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INSPIRED TO EXCEL

As we approach the 155th anniversary of Bryant's founding, our future has never been brighter. The University's brand theme, **Inspired to Excel**, speaks to everything in our past as well as our aspirations for the future.



Inspired by all we've achieved since 1863, we are working hard to secure an even greater future. On campus, we see inspired students—striving every day for academic excellence while developing character and acquiring the life skills of innovative thinkers, and developing character, traits that will distinguish them as they go out into the world.

At Commencement each year, these students walk through Bryant's historic archway, an icon from our Providence campus, remembering the past and embracing a future that will include leadership positions in organi– zations around the world. Within six months of gradua– tion, 99 percent of our graduates are employed with an average starting salary of \$57,000 or are enrolled in some of the finest graduate programs in the world.

Bryant students truly are inspired to excel. You can see this in their classrooms, in their extracurricular activities, their community service, their study abroad, and in the success of our Division I Athletic teams. Our students work hard, not just for themselves, but to honor the reputation that Bryant has earned.

Inspired to Excel also characterizes Bryant's distinguished alumni. During this capital campaign, we have showcased the tremendous success of our alumni around the world. We're so proud of their achievements and grateful that they were inspired to donate to Bryant.

We started this campaign, only the second in Bryant history, with an ambitious goal of \$75 million. We are well within reach of that goal and expect to raise far more. This is important because Bryant's bold future includes many more projects that need support, many more faculty positions to be endowed, and many more scholarship dollars to be raised to ensure that a Bryant education is possible for the very best and brightest incoming students.

All of us—students, faculty, and staff—are inspired to excel. By hiring some of the best faculty, who are inspired to ensure that our students get the very best education, we will continue to raise academic standards. That allows us to cultivate the best graduates and to continue celebrating accomplished alumni who contribute to the trajectory of their alma mater. When we look at our *U.S. News & World Report* ranking, now among the top 10 in New England, we also see how many Bryant alumni are contributing compared to alumni from other institutions of equal or greater stature.

From those who have the capacity to make significant gifts to those able to contribute smaller gifts, we are grateful for your support and humbled by your goal of being part of something greater than yourself. Every gift helps to make Bryant the best it can be.

We ask those who have not yet made a gift to do so now. Through your philanthropy we can realize our future goals and ascend to our rightful place in the higher education community.

Visit campus and see for yourself not only the wonderful new facilities made possible by generous campaign donors, but also the dynamic energy of our students, faculty, and staff. There is a feeling on campus that Bryant is evolving into a great University. To achieve that destiny, we must all be **Inspired to Excel.**

Sincerely,

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Ronald K. Machtley

PHILANTHROPY AT BRYANT: Transforming TODAY and

BY PATRICIA S. VIEIRA



"Bryant is on a trajectory for greatness. We are on the move. This is the point in time at which we will look back on our history and say, 'We made the transition from who we were to who we became.' This was only possible through the foresight and philanthropy of our many supporters. We are eternally indebted to their generosity."

Ronald K. Machtley, Bryant University President



Envisioning TOMORROW

The 2014 public launch of **Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future** marked a singular moment for Bryant University. The \$75 million comprehensive campaign is the University's largest and most ambitious fundraising effort

in its 153-year history. Propelled by Bryant's **Vision 20/20 Strategic Plan,** the campaign seeks to provide critical resources to enrich the University's livinglearning environment and prepare students to become innovative leaders with the knowledge, skills, and quality of character they need to succeed and thrive in a complex, global economy.

Already, the campaign has had a significant impact.

Thanks to unprecedented support from the full spectrum of Bryant constituents, what was an aspirational vision is becoming a reality.

Bryant is making historic investments to build innovative facilities that inspire excellence, to increase opportunity and access for students, to expand academic programs, build on the faculty's excellence in teaching, to enrich student life, and to promote initiatives that cultivate a global perspective.

With renewed commitment and engagement from Bryant alumni, parents, students, and friends, the campaign has created a forward momentum that has accelerated

"Giving to Bryant is propelling a legacy of excellence into a very bright future."

Campaign Co-Chair **William J. Conaty '67** Chair, Bryant University Board of Trustees

Bryant's rise to national prominence. A wave of unparalleled generosity has created a culture of philanthropy that continues to grow. Though we have achieved tremendous momentum, we are looking to maximize success in the campaign's home stretch. The trajectory of Bryant University has been forever changed. An exciting new chapter of promise and possibility awaits.

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Unmatched athletic facilities, including Beirne Stadium Complex, Conaty Indoor Athletic Center and Conaty Park, and the Bulldog Strength & Conditioning Center, have all been made possible through the generous philanthropy of campaign donors.

"We've transformed from a Division II school to a Division I school, and now, into a Division I powerhouse."

Michael "Mickey" Gasper '18, Bulldog baseball catcher

ONE WORD SAYS IT ALL

It's the word on everyone's lips a word that captures the campaign's essence and impact: transformational. Widespread support from nearly 20,000 alumni, parents, friends, students, faculty, and staff has not only secured Bryant's bold future; it has transformed the University today. The outcome is evident in striking new facilities that have dramatically changed the Smithfield, RI, campus; in assets that strengthen innovation and collaboration in and beyond the classroom; and in scholarship resources that have extended opportunity and reduced debt for a highly qualified and increasingly diverse student body.

"If I had to describe in one word the type of changes that have taken place at Bryant University that have a direct impact on our student success and student learning, that would be transformative," says **Madan Annavarjula, Ph.D.,** Dean of the College of Business.

"The campaign has already made a significant, positive impact on our student learning," he adds. "In terms of technology, in terms of infrastructure, in terms of software, we are able to compete with the best schools in the world. Our faculty can work with the best tools. And that's benefiting our students tremendously. They hit the ground running when they go into the job market. They can compete with the best in the business with the type of knowledge that they have received."

David Wegrzyn '86, Vice President for University Advancement, agrees. "Bryant University has clearly been transformed by this campaign to advance our vision and our strategic need to better prepare students for the future. Our graduates will greatly benefit from the outpouring of support over the past few years. And the value of a Bryant education has been greatly enhanced by what has occurred now and what will occur in the future because of the generosity of so many."

"The changes here at Bryant have definitely been transformative to the community," observes **Dani Crepeau '18,** a marketing major who also is active expression to the hands-on and collaborative pedagogy Bryant faculty championed as they explored innovative methods of teaching in the Ideation Lab and Bello 102 classroom – inspiring early results of the campaign.

In its first year, the 48,000-square foot AIC has lived up to expectations that it would become, in the words of "It encourages collaborative thinking, innovative design thinking techniques, and group learning. I've been able to maximize my learning and develop an entrepreneurial mindset that encourages me to work well with other people and to develop innovative thinking techniques."

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in Club Sports. "I think students loved Bryant before, but now we're inspired by Bryant, which I think is a really, really cool thing to be able to say."

PIONEERING FACILITIES INSPIRE INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE

The "Bryant Builds" component of the comprehensive campaign has transformed the footprint and pace of the campus. New, purpose-built facilities have significantly enhanced the living-learning environment and Bryant President **Ronald K. Machtley,** "the classroom building of the future where we put together, in a physical form, the ideas of innovation." With writable glass walls and abundant white boards, technology-rich collaboration stations, tiered classrooms, group breakout and study spaces, lounge seating, and a café, the nationally unique facility "redefines the future of teaching and learning in higher education in one building," according to Machtley.

"Our courses have increased in numbers. We have buildings that are helping us transform in the classroom, helping our students be more challenged and engaged."

Patricia Gomez, MA, College of Arts and Sciences Faculty

have positioned Bryant as a leader in the design thinking approach to education.

Academic Innovation Center

The design of the Academic Innovation Center (AIC) seamlessly integrates the drivers for innovation in every discipline: teaching, technology, and experiential learning. It gives full The AIC also has quickly become a new hub for campus activity. In addition to flocking to the building for classes marked by engagement and collaboration, students gather to study, meet with faculty, and relax to let their creativity flourish.

"The AIC is not just a building, it's a mindset," explains **Kevin Ludemann '18.**

School of Health Sciences Physician Assistant Learning Center

Bryant's School of Health Sciences meets a critical educational need with exceptional hands-on training in the new **Physician Assistant Learning Center.** The facility provides students with the knowledge and skills they need to excel as frontline caregivers in a rapidly changing health care industry. A highfidelity simulation laboratory allows students to practice with computerized mannequins capable of simulating real-life scenarios. The Learning Center also includes 12 physical examination bays, an operating room simulation area, dedicated classrooms that maximize innovative educational technologies, and group study space.

Bulldog Athletic Facilities

Student-athletes playing on Bryant's 22 Division I teams and for Bryant Club Sports have been inspired to achieve their personal best and team excellence with world-class athletic facilities that are unmatched at the private institutions participating in the region.

• The Beirne Stadium Complex features the 4,400-seat Bulldog Stadium with exceptional sight lines and spacious



locker rooms equipped with state-ofthe-art features and technology.

- The 80,000-square-foot Conaty Indoor Athletic Center allows studentathletes from a range of sports to prepare for each season without regard to weather conditions. It includes four full batting cages, viewing platforms overlooking the 120-yard turf field, golf driving mats, and a baseball clubhouse with lockers and meeting/ team areas.
- The 10,000-square-foot Bulldog Strength & Conditioning Center provides an exceptional training environment. Student-athletes from varsity and club sports use the weight lifting stations, workout sections,

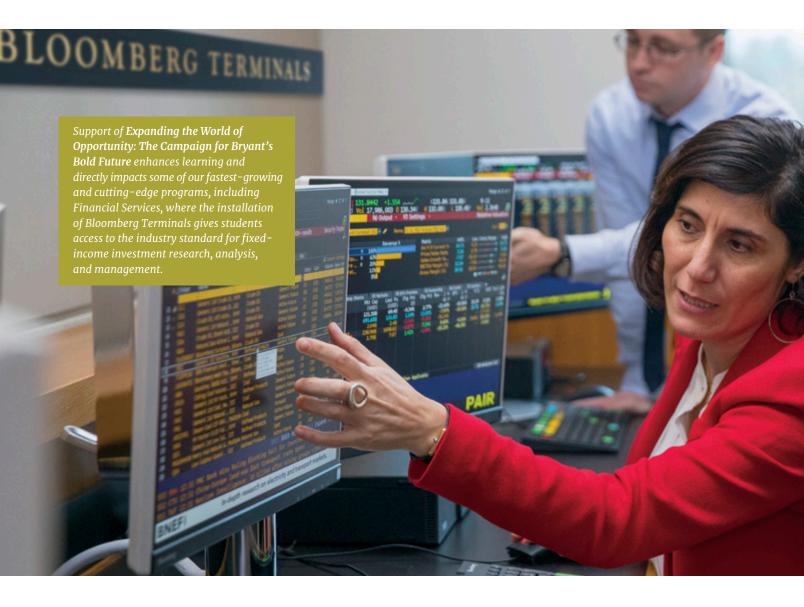
nutrition station, and indoor turf sprint area to become stronger, faster athletes; as a result, they experience significantly fewer injuries and better on-field performances.

Growing success has landed Bryant on the national stage of college sports. "I think these facilities have prepared us to be champions," says **Michael "Mickey" Gasper '18,** catcher on the Bulldog Baseball team. "We're now training in champion facilities. And our coaches make sure we act like champions. You see a really, really tight-knit group of athletes at Bryant and now it's on us to be champions. We've transformed from a Division II school to a Division I school, and now, into a Division I powerhouse."

SCHOLARSHIPS INCREASE OPPORTUNITY AND ACCESS

The fear of excessive debt shouldn't be a barrier for qualified students from diverse backgrounds who want to attend Bryant University. One key objective of the campaign is to dramatically increase the number of endowed scholarships, ensuring access and opportunity to outstanding students for years to come.

To date, a record number of endowed scholarships have been established for students with great academic promise and demonstrated financial need. The awards often reflect a special interest of the donors, based on their life stories, including cherished connections to Bryant and their families. Some examples:



- The Barbara and P. James Brady '81 Sophomore International Experience Scholarship includes an endowed fund of \$100,000 and annual scholarships of \$10,000 that will be given for six years. The scholarships will be available to Bryant students majoring in International Business
- The Joseph and Brigida Cioe Endowed Scholarship was established by their children, Eileen Cioe-Jaramillo '69 and Robert Cioe '73, to honor the memory and sacrifice of their immigrant parents. The award is

made to a full-time Bryant student from Rhode Island studying Finance.

- The Alphonse S. Lucarelli '66 Endowed Scholarship was created by Lucarelli to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his Bryant graduation. His pledge was doubled by a matching contribution from his career-long employer, Ernst & Young, and will benefit Bryant Accounting students.
- The Roger and E. Patricia Messier Family Endowed Scholarship Fund provides support to a Rhode Island undergraduate enrolled in the College

of Business, with special consideration given to students from the Blackstone Valley Corridor, the geographic hub where Roger Messier's business has thrived since 1903. Roger and Pat are the parents of **Bruce Fisher-Messier '14.**

The Dr. William B. Sweeney
 Memorial Endowed Scholarship
 Fund was established by his wife,
 Donna Sweeney, to honor her late
 husband's 42 years as an esteemed
 faculty member in Bryant's Economics
 Department. The award is made to

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an Economics major, with special consideration for a resident of Bristol, RI, where the Sweeneys resided, or another East Bay community. Additional consideration may be given to a student concentrating in Economic Forecasting or Health Care Economics, areas in which Dr. Sweeney had particular expertise.

- The Leslie Kirker Hershkowitz '44 Memorial Scholarship was funded by Dr. Melvin Hershkowitz to honor his late wife. The scholarship is available to students from Rhode Island or Massachusetts who are majoring in Communication, a field in which Leslie excelled.
- The Carole and Arthur Sukel Endowed Scholarship was established by Arthur Sukel '60 and his wife Carole (Oliner) Sukel '59. It is awarded to a Bryant undergraduate enrolled in the College of Business with preference to a student who is or has been a foster child.
- The **Class of 1986 Endowed Scholarship,** established by the class in recognition of its 30th Reunion, will be available to academically deserving and financially needy students.

Donor-supported facilities including the Academic Innovation Center, the Michael E. '67 and Karen L. Fisher Student Center and the PwC Center for Diversity and Inclusion foster student collaboration and enagement.

"When I first walked into the Academic Innovation Center, my first word was: Wow! I'm in a different world. One professor had us work in breakout rooms, where we could write on walls and collaborate on our laptops. This is such a great tool." Liz Oluokun '18

ENGAGING ACADEMIC AND STUDENT LIFE PROGRAMS ENRICH THE LIVING-LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Beyond facilities and scholarships, the campaign has added teaching tools that promote excellence in high-demand disciplines and student life programs that engage students in life lessons outside of the classroom.

 Parents of a Bryant student have pledged a gift of \$500,000 to Bryant's Global Supply Chain Management and International Business programs. The funding will support Global Supply Chain Management seminars; provide mini-grants to faculty for research and conference activities; introduce the discipline to high school students and showcase the opportunities available at Bryant; as well as sponsor co-curricular activities with real world experience. Also included: six annual grants for Bryant's Sophomore International Experience; creation of an International Business Award for Excellence in Faculty Research; development of an International Summer Camp focusing on global leadership; and creation of short-term executive-in-residence and alumni-in-residence programs featuring seasoned and emerging international business leaders.

 Campaign gifts have resulted in the installation of a dozen **Bloomberg terminals**, the same tool used by professionals in the financial marketplace, in the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology. Bloomberg terminals are the industry standard for fixed income investment research, analysis, and management. They provide access to an advanced computer system with integrated financial software, which gives users real-time financial data and news on markets, economies, and businesses around the world.

 The Jackson W. Goss Prize in Entrepreneurship is funded by a \$125,000 grant from the Anne Goss Foundation. Twice each year, Bryant undergraduates participating in the Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization and Bryant Ventures program compete for resources that can help them develop their pre-launch business plans into profitable enterprises. In the process, the entrepreneurial spirit, creativity, and ingenuity of Bryant students are significantly advanced.

Wegrzyn notes that "the Bryant experience is more than a classroom experience. It's about life's most important lessons, the total experience. The campaign also has enabled us to provide resources and services that have greatly enhanced the student experience beyond the classroom. Philanthropy has been able to make that happen here on campus, abroad, and in ways that students really never imagined when they first enrolled."

SEVERAL NEW PROGRAMS ILLUSTRATE THIS:

- The Weinstein Family Endowed Fund was established with a \$100,000 gift to benefit the campus chapter of Hillel. The gift will expand Jewish life and culture at Bryant by establishing Hillel as a religious, social, and cultural home for Jewish students, and by sponsoring programs and special events to enrich the campus community. An additional \$50,000 gift from the Sokol Foundation will support the hiring of a Hillel Outreach Coordinator.
- Judith (DiBiase) Allen '55 established the Leger R. Morrison Endowed Internship Fund with a \$50,000 pledge to honor a Bryant professor who made a singular impact in her life. A businessperson and current faculty member at College of Charleston (SC), Allen respects the value students bring to often unpaid internship assignments. The fund will provide a need-based stipend to a student pursuing a summer internship with an arts, cultural, or non-profit organization, areas where Allen has been a pioneering influence.
- Richard Leto '73 and his wife, Bonnie, believe that eating disorders are a health issue that needs particular attention on college campuses. They

"The Academic Innovation Center is not just a building; it's a mindset. It encourages collaborative thinking, innovative design thinking techniques, and group learning."

