bryant.



SOLOMON A. "SOL" SOLOMON, '56, '64, distinguished recipient of two of Bryant's most prestigious awards – the Nelson Gulski Service Award and the first Key to the University – and longtime member of the National Alumni Council, died Oct. 21, 2016. He was the husband of the late Lillian (Azar) Solomon. He is survived by his three children, including daughter Cecile Roberti '84.

A U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, Solomon and his siblings ran Six Corners Department Store in East Providence for many years.

Solomon often credited Bryant for his success, telling people "Bryant training pays off and makes a real impact on people."

After many years of teaching, in 1975, Solomon was named Director of Admissions at Community College of Rhode Island, a post he held until 1989. He then was named chairman of the Department of Business Administration for the CCRI's three campuses and four satellite locations. His 35 years of service to CCRI were honored with his induction into the college's Hall of Fame.

Solomon's philanthropy included St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, where he was honored for 50 years of service, and Bryant, where he established an endowed scholarship. He was also a member of the Bryant Leadership Council of Donors and the 1863 Society.

His civic engagement included serving on the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education, the Rhode Island Judicial Nominating Commission, and the East Providence School Committee.



CALENDAR

October

New York, NY
October 21, 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM
Oktoberfest Beer Tasting at The Farm Soho w/ Juan Camillo '07
San Diego, CA
October 24, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
NINE-TEN Restaurant
San Francisco, CA
October 26, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Honors Program @ the Waterfront

November

Online
November 2, Noon - 1:00 PM
Bryant Career Webinar Series
Smithfield, RI
November 2, 7 PM
President's Cultural Series
Smithfield, RI
November 3, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Bryant Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner
Washington, DC
November 7, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
City Tap House w/ Professor Mike Roberto

Chicago, IL
November 8, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Swift & Sons
Honolulu, HI
November 9 (TBD), 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
PAI Honolulu
Atlanta, GA
November 9, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Novo Cucina
Athens, GA
November 10, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Alumni Reception & Bryant Bulldogs Men's Basketball @ UGA

Raleigh, NC
November 14, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Alumni Reception & Bryant Bulldogs Men's Basketball @ NC State
New Brunswick, NJ
November 21, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Alumni Reception & Bryant Bulldogs Men's Basketball @ Rutgers
New York, NY
November 29, 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
CEO Panel @ Twitter (TBD)

December

Smithfield, RI
December 6, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Festival of Lights
Albany, NY
December 6, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Alumni Reception & Bryant Bulldogs Men's Basketball @ Albany

Online
December 7, Noon-1:00 PM
Bryant Career Webinar Series

Louisville, KY
December 11, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Alumni Reception & Bryant Bulldogs Men's Basketball @ Louisville

January

Boston, MA
January 9, 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Student/Alumni Career Advice Night @ Liberty Mutual

New York, NY
January 10, 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Student/Alumni Career Advice Night @ TBD

Hartford, CT
January 17, 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Student/Alumni Career Advice Night @ Travelers

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PARTNERSHIPS

Notices from 7/6/17 to 9/15/17

2006
Ashley (Reed) '06 and Chris Marino on 4/29/17
2008
Kimberly (Crepeau) '08 and Steven DeCubellis '10, '11 MBA on 7/1/17
2009
Shannon (Yunits) '09 and Andrew Russell on 10/15/16

ADDITIONS

Notices from 7/7/17 to 9/15/17

1991
Brothers Malakai Pisacreta and Ayden Smith to Peter Dillon '91 and Roger Pisacreta adopted on 7/21/2017
2001
Ava Maeve to Sarah (McKinney) '04 and Brendan Shannon '01, '04 MBA on 5/22/17
2003
Campbell Elizabeth to Isabella (Kostka) O'Brien '03 and Dan O'Brien '03 on 6/28/17

ALUMNI WEDDINGS



April 29, 2017 | Scotia, NY
Ashley Reed '06 and Chris Marino



July 1, 2017 | Wethersfield, CT
Kimberly Crepeau '08 and Steven DeCubellis '10, '11 MBA



August 16, 2015 | Newport, RI
Katy Garbowicz and Matthew Schwab '09



October 15, 2016 | Plymouth, MA
Shauna Yunits '09 and Andrew Russell

To view more full-size wedding photos and to see names of all alumni in attendance, please visit Facebook.com/BryantAlumni

Submit your "Partnerships" and "Additions" to the Office of Alumni Engagement by emailing alumni@bryant.edu or enter a class note through our online directory at www.bryant.edu/alumni. Send wedding photos that feature a group of Bryant alumni to alumni@bryant.edu. Resolution of photos should be "print-quality" (generally 300 pixels/inch).



The brothers of Bryant Phi Sigma Nu held their annual golf outing/get-together at Race Brook Country Club in Orange, CT, this summer. Dave Ellison '79 and his wife, Stephanie, host the event every year. Attending the outing were:

Sitting front (L-R): Dan Posternak '83 and Laval Sands '77

First row (L-R): John Cullati '81, Howard Schreiber '77, Frank Spadanuta '77, Brian Donahue '80, Albert Welch '81, Stu Gerhardt '80, Frank Pelliccone '82, Ted Demetriades '81, Bob Wareham '75, and Peter Mantovani '79

Back row (L-R): Dave Ellison '79, Ken Clafin '80, Brian Pelan '80, Jeff Rotatori '77, Todd Bonner '83, Len Whitlock '81, Ed Cousineau '82, Bill Mackin '81, Jim Knipe '77, John Costello '79, Bill Bohne '81, and Burton "Buzz" Waltman '76

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