Kevin Ludemann '18, Spanish and Human Resource Managment major

established the **Richard and Bonnie** Leto Nutrition and Health Education Endowed Fund with a \$200,000 gift to create and sustain an environment at Bryant that promotes healthy lifestyles in which students maintain a wise and balanced relationship with food. An additional gift of \$25,000 supports a part-time Health and Nutrition Educator who oversees a range of holistic educational and awareness programs.

A CULTURE OF PHILANTHROPY BUILDS BULLDOG PRIDE

"Bulldog pride is at an all time high," observes Wegrzyn. "Our alumni always have had tremendous warmth for their faculty and camaraderie with their classmates, but now there's a greater connection to the University than there ever has been. This campaign has made that possible. We are excited about what we've accomplished here. Yet there's so much more we can do. Bryant's culture of philanthropy enables us to be the best we can be."

Graduating seniors who have felt the campaign's philanthropic impact in recent years are by turns wistful and excited. "I've seen great changes that really have transformed my time here," says **Gal Benarush '18**, an actuarial mathematics major. "It's really great to see the big difference between the beginning and the end, and I'm so happy to see the future of Bryant where students will have all these opportunities and new programs to participate in."

The future also is very much on the minds of campaign co-chairs **William J. Conaty '67** and **Michael E. Fisher '67, '15H.** Both are retired executives with distinguished careers at General Electric and Barclays Global Investors, respectively. They credit Bryant as the foundation for their success and want to see that continue. "Giving to Bryant is propelling a legacy of excellence into a very bright future," says Conaty.

"The goal of higher education is not to educate students for the past, but to take them into the future," concurs Machtley. "Bryant is on a trajectory for greatness. We are on the move. This is the point in time at which we will look back on our history and say, 'We made the transition from who we were to who we became.' This was only possible through the foresight and philanthropy of our many supporters. We are eternally indebted to their generosity."

\$2.5 million Warren Alpert Foundation Challenge Grant met by visionary Bryant donors

\$5 million will enhance Bryant's thriving School of Health Sciences

BY TINA SENECAL '95, '08 MBA

alancing mission-driven organizational goals with leadership skills and financial acumen has never been so crucial in the field of health care. This made partnering with the Warren Alpert Foundation through a \$2.5 million challenge grant particularly timely and impactful.

Glenn M. Sulmasy, J.D., LL.M., Provost and Chief Academic Officer, explains, "Costs continue to rise and the industry is being put under a microscope. Bryant is well positioned to create leaders and innovators in health care. We know we can help create efficiencies that will leave



"For more than 153 years, Bryant has been at the forefront of delivering exceptional education that anticipates the future in a changing world. Now, Bryant is boldly positioning the School of Health Sciences programs to prepare innovative leaders for the future of our health care system." Bryant University President Ronald K. Machtley

President Ronald K. Machtley learns about Physician Assistant students' challenging course – and field work. More than 800 hopeful applicants were vying for the most recent incoming class of 43. One hundred percent of the inaugural Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies graduates passed the Physician Assistance Certifying Exam, powerful testimony to the program's success. doctors, administrators, and patients available to foster a more productive and caring relationship."

Adds **David Wegrzyn '86,** Vice President for University Advancement, "Professionals who speak the languages of business and medicine can close the knowledge gap between financial management and health services."

HEALTH CARE: A COMPLEX INDUSTRY

"The successful partnering with the Warren Alpert Foundation to advance the School of Health Science means we can expand our academic offerings and provide new opportunities for health care professionals to better work within a dynamic and often complex industry," says Sulmasy.

"The challenge grant presented a unique opportunity for alumni, parents, and friends to make a difference," says Wegrzyn. "And the Bryant community exceeded expectations. Every gift that came in through June 30 was matched by the Warren Alpert Foundation, effectively doubling it."

The matching gift challenge was part of Bryant's historic capital campaign, *Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future,* which has raised more than \$74 million toward the campaign's \$75 million goal.

Now that the Warren Alpert Foundation challenge grant has been met, the University's academic leadership is working to design innovative

classes, connect with industry leaders, and acquire essential course materials.

One of the donors who helped pave the way for a more robust offering through the

School of Health

Sciences is **George**



George Vecchione 'o6H

Vecchione '06H, the former Bryant Trustee who is credited with turning around the finances of a troubled hospital system during his 13-year tenure as President and Chief Executive Officer of Lifespan, Rhode Island's most powerful hospital network.

"I was delighted to participate in the Warren Alpert Foundation challenge "Our health care system is vast and complex and in need of significant change. At 17.5 percent of our nation's GDP and with the baby boom generation coming of age, the pressure to use resources wisely will only increase. Bryant University's commitment and leadership in this area is greatly appreciated."

George Vecchione '06H Former Bryant Trustee, Former President and CEO of Lifespan



Students have the benefit of all-new, high-tech classrooms and gain hands-on experience in the state-of-the-art Physical Examination and Simulation Laboratories located in the Physician Assistant Learning Center—an addition to the Unistructure.

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Clifford and Kim Garnett P'13

wisely will only increase. Bryant University's commitment and leadership in this area is greatly appreciated. I thank the Warren Alpert Foundation for creating this challenge grant, thereby allowing donors to maximize the impact of their gifts."

NO BETTER PLACE TO MAKE AN INVESTMENT

"Diversification of the academic programs being offered by Bryant University is of interest to us, but only if the added programs make sense in the master plan. And added health care programs do," say Clifford and Kim Garnett P'13, parents of Brooke '13, who were recognized as Bryant Champions for Philanthropy in 2012. "With delivery of high quality health care continuing to be a major challenge in society today, programs that advance services to patients and providers while reducing costs to both deserve our attention. Bryant's goal is to provide the marketplace with well-trained professionals who are innovative leaders in the field, and launching this new

enterprise requires capital. The recent addition of the School of Health Sciences with Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies is further evidence of the progressive thinking of Bryant University and President Ronald K. Machtley. There is no better place to make an investment, in our opinion."

INCREASING DEMANDS

Health care projects anticipated growth of 5.8 percent a year through 2025. Georgetown University's Center of Education and Workforce estimates that the sector will add an additional 5.6 million jobs in the next six years.

Increasing demands for high-quality care at manageable costs drive the need for businesses and practitioners to think and operate innovatively.

Bryant's School of Health Sciences will prepare students to address these imminent challenges and emerging needs by educating future leaders and innovators in an industry that continues to evolve and change.

The first class of Physician Assistants (PAs) graduated on March 25, 2017, from Bryant. After receiving



"Partnering with the Warren Alpert Foundation to advance the School of Health Sciences has provided us with the resources to be able to dramatically expand our academic offerings and provide a new path for Bryant's talented graduates to make a difference in the world."

Provost and Chief Academic Officer Glenn M. Sulmasy, J.D., LL.M

Physician assistants are in high demand and short supply. That is why the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies was an excellent choice to be the first program launched in Bryant's School of Health Sciences. With more than 800 applicants vying for admission as one of the incoming class of 43 and the graduation of the inaugural class in March 2017 – all of whom passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam – the program is a proven success. Building upon the eminence of both the University's College of Business and its School of Health Sciences, Bryant is now developing an online certificate in innovative health care leadership. their Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies diplomas, the newly certified health care providers took the "Physician Assistant Oath," pledging to "hold as my primary responsibility the health, safety, welfare, and dignity of all human beings."

One hundred percent of the graduating class passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE) upon eligibility. Since its inception in 2014, the Bryant PA program has grown by 50 percent, and philanthropy, including the Warren Alpert Foundation challenge grant, is helping the University build on efforts to integrate this clinical side of health care with Bryant's core strength in business education.

EXPANDED HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS

Bryant alumni have been distinguished leaders in the health care sector for decades, paving the way for the University to establish the School of Health Sciences in 2014 and launch its first clinical program, the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS).

As Bryant's School of Health Sciences continues to grow, the University is expanding its role as a resource for leaders in health care management, physicians and other health care providers, hospitals, and health care delivery systems on how best to anticipate and address changing dynamics in medical practices.

"We've received a \$150,000 grant from the Rhode Island Foundation to study and share with other stakeholders how to integrate Physician Assistants into practices, patient-centered medical homes, and hospitals in Rhode Island. How do they fit in? Does the current practice model make sense?" says Sulmasy. "We can give back to this state by helping to create a blueprint for a new medical model that adds more synergy – that brings the role of doctors as leaders to the forefront. We recognize there's a need to construct a patient-centered experience in facets including comfort, convenience, safety, and manageable cost."

Ursula and Gordon Riblet P'97: Devoted Bryant ambassadors

Gordon and Ursula Riblet P'97 have enthusiastically continued their involvement with Bryant University in the 20 years since their son, Mark, graduated. They have hosted gatherings, attended events on campus, and include Bryant as one of their philanthropic priorities. "Our son's experience at Bryant was so positive," says Gordon, President of Microwave Development Labs and member of Bryant's Board of Trustees. Adds Ursula, "In addition to a wonderful education, he had caring faculty who helped him find his own path and develop as a person." The University, they say, fulfills all their ideals for an institution of higher learning. One of Bryant's competitive advantages, they



assert, is the leadership of Ron and Kati Machtley. "The Machtleys take a personal interest in the students," says Gordon. "They motivate the students to get involved at Bryant and in the community." "The Machtleys are genuine," adds Ursula, "and they and the campus and students are always warm and welcoming." The Riblets made a leadership gift to the University in support of **Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future** that went to the Warren Alpert Challenge Grant because they believe in the vision of President Ronald K. Machtley. "The integrity of the financial management of Bryant is rock solid," says Gordon. "You can be sure that money donated to the capital campaign will be well spent."

Bryant's innovative health care leadership program will anticipate the future of health care, integrating emerging trends with best practices, featuring:

- Distinguished faculty in business and medicine;
- Online coursework;
- Immersive learning opportunities at health care organizations;
- A capstone practicum handling real-world challenges in health care administration.

AT THE HEART OF THE U.S. ECONOMY

Recognizing these marketplace drivers and trends, Bryant University President Ronald K. Machtley identified health sciences as an important growth area for the University in its *Vision 20/20 Strategic Plan.*

"For more than 153 years, Bryant has been at the forefront of delivering exceptional education that anticipates the future and the needs of students in a changing world," said President Machtley. "Health care sits at the heart of the U.S. economy, and as a leading University with a strategic focus on business, Bryant is boldly positioning the School of Health Sciences programs to prepare innovative leaders for the future of our health care system."

GIFTS EXPAND OUR STUDENTS WORLD

BY PATRICIA S. VIEIRA

Scholarship resources are an essential lifeline – empowering students and the University to achieve their goals.

Increasing access to a Bryant education by funding scholarships to attract and retain top students is one of the pillars of *Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future.* To date, 100 new scholarships have been created through campaign gifts; 48 of those are endowed scholarships that will grow in perpetuity. Every new scholarship increases Bryant's ability to enroll those students who will benefit most and helps ensure that no one graduates with excessive debt.

Expanding scholarship resources has a dual benefit. For students, the financial support empowers them to choose Bryant and discover unlimited opportunities to create highly individual paths to personal and professional success. In turn, scholarships position Bryant to successfully compete with other top colleges and universities to attract and enroll top students with boundless aspirations but limited means. **100** NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

48 NEW ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

\$650,000+ FOR IMMEDIATE USE IN ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS The result is a rich tapestry of scholarship, achievement, and service, woven by students from diverse backgrounds with varied interests, talents, and career aspirations. The University's ability to provide scholarship opportunities enhances our campus culture and alumni ranks, and ultimately strengthens the wider communities and professional worlds where our graduates work, lead, and serve.

"My scholarship is the single most important reason why I am at Bryant," explains **Ryan DiBlasio '19**, a Finance major from Newington, CT, who has set his sights on a position in the Traveler's Insurance Financial Management Leadership and Development Program. The financial support is particularly meaningful to DiBlasio's mother, an inner-city elementary school teacher who made education the most important priority in her children's lives. "This scholarship has allowed me to participate in numerous leadership positions throughout campus, such as the Collegiate Entrepreneur's Organization and Student Government," says DiBlasio.

"With this scholarship, my mother can be assured that I am pursuing my dreams and becoming the well-rounded adult she envisioned I would become."

In the 2016–17 academic year, the University awarded undergraduate students more than \$55.9 million in grants and scholarships. The average award was \$18,290, more than 45% of the cost of undergraduate tuition. These awards included 239 endowed scholarships totaling more than \$1.28 million and 161 annual scholarships that totaled more than \$650,000.

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Class of 2019 VASIL MATSUR

MAJOR: Marketing HOMETOWN: Millburn, NJ

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Recipient of the Michael Scarpati Class of 2003 Memorial Partners in Scholarship Fund

> \$1.2 MILLION IN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Vasil Matsur is the son of a single mother who, in his words, "works the night shift in order to support my dreams of getting a great education and playing soccer." A Dean's List student in his freshman year, he was one of the 92 Bryant University student–athletes named to the 2015 Northeast Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll. Matsur earned a spot as a starter on the Bulldog's NCAA Division I men's soccer team in 2016.

Whenever he plays, Matsur carries the memory and spirit of **Michael Scarpati '03** onto the field. Scarpati competed on the Bryant men's soccer team with an athletic scholarship before he died suddenly in 2001 from an undiagnosed heart condition. His parents, **James and Lynn Scarpati**, created the **Michael Scarpati Class of 2003 Memorial Partners in Scholarship Fund** and Matsur is the scholarship recipient.

"Michael had a great experience at Bryant and we wanted to give another stu-

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dent that opportunity," says Lynn Scarpati. "If you can't send your child, at least you can help someone else's child attend."

Matsur is confident that his Bryant education and experiences – combined with the University's reputation as one of the nation's top business schools will position him for success. "I cannot tell you enough how this scholarship eases our financial burden," says Matsur. "It has helped make it possible to attend Bryant and focus on school and soccer. The generosity of the Scarpati family is very much appreciated and is in my thoughts continually."

"The scholarship is a way to honor Michael's memory and to honor Bryant for the fine institution that it is," says Lynn Scarpati. "All of the Bryant students we've met through the scholarship program or on campus seem to be really outstanding students and young people. Our future is going to be in good hands."







Class of 2016 MADALYNN LAURIA

MAJOR: Applied Psychology MINORS: Spanish and Human Resources Management HOMETOWN: Babylon, NY Federal Sales at CyberArk Software Inc. in the Greater Boston area

> Recipient of the Thomas and Karen Boelsen Endowed Scholarship Fund

Attending Bryant University truly has opened a world of opportunity for **Madalynn Lauria.** She studied abroad,

completed an internship on the Global Brand Execution team for multinational toymaker Hasbro, and collaborated with physicians at Bradley Hospital to co-author a book on social skills for children on the autism spectrum.

"I have done some really amazing things that I may not have had the opportunity to do without being at Bryant with the help of this scholarship," says Lauria with gratitude. "It



has helped alleviate some of the financial burden my family was feeling."

Lauria's assessment is shared by **Thomas Boelsen '77, P'12.** "I saw the opportunities I got by going to Bryant," he explains. "I grew up in the Bronx and was one of the first in my family to go to college. Bryant clearly set me up academically to have a successful career in finance and accounting."

Boelsen and his wife, Karen, established the **Thomas** and Karen Boelsen Endowed Scholarship Fund that provided assistance to Lauria. They are the parents of Kyle, who graduated from Bryant in 2012. The long-term nature of the fund is particularly meaningful. "I like that our scholarship is an endowed scholarship," says Boelsen. "With investment returns and whatever periodic contributions I can make to it, it grows. It has a lasting effect, and I like that."

Lauria, who graduated a semester early with Magna Cum Laude honors, will always remember, "the Boelsens were an instrumental part in my education." She expresses confidence that "there isn't anything I can't learn or excel at if I want to – Bryant has taught me that. This University also has prepared me to be successful in achieving my goals by teaching me proper business etiquette and knowing 'the right thing' to do. Bryant has taught me to step out of my comfort zone and the personal growth that has stemmed from this has been unquantifiable."

Class of 2019 MEGAN BARRY

MAJOR: International Business/Accounting MINOR: Spanish HOMETOWN: Jewett City, CT ++ ++ ++

Recipient of the Sannizzaro Family Partners in Scholarship Fund



Megan Barry is taking advantage of every opportunity that Bryant offers. "The International Business program has given me many opportunities to look at business through a global perspective and help to expand my knowledge for my future endeavors," says Barry.

Her focus on seizing opportunities resonates with **Peter and Cortney Sannizzaro P'18** and **P'20.** Barry is the recipient of the **Sannizzaro Family Partners in Scholarship Fund** the couple created.

The Sannizzaros' daughters are Bryant undergraduates: Lauren is a junior marketing major and Abby is a freshman majoring in social entrepreneurship. "We couldn't be more pleased with Bryant," explains Cortney. "Our daughters received merit scholarship assistance. They have worked hard and have taken advantage of the many great opportunities Bryant has offered."

Sannizzaro also knows how important scholarship assistance is, having received "a lot of scholarship help" as an undergraduate at the University of Connecticut. "I know how helpful it was and how thankful I was to have it come my way," she recalls. **"We give to other charities that are close to our heart and now that we have students at Bryant it's an easy choice to give there."**

The Sannizzaros' commitment to assist Bryant students is helping Barry achieve her ambitions. "My career aspiration is to work in an accounting firm, hopefully in a Spanish-speaking country. I hope to put my years of Spanish classes to the test and utilize them in my career."

Barry is grateful for the foresight and generosity of the Sannizzaro family. "It means a great deal to both my family and me to be supported in my academic journey at Bryant University. As a student who is paying for my own tuition, it can look rather overwhelming at times. Knowing there was another source of payment rather than my pocket made it easier for me to relax and enjoy the current semester rather than constantly worrying about expenses."

Gratitude shared by those who receive and those who give

Common threads run through the words of gratitude expressed by scholarship students. They are acutely aware of the cost of higher education. They have watched their parents sacrifice to support their dreams. They are deeply grateful to the benefactors who have created the opportunity for them to attend Bryant University. And they are determined to remain engaged with Bryant and invest in the success of the students who will follow them in the future.

For their part, the alumni, parents, and friends who have established scholarships cite similar reasons for making their gifts. They remember receiving financial assistance as students and recognize how the cost of higher education has increased, making it even more challenging for today's students and families. They, too, recall the sacrifices their parents made and desire to honor their memories.

They gratefully acknowledge the doors that opened to them because of their Bryant education. And they believe funding a scholarship is a wise investment in the inspiring global mission and work of Bryant University.





Class of 2017 NICHOLAS LAVERDE

MAJOR: International Business and Finance HOMETOWN: Gloucester, MA Corporate Analyst at JP Morgan Chase in New York •:• •:• •:•

> Recipient of the C.V. Starr Endowed Scholarship Fund

For Nicholas Laverde, being a recipient of the C.V. Starr Endowed Scholarship Fund has been life-changing. "Because of the scholarship, I was able to come to one of my top-choice schools and achieve my dreams of majoring in International Business and Finance."

The Starr Foundation has established scholarships at more than 100 colleges, universities, and select secondary schools



across the country. Laverde is one of 15 Bryant undergraduates to receive scholarship aid from the fund this year.

Laverde has seized every opportunity. He spent a semester studying in Chile and returned to a summer internship with JP Morgan Chase & Company's Corporate Analyst Development Program. His success there led to the offer of a full-time position. He also plans to take the CFA 1 Exam, noting, "If it wasn't for Bryant and the rigorous International Business and Finance programs, I would not have been prepared or would not have stood out when applying to big investment firms and multinational banks.

"My Bryant experience allowed me to utilize every resource that has been provided, such as networking events and guest speakers," says Laverde. He also cites the benefits of "real-world experience in the classroom through courses like the Archway Investment Fund program, and career guidance offered by the Amica Center for Career Education, alumni, and professors."

The scholarship aid also had an unexpected benefit. "As a result of my success here and the joy my family has had with me attending Bryant, my younger brother started studying at Bryant this year. Because of the scholarship, my family had some financial freedom when my brother was looking for schools."

Laverde adds, "The scholarship has made it significantly easier for my family to afford my higher education. I plan on one day having the same opportunity to give back to my university and aid a student in his educational journey and professional success."

Catherine Parente '78 was a pioneer at Bryant and in the workplace. She chose to major in accounting at a time when the field was dominated by males. "Sometimes I was the only woman in my class," she recalls. She became one of Rhode Island's first female partners in a CPA firm in 1987 and is the first woman to be named a partner at Sansiveri, Kimball & Co., LLP, where she specializes in fraud examination and financial forensics.

Parente established the Parente Accounting Scholarship Fund in 2014 in memory of her parents, Ernest and Grace D'Acchioli. She has found it very gratifying to meet the scholarship recipients, knowing full well the hard work and focus it takes to achieve success at Bryant and beyond. "I was a first-generation college student and my parents worked very hard give me and my sister that opportunity. The idea of establishing a scholarship was intriguing to me as a way to help another student in some small way."

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19,000+ Supporters Target One Goal: CREATING BRYANT'S BOLD FUTURE

BY PATRICIA S. VIEIRA

The University enjoys unprecedented support from a diverse coalition of generous donors

From its early days as an esteemed business college through decades of steady growth and its emergence as a leader in academic innovation and international education, Bryant has been sustained and strength– ened by philanthropy.

The largest fundraising effort in Bryant's history – **Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future** – is currently under way. To date, \$74 million has been raised to achieve the transformative objectives of its **Vision 20/20 Strategic Plan** and rise to new levels of excellence and national prominence.

"If you have it in your heart to help someone out – if you have the means and the desire – don't think about it. Just do it. There's no downside. Execute the plan." Joe '80 and Kathi '81 Puishys

This achievement is possible thanks to the unprecedented generosity of a diverse coalition of 19,377 supporters to date. Alumni, parents, friends, corporations, foundations, students, employees, and friends of the University all have participated in the campaign – with increasing numbers stepping up to new levels of support. In 2017 more than 450 individuals joined the Bryant Leadership Council by making a gift of \$1,000 or more, setting a new record.

The first fruits of these campaign gifts are now visible at every turn. Trailblazing new facilities inspire and enable new models of teaching and learning. An unprecedented number of scholarship resources provide unlimited opportunities for students. And as Bryant continues to burnish its reputation for excellence in academic innovation, global engagement, and Division I athletics, the impact will continue for years to come.

The Academic Innovation Center has set a new standard for excellence in collaboration and innovative pedagogy. The Bulldog Strength and

19,000+

MEMBERS OF A DIVERSE COALITION OF GENEROUS DONORS SUPPORT EXPANDING THE WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY: THE CAMPAIGN FOR BRYANT'S BOLD FUTURE



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Beyond Governance: A Trustee's Perspective

Joanna Lau's relationship with Bryant began with her 1997 Graduate School Commencement address and honorary degree. She became a member of the Board of Trustees soon after. The president of Lau Technologies, she has witnessed Bryant's ascension to international prominence over the last two decades.

Lau believes there are many reasons that Bryant enjoys such a broad and deep level of philanthropic support. "Bryant has so many strengths," she explains. "But the most important is starting at the top, with the leadership of President Ron Machtley and his wife, Kati. They create an authentic culture on campus and a great community."

It's important for students and alumni to support Bryant, says Lau, because it's important to maintain the University's excellence. She is a regular contributor to the Trustee Scholarship Fund and believes that scholarship aid does more than bridge the gap for students who fund their education with work, grants, loans, savings, and family assistance. The range of scholarships - need-based, merit, athletic, and international – enables Bryant to compete for the best students and create a well-rounded community of student scholars. "Scholarships help students excel," she adds, "because they have to keep up a grade point. I think that's huge."

Lau's thoughts on philanthropy are inspired by the research of Harvard Business School professor Michael J. Norton, who has researched "prosocial spending" and suggests that people are happier when they spend money on others, rather than themselves. For Lau, that search for happiness is a good thing. "People think helping others is the right thing to do. But there's more to it. I think when people spend money on others it gives us a greater level of happiness. It helps us have a different perspective. And we are making a difference."

Conditioning Center, the Conaty Indoor Athletic Center, and other upgraded athletic facilities provide our Division I student-athletes with the resources they need to compete and win.

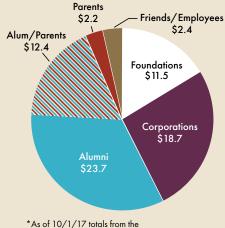
New faculty positions including an Executive-in-Residence, technology improvements such as a dozen Bloomberg terminals that provide access to an advanced computer system with integrated financial software that allows users to access real-time financial data and news on markets, economies, and businesses around the world, and classroom renovations have enriched the teaching-learning environment. Increased opportunities for student internships and study abroad prepare students



Welcome Affirmation from Corporations and Foundations

Philanthropic support from corporations and foundations for **Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future** currently totals \$30.2 million, which represents some 33 percent of gifts received to date. In addition to providing scholarship resources, underwriting faculty research and development, and enhancing athletics and student life programs, corporation and foundation gifts support some of Bryant's most distinguished initiatives:

- Academic Innovation Center
- Advanced Applied Analytics Center



Campaign For Bryant's Bold Future

\$30.2m to date from corporations and foundations

- Amica Center for Career Education
- Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership
- Real-world competitions that hone students' skills
- Women's Summit
- World Trade Day

Bryant students also enjoy access to outstanding internship and employment opportunities with the nation's leading businesses. And having a distinct campus presence helps companies build brand awareness and trust among students who are positioned to become future consumers, thought leaders, and entrepreneurs.

Pictured (left) above: PWC Tax Partner and Bryant Trustee Robert J. Calabro '88 at PWC's Case Competition; (right) Outside the Murray Family Charitable Foundation Admission Presentation Room in the Academic Innovation Center, J. Terrence "Terry" Murray '89 H, retired chairman of FleetBoston Financial Corporation and foundation vice president, his daughter Paula (Murray) McNamara, the foundation's president, and his wife, Suzanne (Young) Murray. Giving Tuesday is November 28, 2017. Alumni, parents, and friends can connect by following the Bryant University Alumni Association on Facebook and Twitter. To participate on November 28, visit http://opportunity.bryant.edu/ givingtuesday

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for early success in the global marketplace. Student life initiatives have included dedication of the PwC Center for Diversity and Inclusion that comprises the Intercultural Center, Gertrude Meth Hochberg Women's

The sustained support Bryant receives from alumni and its wider community represents a clear endorsement of the University's ability to imagine and execute a bold and compelling vision.

Center, Pride Center, Disability Services, the Interfaith Center and Campus Ministries. Together, they work to create a supportive and inclusive campus environment. And through the campaign, 100 new scholarships have been added to attract and retain the talented students Bryant competes to enroll.

MANY WAYS TO PARTICIPATE AND GIVE

In 2017, 4,862 alumni, parents, and friends made gifts to the Bryant Fund. The Bryant Fund, which offers supporters an annual opportunity to make unrestricted gifts, received a total of nearly \$5.39 million in FY 2017. These funds can be used immediately to meet essential needs such as scholarship assistance, faculty and curricular support, and student living-learning opportunities. Supporters also have the option of directing their Bryant Fund gift to an area about which they are passionate.

The Campus Campaign offers Bryant's faculty and staff a way to support the exceptional academic enterprise they help shape every day. The rate of participation in the campaign by faculty and staff grew to 51 percent in 2017, an all-time record.

Campaign giving also has been augmented by some long-standing fundraising activities that engage a wide range of Bryant supporters.

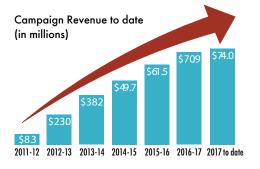
Reunion Giving Totals \$900,000+

When Bryant alumni gather to celebrate their reunion years, it's a chance to reconnect with the people and places that made a memorable impact on their lives. In recent years, it's also become a time for alumni members of each Class Reunion Steering Committee to reach out to their peers and encourage them to contribute to their class gift.

The focus is on individual participation, rather than the amount of each gift. Alumni have heard the call – "every gift counts" – and the results have been impressive. Some 521 alumni celebrating in 2017 (those with class years ending in 2s and 7s) made gifts totaling \$923,873. The total represented a 12 percent increase over the previous year, with over 60 alumni making gifts who had not done so in the previous year.

All of the Reunion Giving funds are directed to support student scholarships; some classes have raised funds sufficient to establish an endowed fund.

"More and more alumni are engaging with Bryant," says Stephen Luttge, Director of the Bryant Fund. He points out that more than 50 percent of all Bryant alumni have made at least one gift to Bryant since graduating. "Our steering committee members deserve great credit for the tremendous work they have done to encourage their classmates to participate and give."





For example, since its inception 14 years ago, the President's Cup Golf Tournament has raised nearly \$1.3 million for the Bryant University Presidential Scholarship Fund; in 2017, proceeds totaled \$128,000. Reunion giving for classes celebrating in 2017 saw a 12 percent jump in their year-over-year participation. And 74 percent of the Class of 2017 participated in the Senior Class Gift project.

One recent initiative is emblematic of the support for Bryant that comes from many constituencies. Since 2014, alumni, parents, students, and staff volunteers have worked together to encourage members of the Bryant community to participate in Giving Tuesday, a global movement that harnesses the power and potential of social media and collaboration. The most recent Giving Tuesday engaged more than 500 Bryant supporters – an increase of nearly 100 participants over the previous year. Their gifts of \$57,701 set a record, affirming the widespread support the University engenders.



"It's the 'circle of life' that brings us back around to make sure we are here helping the next generation of students." Jeff Fryer '91, P'19

Invested and Engaged as Alumni and Parents JEFF '91, P'19 AND KIM (ROY) '92 FRYER P'19

In the dual roles of alumni and parents – son Ryan is a member of the class of 2019 – the Fryers are dedicated members of the Bryant community. Their shared commitment to preparing students for success can be seen in the new classrooms and breakout rooms they funded in the Academic Innovation Center to honor Accounting Professor Michael Lynch, whom Jeff credits as a mentor and friend.

The Fryers' gifts reflect their philanthropic passion: to create dynamic and technologyrich teaching-learning environments that will benefit all students.

As parents, the Fryers agree that Bryant "is the whole package" and suggest that also is why the University is able to garner such widespread support. "Bryant offers everything you want your child to have," explains Jeff. "It's a spectacular education in a safe, welcoming environment. The faculty and administrators care about students and where they are going. The facilities are gorgeous and with best in class academics, students have every opportunity to be successful."

The Fryers, who chair the Bryant Parents Council, were honored with the Outstanding Parents award at the 2016 Champions for Philanthropy gala for their unwavering support of the University and donations of their time and money to further its strategic goals.

Jeff recently retired from his position as chief tax officer at Alexion Pharmaceuticals. Kim, who

spent 17 years in the mortgage industry, is an active school and community volunteer. Without hesitation, both attribute their own success to Bryant. "Bryant gave us the chance to be successful," says Jeff. "There were people at Bryant who helped us get ahead. It's the 'circle of life' that brings us back around to make sure we are here helping the next generation of students."

The many benefits of Bryant that the Fryers extol both reflect and attract the support the University receives. "There are so many opportunities here," says Kim. "Your gift can be tailored any way you want."

Pictured above: Ryan '19, Kim (Roy) '92, Jeff '91, and Chris Fryer

Campaign Leadership Council: A Natural Next Step PHILIP R. GRAHAM '88 MST

When **Philip R. Graham '88 MST** agreed to serve on the Campaign Leadership Council for Bryant's capital campaign, it was a natural "next step" for a graduate school alumnus who has faithfully supported the University since shortly after receiving his master's degree.

"The degree I earned at Bryant has been very helpful in my career," notes Graham, senior vice president, corporate tax, at Fidelity Investments. He has a special appreciation for the liberal arts foundation Bryant integrates into its innovative and challenging business curriculum.

"I've been an advocate for Bryant to many people, including students who have asked for advice about a business degree." He and his wife Deborah established the Graham Family Endowed Scholarship to benefit students from their local community attending Bryant.

Graham sees his role on the Campaign Leadership Council as a



way to "give back" to the University and support the vision of President Ronald K. Machtley. "I've been very impressed with Bryant

University, with Ron's leadership, and with what he and his team have been able to do," explains Graham. "I believe in the product and in the direction they have taken the school. There are so many things they are doing right. When you believe in the direction they're going, it's easy to take the next step with them."



Mutual Benefit for Sponsor and Students TIM BERTRAND '00

Tim Bertrand '00 never forgot the thrill of winning the national intercollegiate sales competition as a Bryant undergraduate. That experience gave him entry into the software industry, a field closed to recent college graduates at that time, and launched his impressive career. Today he is the chief sales officer at Acquia, a global cloud platform provider and one of the nation's fastest growing technology companies.

As the leader of a 250+ person global sales and field operations team, Bertrand is always seeking top talent. He has been a passionate supporter of today's Northeast Intercollegiate Sales Competition (NISC), which is hosted annually at Bryant University and draws students from more than 15 colleges and universities nationwide. Bertrand has seen the tremendous value Acquia realized though its \$70,000+ investment as a philanthropic sponsor at the highest level possible for three years.

One benefit Acquia enjoyed as a Platinum sponsor has been watching students work on case studies created to feature its own products. "Watching over 200 students develop and offer sales presentations about our company and products gives us great insight into how they would perform in the workforce," explains Bertrand. "It's a fantastic college recruiting opportunity," he adds, noting the competition showcases how top students approach real-world challenges.

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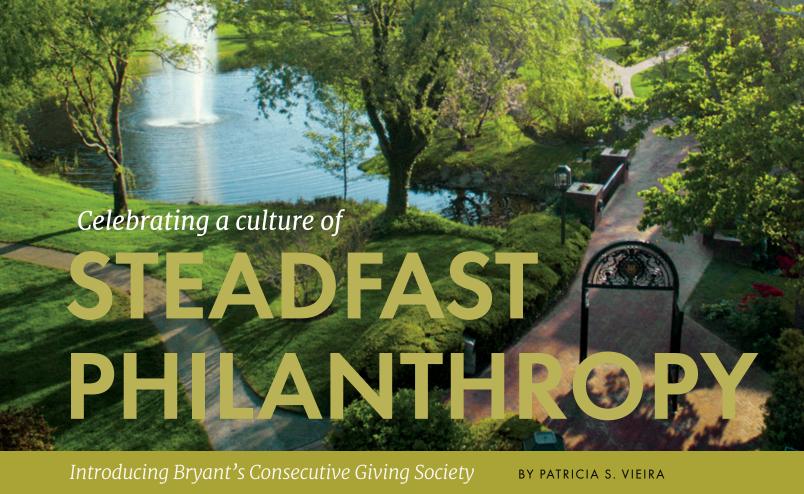
Tim Bertrand '00

Acquia wisely leveraged its philanthropic investment. In recent years, some of its new hires were participants in Bryant's NISC program – a mutual benefit indeed.

Pictured above is Bryant's winning fall 2016 Northeast Intercollegiate Sales Competition (NISC) team.

NISC 2017 took place Nov. 10-11.

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To honor the more than 2,200 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.

"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."

ED MAGRO, J.D., Executive Director of Development

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."

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

Bryant University's Consecutive Giving Society includes 2,235 inaugural members who have given for at least three consecutive years.

Years	Donors
30+	55
20+	149
10+	532

executive director of development. "And every gift makes a difference in the life of Bryant University."

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 46,000 alumni have made at least one gift since graduating," adds Magro. "So we know there is a high level of interest in the 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 2,235 people who have given for at least three consecutive years. Fifty-five stalwart donors have made consistent gifts for 30+ years. Some 149 supporters have been making gifts for 20+ years, while the number recognized for making gifts for 10+ years totals 532.

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."

Brittany Glenn

- The Young Professional
- Donor Since 2010
- Director, Boston Celtics VIP Member Experience & Retention

Brittany Glenn '11 began supporting her alma mater as a member of her Senior Class Gift Committee. She is a firm believer in the "power of small contributions," making her first gift as an undergraduate and giving every year since. "If every one of my fellow classmates donated \$50 a year, we could provide a free education to a worthy candidate," she says.

Glenn enjoyed a "truly unforgettable" experience at Bryant – one that challenged her academically and athletically. "I am so grateful for the scholarship Bryant provided me," she adds. "I will always feel motivated to give back in whatever way possible."

The recipient of a varsity field hockey scholarship, the Business Administration major launched her career in sports marketing five years ago with the corporate partnerships division of the Boston Celtics. Today she oversees more than 15 corporate sponsorships.

It may be difficult for some people "to grasp the idea of giving back to the University when you are currently making loan payments for that education," Glenn acknowledges. But she takes the long view.

"Bryant University gave me my start in the sports industry and helped build a foundation for my career in professional sports," she explains. "We are fortunate



as alumni to be able to attach the Bryant University reputation to our names. 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.**"

In addition to her annual gifts, Glenn stays engaged with Bryant by attending Bulldog field hockey games, participating in alumni activities, and sharing her career experiences as a guest speaker for Bryant's sports studies program.

Kathleen Simons MST, DBA, CPA, CGMA

- The Respected Professor
- Donor for 3+ decades
- Professor of Accounting

Throughout her more than 32 year career, **Professor of Accounting Kathleen Simons '82 MST, DBA, CPA, CGMA,** has made annual gifts supporting Bryant. Her gifts are motivated by her unique perspective as a graduate school alumna, faculty member, and accounting professional.

This valued faculty member's association with Bryant began when she enrolled in the Master of Science in Taxation program. She started her teaching career here two years after earning that graduate degree and while she was completing a doctorate in Business Administration at Boston University.

"I first experienced Bryant as a college when I earned my MST here. I later came back and joined the faculty, and ever since then I have been inspired by the students that I work with," she notes.



Simons has won three awards conferred by the University for Outstanding Teaching in Business and is a recipient of the Alumni Association's Distinguished Faculty Award. With a reputation for being a tough but fair educator who is truly interested in her students' success, she sees the impact that gifts to the University have on her students every day. Simons makes her gifts to the Bryant Fund through the Campus Campaign that allows faculty and staff to support scholarships or other initiatives that resonate with them.

"Giving to the University provides opportunities for students to receive scholarship monies and also supports the infrastructure, technology, and faculty endeavors,"

explains Simons. "It is a great way to show support for the goals and plans set by President Machtley and the Board. We are fortunate to be in this terrific environment and to have the opportunity to contribute to the University's future."

James S. Richardson

- The Astute Businessman
- Bryant Trustee 1996-2005
- · Donor for 4+ decades
- · CEO, J.R. Group, Inc.

James S. Richardson '68 is a successful businessman who understands that nonprofit organizations like colleges, universities, and churches are also business enterprises that require a consistent stream of support to succeed in their missions. As a former Bryant Trustee, he also knows the impact that gifts make in the life of the University. "People may not realize how much we give to students," he explains. "Our giving is put to good work."

Richardson's Bryant education was vital to his success building a family business that includes multiple Lexus and Toyota automobile dealerships. "Alumni, the parents of students, the University faculty and staff, all see the benefits of the education at Bryant and that makes many people sincerely care," says Richardson. "Giving is something that we all want to do. When you participate you get a really good feeling."

Richardson believes that Bryant's international reputation and success is

the result of three critical strengths: the University's leadership, particularly the tremendous work of President Ronald Machtley; the many outstanding academic and extracurricular options available to students; and its just-right size. Sustaining that success, he points out, requires commitment from Bryant supporters.

"When you are sitting down to consider who you want to give to, if you have the means, you want to be consistent," says Richardson. "That will give the organization an idea of how much income they are bringing in. Consistency in business is vital. That's why I continue to give and give at a level that is very positive. It's very important to think that way because the University needs you."

Ruth (Hettinger) and Paul DeLomba

- The Proud Alumni
- · Donors for 5+ decades

• Partner, PwC (Retired)

As a young graduate, **Paul DeLomba '60** was earning \$425 a month at Price Waterhouse and supporting a young family. He celebrated his promotion to manager in 1965 with his first gift to Bryant, beginning a legacy of continuous giving that has spanned more than 50 years.

"Giving is important to me because it shows a sense of

pride," explains DeLomba, who readily admits that Bryant has first priority for his philanthropy. "The quality of a Bryant education is outstanding and that's a source of pride. It's a world-class institution."

DeLomba and his wife, **Ruth (Hettinger)** DeLomba '60, were honored with the Outstanding Consecutive Giving Society Award at the 2017 Champions for Philanthropy Gala. 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 as well as supporting the scholarship program for Bryant students sponsored by Paul's lifelong employer, PwC.

Through its corporate matching gifts program, PwC has significantly increased the impact of the DeLombas' gifts.



Ruth (Hettinger) '60 DeLomba and Paul '60 DeLomba

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.

DeLomba credits Bryant with helping him realize that his skills were a natural fit for the accounting profession and positionina him to compete successfully with graduates from schools that were more prestigious at the time. He passed his CPA exam on the first sitting and was the first Bryant alumnus to be named a partner in the firm.

"It takes both inclination and means to give," notes DeLomba, "We couldn't be more proud of the institution Bryant has become. I hope new grads feel the same way."

Daniel Santos

- The Reputation-minded Alumnus
- · Donor for 4+ decades
- Field Underwriter, New York Life

For more than four decades, Daniel Santos '52 has made giving to Bryant University a philanthropic priority. His annual gifts to the Bryant Fund are inspiring an unbroken record of consecutive giving that has spanned his life and career. For the past 20 years, Santos' support has been at the leadership level of \$1,000 and above. With matching gifts from his life-long employer, New York Life, the impact of those gifts has been doubled.

What inspires such loyalty to Bryant and constancy in giving? For Santos, like many other alumni, it's a desire to "give back" and express appreciation for an education that was the foundation for his success. But he also believes that his support enables Bryant to advance its mission and reputation. "Bryant gave me so much, I want to see it succeed on a national level," he explains.

He closely follows Barron's annual college rankings and has enjoyed watching the University's reputation and reach expand across the nation and around the globe. "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."

A native of Lowell, MA, Santos relocated to Kentucky following his post-graduation military service. "When I first came to Louisville, people outside of New England had not heard of Bryant," recalls Santos. "Today, Bryant is widely known and it's gratifying to see what the University is doing around the world.

Santos has made plans to continue his legacy of giving. He is a member of Bryant's 1863 Society, having named the University as a beneficiary in his will.

Janet Blackburn Dunk

• The Devoted Alumna · Donor for 6+ decades

Janet Blackburn Dunk '37 was a Bryant alumna who faithfully made modest annual gifts to the Bryant Fund for many decades. In 1999, she became a charter member of Bryant's 1863 Society when she notified Bryant that she had included the University in her will. Named for the year Bryant was founded, the Society recognizes individuals who have provided for the University through their estate plan or a life income gift. Now, Dunk's \$975,000 bequest

will have an impact she never could have envisioned.

A graduate of Bryant College's secretarial studies program, Dunk and her husband, Phillip T. Dunk, Jr., were both devoted alumni to their respective schools; he was a graduate of Johns Hopkins University. A native of Connecticut, she worked in Maryland and resided there until her death in 2006 at age 88. Her husband died in April 2016. Her bequest intention was realized in November, when their estate was settled.

The Dunks used a popular estate planning strategy to ensure their needs were fully met while also honoring the academic institutions that held great meaning for each of them. During their lifetimes, the couple placed assets in trusts, providing income to benefit the surviving spouse. Upon the passing of the second spouse, the funds designated for charitable gifts are disbursed.

"Janet Blackburn Dunk was a loyal and generous alumna who clearly recognized how important planned gifts are to Bryant's future," notes Ed Magro, executive director of development. "Both she and her husband included their alma maters in their estate plans, demonstrating a deep trust in and commitment to their beloved schools. We are honored and grateful for her foresight and support. "

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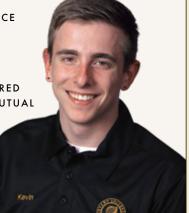
- "Bryant has evolved so much during my four years here. I feel like I've been a witness to great changes that are propelling the University to the next level so all students can reach their full potential. Our possibilities are limitless and I want to thank everyone who has contributed to the effort so that students are prepared to succeed.
- "It means so much to me that there are people willing to invest in Bryant students and their future. It shows me that our alumni network is vast, that people really do give back, and that we really are invested in one another. Being part of a community like that excites me."

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Our distinguished faculty of accomplished teachers, scholars, and mentors educate and inspire students to discover their passion.

Provost Announces New Dean and Faculty from Top Institutions around the World

Bryant Provost and Chief Academic Officer **Glenn Sulmasy, J.D., LL.M.,** announced a new dean for the College of Arts and Sciences and welcomed 13 faculty members to Bryant's community of scholars.

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences **Bradford Martin**, **Ph.D.**, joined the Bryant faculty in 1999, was appointed associate dean in January 2015, and served as interim

dean since January 2017. He succeeds **Wendy Samter, Ph.D.,** who now serves as associate dean. As dean, Samter presided over successful curriculum development and the creation of a new staffing model. She has been a tireless advocate of the arts and sciences at Bryant since her arrival as professor of Communication in 2003.

"This realignment of roles allows the College of Arts and Sciences to keep together a very effective and successful team, while also addressing the need to balance personal and professional goals," Sulmasy said.

Martin previously served as History curriculum coordinator and program coordinator within the Department of History and Social Sciences from 2004 to 2015. He is

the author of "The Other Eighties: A Secret History of America in the Age of Reagan" (2011) and "The Theater Is in the Street: Politics and Public Performance in Sixties America" (2004). Martin earned his Ph.D. in American Studies at Boston University and an M.A. in American Studies at University of Massachusetts Boston. He graduated with a B.A. in History from Yale University.

DISTINGUISHED NEW FACULTY

Bryant continues to attract accomplished faculty who have worked and studied at top institutions around the world, and who are energized by the opportunity to contribute to Bryant's mission to reimagine higher education for the new century.

Joining the College of Business and the College of Arts and Sciences:

Katayoun Alidadi, assistant professor of Legal Studies, holds a Ph.D. in law from KU Leuven in Belgium, named the "Most innovative University in Europe" by Reuters for the second consecutive year. Alidadi earned an LL.M. from Harvard Law School and is a research associate at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle, Germany. Her work focuses on human rights, conflict of laws, employment law and the intersections of law and religion. Alidadi was awarded the 2013 Ius Commune Prize for research on reasonable accommodation for religion and belief.

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Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Bradford Martin, Ph.D.

Goss Prize inspires Bryant Entrepreneurs

Jackson W. Goss Prize in Entrepreneurship recipients, in a presentation this fall, thanked program trustees for making possible a wide variety of entrepreneurship opportunities from marine electronics to better body armor.

Entrepreneurship Program Coordinator Lou Mazzucchelli and David Donlan '00, Chief Revenue Officer at Crayon, who was a judge for the Goss Prize finalists, reviewed the successes of:

 John Logan '16 – The Magic Behind Success
 Jeremy Wilder '19 and Matthew Barnett '19 – Entrepreneurial Survey latestleaders.com

- Shalin Mehta '17 and Richard Hollis '17 – Body Armor
- James Imrie '18 Media Production
- **Ryan Buonaugurio '18** Marine Electronics

Donlan told Wilder and Barnett while he initially voted against their project traveling the country to ask entrepreneurs their best advice for aspiring startups, their presentation changed his mind. He urged the duo to continue connecting with entrepreneurs.

The Goss Prize, presented annually by Bryant to advance the creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurial spirit of undergraduate students, also made



Jeremy Wilder '19 and Matthew Barnett '19 hit the road seeking advice from entrepreneurs.



CEO's national Collegiate Entrepreneur of the Year Ryan Buonaugurio '18 at his company's Providence Boat Show booth.

possible RPB Marine's new booth at both the Providence and New England Boat Shows this winter. The prize helped Buonaugurio, the owner and operator, pay the exhibitor's fees as well as fund a special display showcasing RPB's work.

"The Goss prize has been a huge help," says Buonaugurio, named CEO's national Collegiate Entrepreneurs of the Year. "It was crucial to gaining new entrepreneurial skills as well as growing the company."



Richard Hollis '17 and Shalin Mehta '17 are developing better body armor.

Suhong Li is 2017 Computer Educator of the Year

Subong Li, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of Information Systems and Analytics, is the International Association for Computer Information Systems' Computer Educator of the Year. The annual award honors a faculty member who has an outstanding record of professional service, teaching, and scholarship, and who has made significant contributions to their university and their profession.

In nominating Li, **Harold R. Records, Ph.D.**, Professor of Information Systems and Analytics, praised her



"remarkable intellect, outstanding work ethic, dedication, genuine kindness, inquisitive "I incorporate my research into my teaching, and I see that it helps the students"

SUHONG LI, PH.D., 2017 Computer Educator of the Year

nature, and drive to deliver the best to students." Li, who also was integral to the development of Bryant's new Data Science major, received the award Oct. 6 at the association's international conference in Philadelphia.

Li is the second Bryant faculty member to win the

award; the late **Wallace Wood, Ph.D.,** former Professor of Management Information Systems who also served Bryant as Academic Vice President, Dean, and Chair of Management Information Systems, won it in 2002. *Read more at bryant.edu/news*

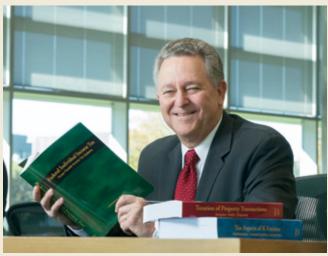
Bryant faculty are experts who help define their field

Taxation, notes Associate Professor of Accounting Lawrence H. Witner, J.D., LL.M., CPA, "is involved. It's complex." And, the man who has been teaching undergraduate and graduate tax courses for more than 30 years has authored three texts: Federal Individual Income Tax, Three Parallel Income Tax Systems; Tax Aspects of K Entities, Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies; and Taxation of Property Transactions, Acquire, Hold, Dispose.

"Professor Witner writes the best textbooks in the world," says **Yingjie Qiu '17, '18 MPAC.** "It's important to have someone simplify Internal Revenue Code into plain English."

Witner, who joined the Bryant faculty in 1992 after teaching at the University of Baltimore, The American University, and Kent State University, also has worked as a legal, tax, and accounting specialist.

A prolific author, Witner frequently collaborates with Bryant colleagues on topics



Associate Professor of Accounting Lawrence H. Witner, J.D.LL.M., CPA, published three books on taxation this year.

ranging from "International Tax, A Primer for Reform Proposals" and "Earning \$1 More is Worth It" to "IRS Guidance for Ponzi Scheme Losses." His articles have appeared in such journals as The ABA Journal, The CPA Journal, The Journal of Accountancy, Journal of Taxation of Investments, The Tax Adviser, Taxes-The Tax Magazine, and Practical Tax Strategies. In 2007, he received the Article of the Year Award from The Tax Adviser.

Nonprofit Experiential Learning Partners Laud Bryant's Program

S ervice learning projects focused on nonprofit partnerships are an integral feature of courses like Management Principles and Practice, where all sophomores put theory into practice.

The third biannual Community Engagement EXPO hosted by Amica Center for Career Education facilitated some of these important partnerships by introducing students to more than 50 nonprofit organizations. With a blend of government and military institutions, community action groups, health, education and environment organizations, and arts and culture groups, students had the opportunity to connect with a diverse group of nonprofits.

"Community engagement is essential in becoming global citizens, which is something Bryant prides itself on," says **Kathleen Bannon '21.**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ocean State is grateful for its continued partnership with Bryant students. Taylor Millspaugh, the agency's Nwando Ofokansi, education programs coordinator for The Katie Brown Educational Program also emphasizes the importance of her organization's relationship with Bryant students.

"Bryant students and mentors are consistent, hardworking, forward-thinking ... We try to replicate with other colleges what we have at Bryant."

TAYLOR MILLSPAUGH, Big Brothers Big Sisters

Development and Communications Coordinator, notes that with 150 mentors, Bryant offers the largest representation of college mentors.

Millspaugh says: "Bryant students and mentors are consistent, hardworking, forward-thinking – great to have as part of Big Brothers Big Sisters...we try to replicate with other colleges what we have at Bryant." Impressed by the professionalism and preparedness of Bryant students, she said last semester's management group "did an amazing job... they exceeded the financial goal we had for fundraisers, they went above and beyond in getting us donations for supplies for the Program. They did everything I was looking for and more."

Physician Assistant students launch diabetes clinic

Students enrolled in Bryant's Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies program expanded their portfolio of volunteer work this summer by partnering with two Providence clinics that treat Rhode Island's underserved populations.

The newest partnership is with the nonprofit Rhode Island Free Clinic, which provides free health care to low-income uninsured adults and serves as a training site for aspiring healthcare professionals.

In July, thanks to a Physician Assistant Foundation IMPACT grant of

"This shows the magnitude of our students' character and initiative."

PA Program Director ROBERT JAY AMRIEN, MPAS, PA-C

\$9,797, Bryant PA students launched a bimonthly clinic day to serve diabetic patients who use free medical care at Clinica Esperanza/ Hope Clinic. The grant proposal was submitted by Joseph Desrosiers II and Megan Macomber, second-year students in Bryant's Physician Assistant Program. It is the first patient-centered grant received by Bryant's PA program. The grant pays for supplies to monitor blood sugar levels, hemoglobin A1C, and lipid levels.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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Alicia Lamere, assistant professor of Mathematics, received her Ph.D. in Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics from the University of Notre Dame, where she was a Schmitt Fellow. She received her B.A. from Hamilton College, with degrees in Mathematics and Studio Art. Lamere's research concerns developing statistical methods for analyzing RNA-sequencing data, with a primary focus on new network estimation tools for non-Gaussian data.

Gao Niu, assistant professor of Mathematics, previously was assistant director of the University of Connecticut Goldenson Center of Actuarial Research. He completed undergraduate work at Iowa Wesleyan College, earned an M.S. at Western Illinois University, and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut. He is an Associate of the Casualty Society of Actuaries and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

Xiaofei "Sophia" Pan, assistant professor of Economics, earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from George Mason University and a B.A. from Shanghai University of Finance and Economics. Her interests are behavioral and experimental economics, game theory, and public economics. She previously served on the faculty at Sewanee: The University of the South in Tennessee, and was a post-doctoral fellow at Harvard University. Her research has been published in prestigious journals including the Journal of Public Economics, Experimental Economics, and Rationality and Society.

Ying "Cathy" Zheng, assistant professor of Finance, is a Chartered Financial Analyst with a Ph.D. in International Finance from University of South Carolina. Her research focuses on financial practices in a global context, incorporating corporate social responsibility, debt contracting, creditor rights, and social values. Nominated for the best paper award at the 2017 International Corporate Governance Society Conference, she has presented at academic conferences including the Financial Management Academy, Academy of International Business, Asian Finance Association, and the Eastern Finance Association. After completing undergraduate work at East China University of Science and Technology, she earned an M.S. from Bentley University.

VISITING FACULTY AND LECTURERS

Ilisabeth "Liz" Bornstein,

lecturer of Legal Studies and Pre-Law advisor, earned her J.D. and M.P.P. at the University of Chicago, and her B.A. at Yale T. V. "Jay" Jayaraman, lecturer in Management and Marketing, is a business professional with several decades of experience in new product research and development, product management, marketing, and global business. His expertise is in the development and implementation of strategies in business development and global marketing. For more than 10 years, he owned and operated a consulting company advising client companies on global business strategy. He has a Ph.D. in Polymer Science from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India, and an M.B.A. from Bryant.

Yuri V. Kondratiev, lecturer, Modern Languages, earned his Ph.D. in French Studies at Brown University. His research interests include early modern French literature and culture, **Christine McAuliffe**, lecturer, Applied Psychology, has a dual Ph.D. and M.A. in Clinical Child and Clinical Community Psychology from Bowling Green State University and a B.S. from St. Lawrence University. Her interests focus on the needs of children, adolescents, young adults, parents and families utilizing a community-based, multi-systemic perspective.

Matthew Neill Null, visiting writer/lecturer, English & Cultural Studies, is the author of the novel *"Honey from the Lion"* and the story collection *"Allegheny Front."* A recipient of an O. Henry Award, the Mary McCarthy Prize in Short Fiction, a Fine Arts Work Center Fellowship, he was awarded the Joseph Brodsky Rome Prize Fellowship in Literature from the American Academy of Arts

"We are pleased to welcome the new faculty members who are joining Bryant's forward-looking academic organization. They are committed to advancing teaching innovation in their respective disciplines, and to finding synergies across the University that will enable students to become innovative leaders for the future."

Provost and Chief Academic Officer **GLENN SULMASY**, J.D., LL.M.

University. Bornstein served as a Senior Clinical Fellow at the WilmerHale Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School and runs a private law practice. She has represented clients and supervised law students in the practice of real estate, business and nonprofit formation and dissolution, and contracts.

Jennifer Horan, lecturer in English/Cultural Studies, has a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the Graduate Center at City University of New York and Paris-Sorbonne University, and a B.A. from Boston College. She previously taught at RISD and Salve Regina. Her research interests are British and European romanticism, contemporary poetry, culture and aesthetics of literary form, poetic inventions, and multiple arts. Rabelais, Montaigne, interdisciplinary approaches to French studies, history of science and medicine, aesthetics, the body, emotion and affect, architecture, critical theory, history of the French language, and French Canadian literature and cinema. Kondratiev received his M.A. at Tulane University and his B.A. at Berea College.

Jiayan Li, visiting lecturer in Accounting is a Ph.D. candidate (A.B.D.) at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. She defends her dissertation, "Social Capital and Managerial Decision on Financial Reporting and Risk Taking" in fall 2017. She received her B.A. in Accounting at Shantou University, Shantou, Guangdong, China. & Letters. Translations of his books will soon be published in Italy and France. Null earned his M.F.A. at the University of Iowa and his B.A. at Washington and Lee University.

Robert L. Reinauer, lecturer, Economics, is an economist and Ph.D. candidate (A.B.D.) at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, specializing in macroeconomics, economic development, gender and development, Latin American studies, and political economy. Current research interests include urban economics and methods for defining and measuring a global living wage. He earned a B.A. in economics at the University of New Hampshire. Reinauer has taught at Rollins College and Holy Cross.



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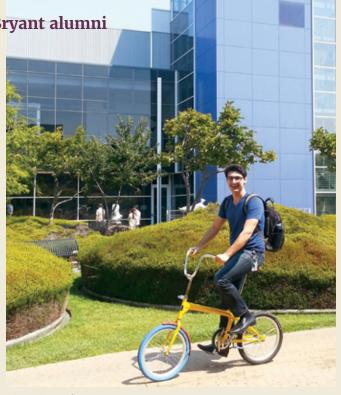
Google has topped Fortune magazine's list of the country's "Best Companies to Work For" for six consecutive years, and nearly a dozen Bryant alumni have taken their talents to the tech giant.

As a Google employee, **Dayo Owoyemi '15** makes big decisions, knowing his Bryant education has given him the expertise, experience, and confidence to back them up.

"At Google, you know that everything that you're doing is going to have a direct and huge



Dayo Owoyemi '15



Gian Spicuzza '11

impact," says Owoyemi, who, as an Account Strategist with Google Marketing Solutions, manages a multimillion-dollar portfolio of more than 200 small business clients per quarter and provides strategic advice on how to make the most of their advertising investment with Google. "Everything that you're doing plays out in the millions or the billions scale so you have a huge responsibility and you have to own that."

"What makes Google unique is the people," says "At Bryant I learned to look at things at a larger scale, at sort of a hundred feet from the ground. That's really helped me at Google..."

GIAN SPICUZZA '11

William Kelaher '12, a Strategic Partner Manager at Google who works with eCommerce sites. "Everyone has everyone else's back and everyone is good at what they do."

Gian Spicuzza '11 agrees. "It's a very open and fostering environment at Google," says the Engineering Program Manager who works on Android security. "I feel very good about giving feedback and challenging conventional wisdom if I feel that something can be improved."

That devotion to innovation is a key element of Google culture and Owoyemi, Kelaher, and Spicuzza recognize how well their Bryant education prepared them to be contributing members of the Google community. *Read more at bryant.edu/news*

Management program expands with Leadership and Innovation, Team and Project Management

Two new management concentrations – Leadership and Innovation, and Team and Project Management – illustrate Bryant's agility in responding to global dynamism and commitment to continuous improvement. This ability to assess and pivot quickly is one reason Bryant's Management program is highly ranked – No. 6 in the United States by College Factual/USA Today 2018.

LEADERSHIP AND

"Our new Leadership and Innovation concentration will prepare students to become successful leaders under conditions of ambiguity and uncertainty," says Management Department Chair and Associate Professor of Management **Diya Das, Ph.D.** The robust curriculum, she said, includes classes in design thinking and strategic management of technological innovation as well as a distinctive leadership capstone course.

Professor of Management Lori Coakley, Ph.D., a certified design thinking facilitator, says, "We're unique in getting students to think differently starting from their freshman TEAM AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT Project management's interdisciplinary nature makes the of Management **Angela Wicks**, **Ph.D.** "When Bryant faculty share their business consulting expertise and experiences in



year with IDEA. We are giving students tools to be uncomfortable and look at the world differently." Project and Team Management concentration valuable for all students, whether they are studying business or liberal arts, noted Associate Professor the classrooms – as we all do – it's invaluable for the students' learning." *Read more at bryant.edu/news*

Bachelor of Science in Data Science program designed to meet the demands of the 21st century workforce

In response to the growing demand for data scientists, Bryant this fall launched a Bachelor of Science in Data Science (B.S.D.S) – a program that will prepare students to become highly skilled analysts.

According to a December 2016 McKinsey Global Institute Report, demand for data scientists is outpacing supply: "Across the board, companies report that finding the right talent is the biggest hurdle they face in trying to integrate data and analytics into their existing operations.

Behind every Netflix and Amazon recommendation, there's a data scientist, and data analysis, data mining, and data modeling are among the top five most valuable career skills, according to a study conducted by Time.com/ Money and PayScale.com. The estimated starting salary range for data science professionals is \$65,000 to \$85,000.

"This new Data Science program reflects the demands of the 21st century workforce," said Provost and Chief Academic Officer **Glenn Sulmasy, J.D., LL.M.** "Its interdisciplinary nature, including the rich experiential component, aligns perfectly with Bryant's strengths and innovative culture."

"Leading organizations depend on turning large volumes

of data into information that aids strategic decision making," said Professor **Richard Glass**, **Ph.D.**, chair of Bryant's organizations achieve their strategic goals."

The program integrates statistics, applied analytics,

"This innovative program is reflective of Bryant University's continuing commitment to academic innovation and excellence."

Dean of the College of Business MADAN ANNAVARJULA, PH.D.

Information Systems and Analytics Department, and co-director of the Advanced Applied Analytics Center. "Bryant's Bachelor of Science in Data Science program prepares students to gain cutting-edge skills that help information technology, machine learning, and big data processing to provide an interdisciplinary learning experience that simulates the real-world. *Read more at bryant.edu/news*

Bryant Recognized for Innovation

B ryant has received a number of awards and prominent media recognition over the past year, for innovation in academic programs, teaching and learning, and buildings and facilities.

Recently, *Providence Business News* recognized Bryant as one of the region's most innovative and forward thinking organizations at the 2017 Fastest Growing and Innovative

Awards and Accolades Highlights 2016-2017

Innovation Award – Providence Business News Fastest Growing and Innovative Companies

Grand Prize – College Planning & Management 17th Annual Design Showcase

Outstanding Design – American Schools and Universities 2017 Architectural Portfolio

New Construction Winner, under \$30 million category – Construction Management Association of America (CMAA), New England Chapter

Illumination Awards for Interior Lighting Design and Energy and Environmental Lighting Design – Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA)

Honorable Mention – Learning by Design Spring 2017 Architectural Showcase Companies Awards. Bryant was honored along with a number of other cutting-edge companies in the technology, biotechnology and life sciences, and construction sectors.

Bryant's Academic Innovation Center, opened in September 2016, has received awards for design and innovation including the Grand Prize in College Planning & Management's 17th Annual Design Showcase, the New Construction Award (under \$30 million category) from the **Construction Management** Association of America, and recognition for Outstanding Design by American Schools and Universities Architectural Portfolio – the premier showcase celebrating the best in education design.

Design thinking and advancements in innovative teaching and learning at Bryant have also attracted the attention of top education and news media with features in *University Business, BizEd* the magazine of the Association to Advance

Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), *College Planning & Management, Times Higher Education* UK, and *EduCause*, a higher education technology association and the largest community of IT leaders and professionals committed to advancing higher education.

Jake Zimmer '19 : Changemaker Fellow

Whatever you're good at, be it graphic design, public speaking, accounting, or whatever it might be, you can use it to do something valuable-and important," says 2016-2017 Changemaker Fellow **Jake Zimmer '19.** "And I want to help people do that." For Zimmer, who is majoring in Leadership and other representatives of Rhode Island's universities."

Zimmer's efforts as a Changemaker culminated with serving as the Executive Director of the 2017 Bryant University Northeast Entrepreneurship Conference (BUNEEC, pronounced be-unique), which works to provide students with skills

"The world needs people who can come up with innovative solutions to problems and Bryant can help you become one of those people."

Changemaker Fellow JAKE ZIMMER '19

Innovation and concentrating in Social Entrepreneurship, the Changemaker Fellowship, sponsored by Social Enterprise Greenhouse, gave him the opportunity to connect young entrepreneurs across Rhode Island with the resources they need to be successful.

"Entrepreneurship is so robust in Rhode Island," Zimmer notes.

As a Changemaker, Zimmer worked to inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs alongside nine and knowledge they can immediately apply to their entrepreneurial endeavors. The conference brought together 300 students from 12 different universities, some from as far as Pittsburgh and Nashville.

"'Entrepreneur' can mean so many different things and I'm glad that Bryant is teaching it as such. Bryant doesn't just teach you how to balance your checkbook or how to run a

successful marketing campaign; they also teach you how to think differently. The world needs people who can come up with innovative solutions to problems and Bryant can help you become one of those people."

> MAJORS: Leadership and Innovation, Social Entrepreneurship.

HOMETOWN: Monroe, CT

PATH: Changemaker Fellow, CEO Strategic Development VP

Language competency enhanced by cultural understanding

Inspired by a presentation at the annual meeting of the Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages in February 2016, **Heather Moon** and **Elisabetta Misuraca**, lecturers in the Department of

lecturers in the Department of Modern Languages, developed a new model for how Bryant's Modern Language students studying abroad can become more immersed in the culture and language of their host countries. Supported by a 2016–2017 Faculty Innovation Grant, they created and piloted a new course, Language Learners as Ethnographers.

Ethnographers research and describe the practices and culture of a community from an insider's perspective. They become immersed in a culture



in order to observe and explain its nuances. And according to Dr. Roberto Rey Agudo, whose work Moon learned of

while attending the conference, ethnographers use practices that could benefit language learners as well.

"Cultural understanding is key to linguistic competence in any language."

Languages Lecturer and Romance Languages Coordinator **HEATHER MOON**

The course created by Moon and Misuraca brings this new, applied approach to language learning at Bryant. Its goal: to help Bryant students acquire many of the skills used by ethnographers so that they can better understand local cultural practices while abroad. In so doing, students can gain greater language fluency through observing – and participating in – the culture they're studying.

Two Bryant students used the new model for language studies in Italy and Spain in the fall 2016 semester. One student explored Barcelona soccer culture and its ties to Catalan nationalism, while another considered the impact of "bella figura," or projecting your best self, on Italian culture. *Read more at bryant.edu/news*

Fidelity Investments Engages New Design Thinking Class for Millennial Investing Strategy

What happens when smart and curious people from different organizations, disciplines, and generations team up and take a risk to do something that's never been done before? Great ideas, partnerships, and innovative solutions that create value and opportunities for everyone involved.

Bryant University faculty teamed up with Fidelity Investments to tackle a business challenge – how to encourage young investors to save for retirement. groups began collaborating, it became clear that there were also complex psychological attitudes and behaviors around money and investing to consider. Since the problem crossed business and academic disciplines, the solution would have to cross those boundaries as well.

That's when **Michael Roberto, D.B.A,** Trustee Professor of Management and **Allison Butler, Ph.D.** Associate Professor of Applied Psychology realized the broader implica-

"This course is a great illustration of Bryant's approach to innovation – adapting and anticipating the future to prepare students for success."

Bryant University President RONALD K. MACHTLEY

For Fidelity, having millennials understand the importance of saving early on is a key building block of retirement preparedness. And as a company rooted in innovation, Fidelity wanted to take a fresh look at the problem.

A PROBLEM AND SOLUTION CROSSING DISCIPLINARY BOUNDARIES

The initial plan was to assign the challenge to a business or finance class. But, as the two tions and teamed up to design a new interdisciplinary course that would tackle these types of challenges on multiple fronts – Psychology/Management (PSY/ MAN) 440: The Design Thinking Process. The innovative course integrated strategic management principles, high-level behavioral science concepts, and design thinking methods.

"Framed by inspiration, ideation, and implementation, the course introduced psychological concepts and principles at each phase that illustrated why design thinking and



Associate Professor of Applied Psychology Allison Butler, Ph.D.

breakthrough innovation is so challenging for the human mind," said Professor Butler.

"Designing the course was a design thinking process in itself," said Professor Roberto. "It was an exciting new journey of teaching and learning where, together with the students and our colleagues at Fidelity, we were co-creators of an innovative process, and it was incredibly successful."

EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

Jane Souza, Senior Vice President of Digital Strategies at Fidelity,

and her team not only made a financial investment as sponsor of the project, but they were also involved in the course every step of the way. They attended class sessions every week to provide feedback to the students and help guide the process.

gy "This project exceeded our expectations," said Souza. "While the project and results are confidential, but we can tell you that the six teams delivered creative, thought-

provoking proposals, which we are actively exploring."

"It was inspiring that Fidelity took our ideas seriously," said **Ning Luiggi '18**, of Nottingham, UK, an Applied Psychology major with minors in Management and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. "That gave us the motivation to succeed. We didn't want to let them down." *Read more at bryant.edu/news*

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Bryant students immerse themselves in study abroad opportunities at 291 locations in 52 countries, including New Zealand as pictured above.

Replica of ancient cave transports visitors to China's Silk Road

For ten days this fall, Bryant University used virtual reality and painstakingly reconstructed replicas to bring an ancient Chinese cave and its artistic treasures to campus.

Bryant is the first academic institution in the United States to host this interactive exhibition, Dunhuang: An Oasis for East-West Cultural, Commercial, and Religious Exchanges Along the Ancient Silk Road.

The centerpiece was a replica of Cave 285 of the Mogao Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage site in Gansu Province, China. This visually rich 6th-century cave is known for its exceptional collection of Buddhist artworks. Guided tours took visitors through the exhibition - a panoramic projection of the cave site - and into the reconstructed cave, an experience that incorporated virtual reality. Events related to the exhibition include a series of seminars focusing on arts, culture, history, and religions represented in these caves.

Dunhuang was a melting pot of cultures and religions between the 4th and 14th centuries. Travelers to Dunhuang



"Amazing!" exclaimed scores of visitors upon entering the replica of a Silk Road cave and while immersing themselves in the virtual reality tour of one of the real caves.

dug caves into the nearby cliff faces, then decorated the caves with art in the hope of ensuring safety and success along the Silk Road. The result: The Mogao Caves house one of the world's most extensive sites of Buddhist murals, statues, manuscripts, as well as art from Islamic and Greek cultures.

The exhibition was coordinated by Bryant University and Dunhuang Academy and co-sponsored by the Confucius Institute Headquarters and Government of Gansu Province. The exhibition now travels to other U.S. colleges and universities, including to the University of Maryland, University of New Hampshire, and West Virginia University. When the U.S. tour concludes, portions of the exhibit will be donated to Bryant for permanent display.

Inspiring Africa

Vimbasinashe Masiyiwa '17 is a believer. In the power of people to inspire, to create new paths to success, and to find brave solutions to big problems.

That belief led Masiyiwa, who was born in Zimbabwe and grew up in South Africa, to help develop the inaugural Innovate Elevate Youth Conference (IEYC). Sponsored by her family's Higherlife Foundation, which seeks to support orphaned and vulnerable children in Africa, the conference inspired the more than 350 young Africans who attended and provided them with a venue to learn from some of the continent's leading business people and innovators.

"I always tell people Africa doesn't lack the skill; all it needs is opportunities and people who can drive innovation to create something beneficial, sustainable, and practical," Masiyiwa says.

FOUNDATION OF INNOVATION

Held this summer in Harare, Zimbabwe, the conference gave attendees the tools and strategies they'll need to seek out solutions to the challenges the African continent faces through collaborative learning, deep discussions and brainstorming sessions. It also aided in building their future careers through workshops and networking.

Speakers ranged from artists to CEOs and included luminaries such as filmmaker and *Beasts of No Nation* author Uzo pany Econet Wireless Zimbabwe. Masiyiwa was a Project

and Event Manager for the conference.

LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE Masiyiwa credits her time as a Bryant Computer Information



Systems major with teaching her how to manage resources, and the University's signature IDEA (Innovation and Design Experience for All) designthinking program with introducing her to iterative thinking and problem-solving. Her double-minor in International Affairs and Sociology Service-Learning helped her learn how to make a positive difference.

"For some things, you have to teach from experience, you can't go back to the textbook," she says, "and for me my experience was Bryant. I thought back to what I did at Bryant that was different, that made a difference. What did I learn that inspired me?"

GIVING BACK

"One of the things I feel strongly about is that I have a duty when it comes to giving back to the African continent," Masiyiwa says. "As you grow up you begin to understand the problems and social issues people face and the impact that they have on Africans my own age."

"I am in a position to help drive change," says Masiyiwa, who is now pursuing a Masters in International Business with a specialization in Management & Innovation at Business School Lausanne, one of Europe's leading business schools.

From China to the gridiron

Wis living a dream as a

member of Bryant's Division I football team.

As a student at Bryant Zhuhai, Deng had only played competitive touch football in his hometown of Guangzhou, China. His Sophomore International Experience brought him to the Smithfield campus in August 2016.

"I thought it was going to be just a cool trip to do in the summer," Deng says. "But I saw the Bryant players and they inspired me to pursue this dream further and play football with pads."

Each year, Bryant football coaches introduce the students from China to football. While many of Deng's classmates saw throwing the pigskin around as a fun activity, Deng asked the coaching staff what it would take to make the team.

Iweala; Prince Abudu, the

Co-Founder and Operations

Lead of the e-mentoring orga-

nization Emergination Africa;

and Douglas Mboweni, CEO of

the telecommunications com-

"They told me I had to lose weight, get faster, and get stronger," Deng recalls. "I needed to improve my body and, most importantly, I was told that I needed a big heart."

Deng returned to China for his sophomore year, committed to transforming his body so he could make the team this summer. Then–Bryant Zhuhai Dean **David Lux, Ph.D.,** kept the Bryant coaches informed of Deng's academic and physi– cal progress.

Accepted as a transfer student at the Smithfield campus, Deng, an accounting major, was disappointed that



Wenzhi "Vincent" Deng '19

visa issues kept him from attending training camp. Head coach **James Perry** determined that Deng's hard work and commitment to football earned him a walk-on roster spot on the team. "His unique story is a source of strength," Perry says. "We have a large roster and each player has a unique story and I think players benefit from seeing others with unique stories, too."

Deng, a running back, is learning the fine points of playing football. "I don't fully understand the plays and I'm not as fast and strong as some of the other players on the team. But I am proud that my teammates accept me as part of the team."

Perry says Deng is an exceptional teammate who "brings positive energy every day to practice and he has embraced this challenge."

Deng vows to be ready when called upon: "I want to be better and I will be better."

BULLDOG PRIDE



Bryant's highly competitive Division I athletics program is raising the University's national profile while rallying the entire Bulldog community.

Hall of Fame Honors

Celebrating athletic accomplishments, Bryant University recently inducted nine new members into the prestigious Hall of Fame. The Bryant Athletics Hall of Fame honors former standout varsity student-athletes, coaches, teams, and contributors.

The inductees

Gordon Balme '68 (Legacy)

Jared Dewey '98 (Men's Soccer)

Tiffany Garry '08 (Volleyball)

Hafiz Greigre '07 (Track & Field)

Doug Johnson '05 (Baseball)

Melissa Manseau '04 (Field Hockey)

Jose Rodriguez '09 (Men's Tennis)

Tricia Spada '08 (Women's Soccer)

Jason Thresher '10 (Golf)

Alumni Support inspires Elite Scholar-Athletes

"T've been inspired by Bryant," ⊥ says NEC Baseball Player of the Year Michael "Mickey" Gasper '18, "to be the best I can be in both the classroom and on the field.

"I've been witness to great changes at the school in the classroom and here in the athletic department, says the Management major from Merrimack, NH. "The Academic Innovation Center, it's a beautiful academic facility that inspires people to do well in the classroom and think outside the box. And then you can just tell by the support we get from the donors and the alumni in sports that they recognize the important role sports play in college life."

In his four years at Bryant, Gasper says the University has developed facilities that prepared him to become a



Michael "Mickey" Gasper '18

champion at the elite Division I level. "We've got the new locker room right here at the Conaty Indoor Facility, and we have the new weight room that's just been an absolute gift for us to be able to go every day and get better in there. They've really supported us as athletes."

The standout catcher notes that "not every team in the Northeast gets to come inside and work out all winter long

playing baseball ... We scrimmage. We get live ground balls. We get to see live pitchers in the winter. So we're getting a really big advantage that helps even the playing field for us against these big Southern schools that we are competing against."

Grateful to alumni including William J. Conaty '67 for their generous support, Gasper says:

"We can't thank him enough. and we can't thank all the donors enough for doing what they can to help us out as players and as students."

With that support, he says, "we've transformed from a Division II school to a Division I school, into now a Division I powerhouse."

Bryant Wall of Fame to Honor Standout Student-Athletes

Tt has been nearly 45 years since Jeff Doppelt '73, a former standout on Bryant's baseball team, slugged the

program's first home run at the Smithfield campus. He reflected on this signature moment as though he just finished rounding the bases.



"The first home run was really special because I always wanted to be a Major League Baseball player," said Doppelt, who, as a senior, led the Bulldogs in batting average, slugging percentage, and extrabase hits, "This was as close as I was ever going to get, hitting a home run in a college game, and getting my picture in the Providence Journal."

Perhaps the only thing that could top that moment occurred last winter when the longtime athletics supporter joined 20 fellow Bryant Athletics Hall of Famers to mark the unveiling of the University's Wall of Fame, a project three years in the making that was made possible by Doppelt's support.

The touchscreen and interactive multimedia display, located in the Mike '67 and Karen Fisher Lobby of the Chace Wellness Center, commemorates the accomplishments of the more than 100 members and one team - inducted into Bryant's Athletics Hall of Fame since its founding in 1987.

"For nearly 30 years, Bryant's Athletics Hall of Fame never truly had a home, a place dedicated to honoring those outstanding individuals who helped build Bryant athletics into the Division I program that it is today," said **Bill Smith**, director of athletics. "Thanks to the vision and the generosity



Director of Athletics Bill Smith showcases the features of the University's Athletics Wall of Fame.

of Jeff, the Hall of Fame has a place to call home. Without his generosity this would not be possible."

"I have been fortunate to be able to give back to Bryant,

and this is a great honor," Doppelt said.

Looking back on his time as a student, Doppelt, now senior vice president of investments at Merrill Lynch, said Bryant taught him to challenge conventional thinking and to come up with new solutions, the same mentality that resulted in the development of the Wall of Fame. It even features an animated Tupper the Bulldog that is far more ferocious than the endearing canine who is often on campus interacting with students.

"It is pretty impressive," he said. "They really took the time to do it right."

Also honored the day the wall was unveiled was the 1966-67 men's basketball squad that is the only complete team honored in the Hall of Fame. That group posted a 22-0 regular season record and is credited for laying the foundation for Bryant's eventual move to Division II in 1977.

What's it like looking at the campus and the facilities 50 years later? Maurice "Mo" Clare '66, who joined the Athletics Department after graduating before going on to success in the automobile business, replied: "This is a dream."

ESPN: "Bryant's Julia Flynn is college volleyball's most creative player"

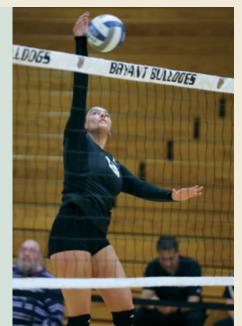
Volleyball junior Julia Flynn (Pembroke, MA) was recently featured by ESPN. com for on-court creativity that led to a trio of highlight-reel plays during the month of September. Flynn was named Molten/NEC Player of the Week Sept. 18.

ESPNW.com's Matt Eisenberg wrote that, "Julia Flynn doesn't resort to using the traditional bump, set, hit sequence for Bryant volleyball.

"Over the past 21/2 weeks, the Bulldogs' junior outside hitter had some of the more unconventional shots, using almost every part of her body from head to toe - literally - to save a point."

Flynn's team was one of 149 Division

I teams earning the AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches Association) Team Academic Award for the 2016–17 season. This marks the fourth consecutive year the scholar-athletes on the team have received the award which recognizes teams that maintain at least a 3.30 cumulative team grade-point average. Bryant was among an elite group of 26 Division I teams making the AVCA Team Academic Honor Roll that includes teams with the Top-25 GPA.



COLLEGIAL COMMUNITY

Our collegial, student-centered community forges lifelong connections through a powerful network of 45,000 alumni around the globe.

THE CHARACTER OF SUCCESS Nancy DeViney '75: Supporting high-potential women leaders

A passion for advancing women in leadership roles is driving the second phase of **Nancy DeViney**'s career. After a successful career of 40 years at IBM, DeViney recently retired as the firm's Vice President of Strategy and Solutions. She is inspired to support and encourage other female leaders.

Having earned certification in Executive and Organizational Coaching at Columbia University, DeViney is now a New England-based executive coach, as well as a facilitator of women's leadership development sessions on topics such as leading organizational and culture change, collaborative leadership, and strategic thinking.

A lifelong learner, DeViney emphasizes the importance of being open to new experiences. "Leadership is a journey, we are all a work in progress, and you will expand your capabilities when you tackle different challenges in new arenas – that's when you grow the most,"

DeViney explains in an interview with the Association for Talent Development. She advises young professionals to adopt the mindset that "I'm going to grow, I'm going to learn, I'm going to figure it out with others," noting it is "very empowering once you do it."

DeViney began her second term as a Bryant University Trustee in 2016. She first served as a member of the Board of Trustees from 2006–2015. Her active engagement with the University has also included sharing her expertise with students on many fronts, including as a judge for Innovation and Design Experience for All (IDEA). That three-day immersion program guides first-year students through the inspiration,



ideation, and implementation phases of design thinking as they generate creative solutions to real-world challenges in the arts, social services, and the business sector.

"I was most impressed with the 'real world' nature of this learning experience, an exemplar of the unique and innovative learning environment at Bryant," she says. "Companies need employees who are self-aware, creative, and can work with others collaboratively – and with a sense of urgency – to produce game– changing ideas and solutions to 21st century challenges."

Collaboration, DeViney believes, is crucial to growth

as a leader. She advises students to continually build their networks with people who possess diverse skills.

"Successful leaders inspire, enable, and empower others to do their best work. They foster open, collaborative dialogue about the things that are going well and not going well – engaging the creative energy of the team in addressing opportunities and re-framing issues into new possibilities."

Proud of her trailblazing at IBM, which included taking on some "first of a kind" global leadership opportunities in the areas of innovation, culture and organizational change, DeViney is fulfilled in her transition to executive coaching. "There's a need to support high-potential women leaders one-on-one to help accelerate their learning and growth journeys. This is where coaching comes in. As an experienced executive and working mother, I felt that this is where my greatest contribution could be made."



Wall Street Council hosts Merrill Lynch Wealth Management CIO, students

More than 100 alumni, parents, trustees, and faculty and a host of finance students joined President Ronald K. Machtley and members of the Bryant Wall Street Council for the Oct. 19 Walk Down Wall Street

reception that featured Mary Ann Bartels, CIO for Asset Allocation at Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, as keynote speaker.

The Wall Street Council is an alliance of alumni, parents, and friends enhancing Bryant University's profile in the world's iconic financial center. The Council helps Bryant students launch careers in finance and provides networking opportunities for established professionals.

Bryant Wall Street Council executive board member Nicholas Bohnsack '00, President and COO of Strategas, welcomes members of the Bryant community to the council's annual Walk Down Wall Street reception. Join the Bryant Wall Street Council. Contact Regional Development Manager Susan Detri-Souve at (401) 232-6173 or sdetri@bryant.edu.

New Endowed Fund Promotes Healthy Lifestyles for Bryant Students

It's a common concern among parents and collegebound 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 gift to Bryant University to establish the Richard and Bonnie Leto Nutrition and Health Education Endowed Fund.

"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."

BONNIE AND RICHARD '73 LETO

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 made a \$200,000 An additional gift of \$25,000 ensures that the initiative will begin immediately. A parttime Health and Nutrition Educator began overseeing a range of holistic educational and awareness programs in fall 2017. The goal is to create and sustain an environment at Bryant 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, including John **R. Saddlemire, 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. *Read more at bryant.edu/news*



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Above, Edward Fasano '94, Stephen Ferrara '98, Margaret Dickinson, '10, and Michael Leonard '13 joined more than 100 alumni, parents, trustees, faculty and a host of finance students at the recent Wall Street Council's Walk Down Wall Street reception.

1972

MIKE DIRENZO, of Shirley, NY, an award-winning photographer, was recognized by the Attleboro High School Alumni Association. He is a member of the Photographic Federation's Hall of Fame, and his work has been featured on the cover of the National Park Service's calendar.

1976 CAROLYN BARONE, ESQ.,



of North Providence, was elected president of the Rhode Island Bar Association. She is authorized to

practice law in the Federal District Court and the United States Supreme Court. She has been associated with Kirshenbaum Law Associates, Inc., in Warwick throughout her legal career. She has been honored through peer recognition as a "Super Lawyer" by Thomson Reuters and designated as a "Top Attorney" in the state of Rhode Island.

1977

CHARLES J. BOULIER III, of

Wolcott, CT, president and CEO of Ion Bank, received the Naugatuck Chamber of Commerce's 2016 Lewis A. Dibble, Sr. Award, which recognizes an individual's outstanding contributions to business and the socioeconomic wellbeing of Naugatuck. He joined Ion Bank, formerly Naugatuck Savings Bank, in 2004 as executive vice president and chief financial officer.

GEORGE OLIVEIRA, of Seekonk, MA, was promoted to chairman of Plimoth Investment Advisors, an asset management firm that specializes in investment management, trust services, retirement plans, and estate administration for both private and institutional clients. Prior to joining Plimoth Investment Advisors in 1998, he served more than 22 years as a department head at Citizens Bank and Plymouth Savings Bank.

JEFF POLUCHA '94 MBA, of

Cumberland, was named to the board of directors for the Rhode Island Manufacturers Association. He is a vice president in the Commercial Lines Division of Eastern Insurance Group, LLC.

1978

ERNIE ALMONTE '85 MBA, '09H,

P'09, CPA, of Barrington, RI received the 2016 Gold Medal Award for Distinguished Service from the American Institute of CPAs, the organization's highest honor. He is a partner at RSM US in Boston. A Past Trustee of the University, from 1993 to 2002, Almonte previously served as the Rhode Island Auditor General.

COLLEEN (MCGUINNESS) DICKSON '85 MBA,



of West Greenwich, RI, has been elected to the Board of Trustees at Centreville Bank.

She is chief financial officer and vice president of finance for McLaughlin and Moran, Inc., the Anheuser-Busch distributor for the State of Rhode Island, and has been with the company for more than 30 years. She also is president of the Board of Directors of Ronald McDonald House of Providence and has served on that board for the past seven years.

1979

DAVID ELLISON, of Milford, CT, announced the publication of his first book, "Politics Beyond Left and Right." He works in the real estate business and is a partner with his wife in the Ellison Homes Team, a RE/Max affiliate.

JANET (FULLER) PHILLIPS,



CPA, SC.D., of Milford, CT, professor and chair of the accounting department at Southern Connecticut

State University, was reappointed by the Connecticut Society of Certified Public accountants to serve as a member-at-large on its Advisory Council for the organization's 2017-2018 activity year.

1980

JEFF HUTCHINSON, of Ashaway, RI, was appointed chief information officer of Bombardier Inc. He has more than 30 years of experience leading and transforming IT organizations at large, matrixed companies, including Honeywell, Maple Leaf Foods, SAP, and Danone/Dannon. He has master's degree in software engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Ph.D. in computing from Pace University.

ALAN ZUCKERMAN, CPA,



of Ventnor City, NJ, was named managing shareholder and chief operating officer at Flaster Greenberg.

He was previously the chair of the firm's corporate and tax departments, in addition to being a member of its board of directors.

1981 DUANE DESISTO MBA, of

Jamestown, RI, has joined the board of directors for Unilife Corporation. He served as the president and chief executive officer of Insulet Corporation from 2003 to 2014.

GLEN MARTIN '87 MBA, of

Cumberland, RI, joined F.L. Putnam Investment Management Company as a private client advisor. He advises wealthy individuals, families, and institutions on a range of financial planning solutions and has more than 30 years of financial services experience. He has served in management roles at U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management, Columbia Threadneedle Investments, and Fleet Investment Management.

THOMAS OATES III, of North Scituate, RI, was named police chief in Woonsocket. He most recently served as deputy police chief in Providence, where he served in the city's police department for 36 years.

MICHAEL A. TEDONE, CPA, of



Wethersfield, CT, a financial adviser with Connecticut Wealth Management, was named a 2016 Five Star Wealth

Manager by Five Star Professional. This designation assists consumers in selecting a service professional that other consumers have indicated provides exceptional client satisfaction and service.

1982

RICHARD CARRIERE '87 MST, of

North Smithfield, RI, and his wife, Louise, received the Tocqueville Society Philanthropy Award from the United Way of Rhode Island. The award recognizes local philanthropic leaders and volunteer champions in the United States, France, and Romania who have devoted time, talent, and funds to create long-lasting change in the community.

THE CHARACTER OF SUCCESS P. James Brady III '81: Grant Thornton COO Makes a Difference at Bryant

Jim Brady '81 knows the importance of a global business perspective. During a 27-year career at Deloitte, he spent seven years building and leading the firm's audit and advisory practices in India



Jim Brady '81

and Russia. Today, Brady is the Chief Operating Officer for Grant Thornton LLP, a world leader in independent audit, tax and advisory services and serves on nearly a dozen business, civic, and educational boards.

Brady embodies the professional drive, business acumen,

JOAN (BRENNAN) DIVINCENZO,

of Hamden, CT, has been appointed sales manager of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's Milford office. She is responsible for the oversight of approximately 70 affiliated real estate sales professionals. Previously, she was manager of the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Woodbridge. She has 25 years of real estate experience and joined Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in 2013.

SCOTT MITCHELL, of Newtown,

PA, was named business development manager for Renovate by Berkowitz. He leads sales efforts for the company's RENOVATE by Berkowitz[™] (Renovate) façade retrofit system. He has more than a decade of experience in accelerating the adoption of a variety of sustainable energy technologies to entities in the commercial, government, and utility sectors. and global perspective that Bryant strives to instill in every student. Earlier this year, he was recognized with Bryant's Distinguished Alumnus Award in acknowledgment for his outstanding professional achievements, philanthropy, and continuing engagement with the University.

"I wouldn't be where I am today without Bryant," says Brady. In recent years, he has strengthened his bonds with the University not only by attending alumni events, but also by visiting the campus once each semester to speak to students majoring in International Business. During his visits, Brady has taught, mentored, and served as an advisor for faculty and University leaders. Under Brady's leadership, Grant Thornton has significantly increased its recruiting at the University.

Brady's passion for international business also inspired the Barbara and P. James Brady III '81 Sophomore International Experience Scholarship, which the couple established with a \$160,000 pledge. The scholarship for International Business majors has two components: an endowed fund of \$100,000 and annual scholarships of \$10,000 that are being awarded for six years.

"We need more global citizens graduating from U.S. business colleges and universities, and students need that global readiness sooner," explains Brady. He applauds Bryant's focus on introducing students to international experiences through learning abroad opportunities available as early as the sophomore year.

"Bryant has one of the best international business programs in the country," notes Brady, who has spent more than three decades in domestic and international business. He hopes the scholarships will further strengthen Bryant's leadership in global business. "We want to accelerate an area where Bryant is already doing quite well and help talented business students go abroad and become global business people."

1983

PAUL BEAUDOIN '95 MBA, of Warwick, RI, was named chief financial officer of Day Kimball Healthcare. He has more than 25 years of financial management experience for community hospitals, including overseeing the financial operations of Kent Hospital and Memorial Hospital.

JOHN BRUYERE MBA, of Du Bois, PA, was named vice president of revenue management service line for Penn Highlands Healthcare. He previously was vice president of revenue cycle at McLeod Health and was administrative director of revenue cycle at Bon Secours Health System.

JEAN (PLOCICA) BUA, of

Franklin, MA, executive vice president and chief financial officer at NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC., was elected to the CoreSite Realty Corporation board of directors.

1984

PATRICIA (BAXTER) ALLEN, CPA,

of Boston, MA was appointed chief financial officer at Zafgen, Inc., a leading biopharmaceutical company. She has 20 years of financial leadership experience in the biotechnology industry at both publicly traded and private companies.



DAN LYNCH was a candidate in a special election to serve in the Connecticut State Senate representing parts of Litchfield and New Haven counties. Earlier in his career, he was the first vice president for Ancestry.com and helped the company evolve into a global household brand. In 2002, he launched Mattatuck Consulting, LLC, and the company created products and services for historians around the world. He also is the author of the award-winning book "Google Your Family Tree."

JAMES MANNI MBA, of

South Kingstown, RI, was named town manager for the town of Narragansett. He is a former Rhode Island State Police major and Secret Service agent, who had served as director of operations/safety and security for Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority.

GREGORY OTTERBEIN, of Ladera Ranch, CA, was named CEO of Keany Produce & Gourmet, a produce distributor serving Maryland, Washington, Delaware, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. Prior to joining Keany, he was general manager at Shamrock Foods Company, where he led a senior staff responsible for improving performance in sales, marketing, merchandising, operations, finance, administration, human resources, and business development.

ROBERT VICTOR MST, of

Portsmouth, RI, was promoted to partner at Kahn, Litwin, Renza & Co. He has more than 30 years of experience providing audit, tax, and management advisory services.

WILLIAM WALTHOUSE,

Longmeadow, MA, joined St. Germain Investment Management as vice president and financial adviser. He most recently was an adviser with Key Investment Services. He also worked with MassMutual and Dowd Financial Services.

SCOTT WRAGG '90 MST, of

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Cranston, RI, was appointed senior managing director of CBIZ Tofias, the New England Division of CBIZ, He

joined the company as a managing director in 2005. He previously spent 20 years at EY, where he rose to partner, before joining CBIZ Tofias.

1985

BRIAN AZAR, of Lincoln, RI, was named Navigant Credit Union's new senior vice president/ chief lending officer. He has served on various boards, including the Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, Visiting Nurse Services Foundation, the community center in Central Falls, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Providence, and St. Basil Melkite Church parish council.

MIKE FRANZ, of Fairfax Station, VA, has been promoted to vice president for business development SOS International. He previously served as the firm's business development director. Previously, he held leadership roles at Leidos and Science Applications International Corp.

PAUL KING, of Seekonk, MA, retired as chief of the Pawtucket Police Department, where he served for 35 years. Before being promoted to chief in 2010, he served in patrol, investigative, and administrative capacities. He supervised vice operations as head of the department's special squad.

DAVID POGORELC, of Boston,



MA, is a partner of DJ Properties, the company that was chosen to develop Washington Village, a mixed-use com-

munity to replace an unused industrial site in South Boston that will feature residences, retail, commercial and public space.

MICHAEL ROGERS, of

Glastonbury, CT, was appointed to the board of directors at American Eagle Financial Credit Union. He is the managing director for the National Accounts Northeast Region at the Travelers Companies. He previously held supervisory positions with General Motors before joining Travelers in 1990.

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MARIO SOLARI JR., CPA, of



Farmington, CT, was appointed by the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants to serve as a

member of its advisory council for the organization's 2017–2018 activity year, representing the financial institutions interest group.

1986

PAUL CASTAGLIUOLO '91 MBA,



of Cranston, was named president of the Belknap White Group, one of the largest floor covering distributors in

the United States. He joined the company in 1997 as controller and has served in various roles, including vice president of finance, CFO, and executive vice president and general manager.

MICHAEL HOLAHAN, of

Cranston, was appointed chief financial officer at Home Loan Investment Bank. He began his career at Home Loan in 1986, working in multiple capacities within the organization.

DANIEL LUDWIG MBA, of

Winchester, MA, was named managing director and head of investor relations at Symphony Financial Partners. He has more than 20 years of experience in the investment industry and previously served as managing director for Taiyo Pacific Partners.

1987

RODNEY GILL, of Southampton, NY, joined SneakerCon, the world's largest sneaker show, as senior director of sales and brand partnerships, A senior sales veteran with experience in advertising, sales, and brand partnerships, he has held roles at Z Living Network, Fubu TV.com, Revolt Media & TV, and Viacom/BET.

DAVID ROHDE, of Brooklyn, NY, senior director of consulting services at Epiq, a leading global provider of integrated technology and services for the legal profession, was a featured speaker at the second annual E-Discovery Day. He has more than 15 years of experience as a courtroom litigator and a legal technology project manager.

ROBERT RUSSO, of Johnston, RI, was re-elected to the Johnston Town Council. He has served on the council since 1995, including the last 16 as council president. He has been a lawyer in Rhode Island for 25 years.

1988 DOUGLAS DARNBROUGH, of

Rehoboth, MA, an attorney with extensive civil and criminal law experience, was nominated by Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker to serve as a judge for the Barnstable District Court. He previously served as assistant clerk magistrate in Taunton District Court, and he operated his own general practice law firm from 1995 to 2013. "The attorneys and litigants in the district court will be well served by Attorney Darnbrough, who knows the law, rules of evidence, and is extremely hard working and fair," said Governor Baker.

CARRIE DOWNEY, Coronado, CA, enrolled in a doctoral program in public policy and political science at Claremont Graduate University. In addition to her degree from Bryant, she earned her J.D. from Catholic University and a master's degree from the University of San Diego. She is a member of the Coronado City Council and is a Judge Advocate General's Corps officer in the Navy.

PAUL LEVEILLEE, of North

Attleboro, MA, joined BayCoast Bank as senior vice president of commercial lending. He has more than 30 years of banking experience and was the market manager for Santander Bank in its Providence and New Bedford locations. His experience also includes work with Bank of Boston, First Federal Savings Bank of America, Fleet Bank, and Coventry Credit Union.

1989 CRYSTAL (PACKER) PILON MBA,



of North Kingstown, RI, was named chief information officer of University Medicine, a nonprofit primary care,

specialty outpatient, and subspecialty medical group practice. Previously, she was vice president of information services for St. Joseph Health Services and chief information officer for The Westerly Hospital.

CHRIS VOCCIO, retired as

publisher of the Niagara Gazette and the Lockport Union Sun & Journal. He started his career at the Providence Journal three decades ago. He was appointed publisher of the Niagara Gazette in 2014, and publisher of the Lockport Union Sun & Journal a year later. He also served briefly as the publisher of the Tonawanda News.

1990 SUZANNE (VITALE) BROYLES,

of Franklin, MA, was elected to the newly created position of compliance director at Charles River Bank. She has more than 10 years of banking experience, including knowledge in underwriting, servicing, collections, internal auditing, and compliance.

SCOTT CARLOCK, of Charlestown, IN, was named chief financial officer at Muscle Maker Grill. He has more than 20 years of experience in all aspects of financial reporting, forecasting, and planning and previously served as chief financial officer at the fast-casual brand COSI. He also worked for more than 13 years at Yum! Brands.

ROGER LEE, of Gloucester, MA, joined Ingram Content Group as vice president of credit. He oversees global credit operations. He has nearly 20 years of experience leading credit organizations in a variety of industries, including roles with Baker and Taylor, Caleres/Brown Shoe Company, Perry Ellis International, and Rexall Sundown.

JOHN STACK '94 MBA, of

Westport, CT, managing director and aerospace leader for The McLean Group Advisory Team, was a featured speaker at The SmallSat Symposium, the leading business and finance conference for the small satellite market. He also participated in a panel at the Long Island Capital Alliance's Cybersecurity Capital Forum. He has 25 years of experience in global strategy, business development, and mergers and acquisitions focusing on publicly held and private companies. He previously was vice president of strategy and business development at the Cessna Aircraft Company.

DAVID TIKOIAN, of Greenville, RI, was named chief of the North Providence Police Department. He served 23 years with the Rhode Island State Police before his retirement in 2015. During his law enforcement career, he served at all five barracks as a member of the Uniform Bureau, the Rhode Island State Police Training Academy, detail leader of the Governor's Executive Security Unit, night executive officer, and weekend officer in charge of the division.

SCOTT VAN WINTER '95 MBA, of

Newnan, GA, joined CPG International as president of Scranton Products and Vycom. CPG's Vycom and Scranton Products are world leaders in plastics technologies. He most recently worked at Jindal Films America as chief executive officer and executive vice president. He also previously served as senior vice president and general manager for Toray Plastics America.

1991

KATH BLAKE MBA, of Center Harbor, NH, the regional manager for the Lakes Region offices of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Verani Realty in New Hampshire, served as a judge for the Lakes Region Home Builders and Remodelers Association's annual "Parade of Homes."

HAROLD HORVAT MBA, of



Cranston, RI, has been promoted to executive vice president and chief lending and retail officer at Centreville

Bank. He previously served as senior vice president and chief lending officer at the bank. Prior to joining Centreville in 2014, he served as executive vice president and chief operating officer for Mansfield Bank. He has more than 30 years of experience in the banking industry.

JUNE LANDRY of Woonsocket, RI, was named a partner at Kahn, Litwin, Renza & Co. She previously served as principal and chief marketing officer with the firm and has more than 20 years of experience. MICHAEL MELLOR, of Providence, was promoted to partner at DiSanto, Priest & Co., a certified public accounting and business advisory firm. He joined the firm in 2013 after spending more than 22 years in the Metro Washington, D.C., market, most recently as a partner and advisory services practice leader with Grant Thornton, LLP.

STEFAN THIELEN, of Revere, MA, joined Schechter Wealth as a wealth advisor based in Boston. He specializes in wealth preservation, wealth transfer, estate planning, and charitable planning solutions to meet the needs of high net-worth individuals, families, and business owners. He had served as vice president and relationship manager at Eaton Vance Managed Investments in Boston.

1993

DAVID C. MOSEMAN, CPA, of



Newtown, CT, was promoted to partner at CironeFriedberg, LLP, one of the leading accounting and consulting

firms in Fairfield and New Haven counties. He has been with the firm since 2005 and has more than 20 years of experience specializing in accounting, tax, and consulting services for closely held businesses and their owners. He is a member of both the Connecticut and New York State Societies of Certified Public Accountants.

1994

RICHARD CHAREST MBA, of



North Smithfield, RI, announced his retirement as president and CEO of Landmark Medical Center

and the Rehabilitation Hospital of Rhode Island. His more than 40-year career at Landmark started in his teens, when he worked as an orderly and dishwasher. He later served as the director of pharmacy and in other positions. In 2000, he was named president and CEO of the Rehabilitation Hospital of Rhode Island. He became president of Landmark Medical Center in 2007 and CEO in 2008. **STEPHANIE FIELD,** of Somerset, MA, was re-elected to her second three-year term representing Somerset on the Somerset Berkley Regional School Committee. She is a managing director, overseeing technology and education programs for the Charter Financial Analysts Society of Boston.

1995

CLAIRE DUCKETT MBA, of

Wake Forest, NC, joined the King and Society real estate firm in Charleston, SC. A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, she started working in real estate in 2001. Her experience in the Charleston area includes involvement with buyers and sellers and in property management.

TAMMY DUXBURY MST, of

Coventry, joined Eastern Mennonite University as an assistant professor of accounting. Her expertise is in taxation, taxation research, tax consulting, and financial planning.

JOHN GRIECO, of North

Branford, CT, was named chief technology officer for the University of Vermont Health Network. He had served as director of technical services and operations at partners HealthCare System in Boston and has more than 21 years of experience in information technology.

TERENZIO VOLPICELLI, of

Milford, MA, was named a partner in the CPA firm of Roselli, Clark and Associates. He joined the firm in 2008 and has more than 13 years of experience in public accounting and consulting in a variety of industries, including municipal services, high-tech, manufacturing, software, and other services. He also spent eight years in private industry in a variety of senior financial positions, including as CFO, for high-tech companies ranging in size from startups to more than \$1.2 billion in annual revenues.

1996 KELLY (DESROSIERS)

MONESTIME of Attleboro, MA, was named chief marketing officer at Gray, Gray & Gray, LLP, an accounting and business advisory firm. She is a member of the National Franchise Consultants + Accountants, the Association for Accounting Marketing, and the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants.

BERT REIGSTAD MBA, of

Greenville, RI, was promoted to vice president of supply chain and safety at Bradford Soap Works. He also served as director of global supply chain. Previously, he was director order fulfillment and supply chain and quality director at Sensata Technologies.

1997

ERIC HANDA, of Bridgewater, NJ,



CEO and co-founder of international telecommunications carrier and consultancy business APTelecom

LLC, announced that his firm was the 2016 gold winner in the CEO World Awards' Corporate Social Responsibility and Green Awards category.

MELANIE (STEARNS) KARLBERG,

of Duxbury, MA, was appointed managing director of national accounts at LMCG Investments. She has more than 20 years of experience in the financial services industry.

ALLISON REID, of New Canaan,

CT, was named chief development officer for the Americas region at Kimpton Hotels and Restaurants. She most recently served as senior vice president of North America development for Starwood Hotels & Resorts, overseeing development and acquisition efforts for all 11 of its brands in North America, the Caribbean, and French Polynesia.

1998

GIL LANTINI, of North Smithfield, announced that IMG, a full– service digital marketing firm he co-founded in 2016, was recog– nized by *Providence Business News* as the 8th largest advertising and marketing agency in Rhode Island in the publication's 2017 Book of Lists. "We believe in Rhode Island and the tremendous talent that surrounds us," he says.

PAUL SCHASEL MBA, of North

Attleboro, MA, was appointed by Roman Catholic Bishop Robert McManus to be director of fiscal affairs for the Diocese of Worcester. Most recently, he was the controller for Advanced Dental Management of Canton. He worked for Partners HealthCare, a Bostonbased non-profit health system, from 1991 to 2015, and has also held various positions in investments and accounting.

1999

MATTHEW CONDOS, of Tolland, CT, was named vice president of product management for Lincoln Financial Group's Retirement Plan Services business. He most recently served as senior vice president of guaranteed products with Voya Financial.

RENEE ST. JOHN, of Cranston, RI, was appointed to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank board of directors. She is controller at Community Care Alliance. She has more than 16 years of accounting experience and previously worked for Kahn, Litwin, Renza & Co. Ltd.

JILLIAN (ST. MARTIN) DESHIRO,



2000

of Mansfield, MA was promoted to executive vice president and chief administrative risk officer at Centreville

Bank. She joined the bank in 2011 and previously served as senior vice president and chief financial officer. Prior to that, she was senior audit manager at Wolf and Company, P.C.

BRIAN FEENEY, of North Providence, RI, was promoted to vice president of finance at FM Global, a Fortune 1000 company. He joined FM Global in May 2007 as a senior accountant. He holds an MBA with a concentration in finance from Northeastern University.

JOSEPH HAYES, of Swedesboro,



NJ, was named a shareholder at Flaster Greenberg in its Taxation, Trusts and Estates, Business and

Corporate, and Healthcare Practice Groups. An active leader in the legal community, he is a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association, and American Bar Association.

TAMMY (GOULD) WILLIAMSON,

of Cranston, RI, was promoted to associate product manager at Toray Plastics. As an associate product manager, she is responsible for overseeing marketing activities for strategic products. She joined Toray in 2010.

ACCOMPLISHED ALUMNI

2001

JERRY MUNOZ MBA, of

Attleboro, MA, has been named regulatory compliance manager at Arpin Group. Prior to joining Arpin, he spent seven years working in the financial services industry as a registered investment professional for Eagle Strategies/ New York Life and Ocean State Financial Services.

"Solitaire," the latest single by **ARLANNA SNOW**, of East

Bridgewater, MA, reached number 8 on the British radio unsigned pop chart in April. She has overcome Osteogenesis Imperfecta, a genetic disorder that has left her unable to walk, to pursue her dream of becoming a songwriter.

2002 SHANEL ANTHONY '03 MBA,



of Washington, D.C., was named "Energy Sales Representative of the Year" by Medtronic as part sident's Club awards

of its 2016 President's Club awards program. He has been an executive territory manager with the company for nearly four years. He previously served as a Diabetes Sales Specialist for AstraZeneca.

NICKOLAS GUERTIN MBA, of

McLean, VA, was appointed to the newly formed technical advisory board at Concurrent Technologies Corp. He has 23 years of Navy experience and a civil service career that includes leading engineering and development of various technologies on Navy ships.

MICHAEL MAKSYMIW JR., CPA,



of Plainville, CT, a senior tax manager with Filomeno & Company, P.C. in West Hartford, was reappointed by the

Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants to serve as a member-at-large of its advisory council for the organization's 2017-2018 activity year.

LAUREN MCVEIGH, of Brooklyn,



CT, was promoted to director of internal audit at UniBank. She joined the bank in 2015 and has more

than 14 years of experience in management and leadership in the audit and finance fields. She previously served as internal audit manager at Citizens Bank.

2003 CHRISTA (JOHNSON) BABCOCK,

of New York, NY, was promoted to vice president of learning and certification at the Interactive Advertis-

ing Bureau. She joined the company in 2014 as account director of learning and development. Prior to that, she led mobile customer acquisition and partnership development efforts at Zinio. She also worked for SiriusXM Radio, holding roles in both marketing and operations. She is currently part of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's executive MBA program for global leaders.

ANTONIO L. DIAZ-ALBERTINI,

of Port Chester, NY, was elected as a partner of Schulte Roth & Zabel. He advises private equity funds, global investment banking firms, commercial banks, and public and private corporations in finance transactions, including syndicated credit facilities, the issuance of secured and unsecured high-yield debt securities, and the issuance of equity securities.

MATTHEW FLANAGAN, of

Attleboro, MA, was named vice president and commercial lending officer at BayCoast Bank. He brings 14 years of banking experience to the position and most recently worked at Santander as both a portfolio manager and a vice president/business banking relationship manager. He also was a senior loan officer at Home Loan and Investment Bank.

ERICA GUATIERI '13 MST, CPA,

of Lincoln, RI, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Society of CPAs. She is a manager in the small and emerging business group at Kahn, Litwin, Renza and Co.

2004

THOMAS BRUSSARD MBA, of

Easton, MA, was promoted to corporate vice president of performance management/financial planning and analysis at Uno Pizzeria and Grill. Headquartered in Boston, Uno's has more than 130 restaurants in 21 states and several international locations.

AMBER (STEVENS) PICOTTE,

of Dorchester Center, MA, was appointed by Curata, a content marketing software company, to its newly created position of vice president of marketing. She previously served as director of product marketing for both Upserve and WordStream, where she also served as director of marketing.

2005

CHAZ BERKELEY, CPA, Quincy, MA, was appointed senior vice president and chief financial officer at The Cooperative Bank (TCB), a full-service community bank specializing in commercial real estate and business lending throughout Eastern Massachusetts. Prior to joining TCB, he held positions at both public accounting and private-industry organizations.

JIM CAREY, of Centerville, MA, leads Gringo's, a family-run Hyannis restaurant that celebrated its 35th anniversary in 2016. After graduating from Bryant, he pursued a successful career in account sales at a software company outside of Washington, D.C. He returned home in 2014 when his father became ill. The younger Carey took over the business when his father died in 2016. He also has a passion for traveling and spent seven months in 2015 touring Australia, China, and Indonesia.

ANTHONY DEICICCHI, of East Falmouth, MA, was promoted to director of sales for On The Water Media Group, an industry leader in the fishing and boating media industry. He has been with the

company for more than six years, serving as regional sales manager and national sales manager.

MELISSA (LYNCH) HUGHES,

of Needham, MA, announced the opening of Pinewood Custom Homes, a business she runs with her husband. She manages kitchen and closet designs for Pinewood's projects.

2006

SANDLER LOUIS, of Astoria, NY, a senior surgical specialist and field sales trainer with Medtronic, was recognized as part of the company's 2016 President's Club awards program. Previously, he was territory manager at ACell, Inc., a leader in regenerative medicine.

JOHN S. RENZA III MBA, of

Hope, joined Kahn, Litwin, Renza & Co. Wealth Management LLC as senior wealth adviser. He most recently served as vice president and wealth management planning officer for The Washington Trust Co. He has a J.D. from the University of Massachusetts School of Law.

2007 CHRISTOPHER ARMSTRONG

MBA, of Madison, NJ, was promoted to senior vice president in the cash and custody function of the Financial Services Group at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

JUAN CAMILO, of Bronx, NY, the founder of Dyckman Beer Company, the first Dominican beer created in the United States, was featured in *Latin Trends*' "Dominican Influencer Series." He previously enjoyed a successful career working on Wall Street, including as an associate at RBC Capital Markets and as an analyst at Credit Suisse.

ERIC CARLSON MBA, of North Kingstown, RI, joined the Plastics Pioneers Association, a nonprofit organization with more than 160 members, all of whom have at least 20 years of experience in the plastics industry. He is director of engineering at Toray Plastics America.

MICHAEL CAROTENUTO, CPA, of Branford, CT, was appointed chief financial officer of Cambridge Trust Company. He most recently served as senior vice president and director of treasury and internal reporting at Belmont Savings Bank. He previously held positions at People's United Financial and Ernst and Young.

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GIANNI DEL SIGNORE MBA, of

North Kingstown, RI, was named chief financial offer of Pangaea Logistics Solutions, Ltd. He previously served as controller. During his tenure at Pangaea, he worked with the outgoing CFO to manage the company's finance function.

JOHAN GRAHN MBA, of

Bedford, NH, joined Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America as assistant vice president of portfolio management. He most recently was assistant vice president and portfolio manager at MetLife, where he managed a team of analysts overseeing more than \$30 billion of dynamically managed multi-asset portfolios. He also previously served as an investment analyst with Prime Buchholz and Associates, an institutional investment consulting firm.

JAMES MACHUGA, of

Charlestown, MA, senior vice president of Merk Investments' advisor services, made his debut on GoldSeek.com Radio. Prior to joining Merk Investments, he worked at UBS Financial Services and Fidelity Investments.

2009

JUSTIN BURKINSHAW was

promoted to director of sales at GAP Promo, a full-service promotions agency. He joined the firm in 2014 as a sales account manager. In 2016, he was promoted to senior sales account manager.

JARET GROSSMAN, OF MILL

NECK, NY, the owner of Jaret Grossman Consulting, a Life Management and Business Consulting Company, was featured in the Knowledge for Men podcast. The episode was titled "The Hidden Formula Behind Success, Leadership, and Leaving a Legacy."

JESSICA (DANIELS) REGO MPAC,

CPA, of Johnston, RI, was promoted to accounting and auditing manager at Yarlas, Kaplan, Santilli, Moran Ltd.

2010

RAY ANGELL, of Greenville, RI, was named the 2016 "Lumber Person of the Year" by the Rhode Island Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association. He is vice president of the L. Sweet Lumber Company, a fourth-generation lumberyard.

LINDSAY (RANKIN)

ANTONOWICZ joined WestView Investment Advisors, headquartered in Vermont, the newly created role of associate investment advisor. She has six years of financial experience working with Fidelity, including as manager of inbound sales and as sales effectiveness manager.

NICHOLAS DENICE '11 MPAC, ESQ., CPA, of



Coventry, joined the business law team at Duffy & Sweeney as an associate. He is a

member of the board of directors for Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island. He is a member of the Rhode Island Society of CPAs, Massachusetts Society of CPAs, American Society of CPAs, and the Rhode Island Bar Association.

GEOFFREY ENSBY, of Pittsburgh, PA, was named to Poets and Quants 2016 list of "MBAs to Watch." He received his MBA at the Tepper School of Business at Carnegie

Mellon University. He previously worked as an associate investment analyst at Amica, and he was a field artillery officer with the Army National Guard and deployed to Afghanistan. After earning his MBA, he will work as an associate at McKinsey and Co. in Pittsburgh.

MARK LASLO, of Woonsocket,



was promoted to manager of technology/operations at (add)ventures, an award-winning, multidisciplinary

brand culture and communications firm. He identifies and executes technological solutions and researches new technology to coordinate the purchasing and procurement of the latest supplies and equipment.

2011

JOSE BATISTA, of Providence, RI, opened his own law firm that specializes in criminal defense, family law, and personal injury cases. Most recently, he served as an assistant public defender for the Rhode Island Office of the Public Defender. He earned his law degree at Roger Williams University.

NATHAN COLWELL MBA, of

North Providence, RI, was appointed vice president and branch sales manager, of BankNewport's Barrington office. He joined BankNewport in 2013 and most recently served as vice president and mortgage loan originator.

BARRET PINTO MST, CPA, of

Seekonk, MA was promoted from manager to director at CBIZ Tofias, one of the largest accounting, tax, and consulting providers in the country. He has more than 10 years of experience providing tax consulting, planning, and compliance services to private companies and publicly traded multi-national companies in a variety of industries, including life science, technology, manufacturing, and distribution.

ANNE (L'ESPERANCE) ZOLLO,



of Woonsocket, RI, was promoted to manager, strategy/ marketing at (add)ventures, a multidisciplinary

brand culture and communications firm. She leads the development, management, and implementation of campaigns across advertising, marketing, video, public relations, social media, and digital disciplines. She joined the firm in 2015 and previously worked as a junior marketing and business development consultant for ICF International.

2012

RENEE (LEMIRE) BELL MPAC, of Harmony, RI, was promoted to senior accountant at DiSanto, Priest and Co. She joined the firm in 2012 as a staff accountant.

ERICA MILLETTE MBA, of



Woonsocket, RI, was promoted to senior director of insights/strategy at (add)ventures, an award-winning,

multidisciplinary brand culture and communications firm. She transforms stakeholder insights into communications strategies that support business objectives and inform smart brand communications

2014 SIMONE ALEXIS PINO, of

Lynnfield, MA, was inducted into the National Association of Professional Women's VIP Woman of the Year Circle. She is a certified holistic wellness coach, Harmonyum energy practitioner, and Yoga Instructor.

2015

EMMA GUINNESSEY joined Boeing as a treasury and risk analyst. She previously was a credit analyst at S&P Global. As a student, she interned at ADP. One Traffic, and S&P Global

AVERY HILL '16 CAGS, of



Westminster, MD, was accepted into the juris doctor program at Liberty University. He is pursuing a concen-

tration in constitutional law as well as a master's degree in religious studies. He is a judge advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps, and he is the founder of the Community Activism and Leadership Organization (CALO), a social enterprise venture that encourages community activism.

2016 GERALD "JAY" BENSON MST,

CPA, of Portsmouth, RI, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Society of CPAs. He has worked in tax preparation for the public and private sectors for over three decades and currently serves as the tax director for Ocean State Job Lot, Inc.

DUJUAN HEATH, of Bronx, NY, received Success Academy Charter Schools' ETHOS Excellence Award,

which recognizes school staff who best demonstrate the Success community's values. He is the athletic coordinator at Success Academy Harlem West in Manhattan.

JOHN LOGAN, of Hanover, MA, has his own show on Partiots.com, produced a murder-mystery video series, published two books, appeared on America's Got Talent, presented at the Forbes Under 30 Live Summit, and has been accepted to be a 2018 TEDx speaker in New York City sharing his message that "impossible is just a word."

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