

## About Bryant

Founded in 1863, Bryant is a private, coeducational college located on a 320 acre suburban campus 12 miles from Providence and 45 miles from Boston. Bryant draws students from 24 states and 29 countries and approximately 85 percent of the 3,000 undergraduates live on campus.

Bryant's undergraduate business program combines an intensive business curriculum with a strong liberal arts foundation. Students earn the bachelor of science in business administration with concentrations in accounting, applied actuarial mathematics, business communications, computer information systems, finance, management, and marketing. Similarly, the bachelor of arts degree offers concentrations in economics, English, history, or international studies, all of which are reinforced by a strong underpinning of business courses.

The Graduate School, which enrolls about 800 students annually, offers a master of business administration (MBA) with concentrations in accounting, computer information systems, finance, health care management, management, management of operations and technology, marketing, and taxation, as well as a master of science in taxation (MST) and certificates of advanced graduate studies (CAGS).

### **Title IX Policy**

It is the policy of Bryant College not to discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational programs, activities, or employment practices as required by Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments.

### **Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy as to Students**

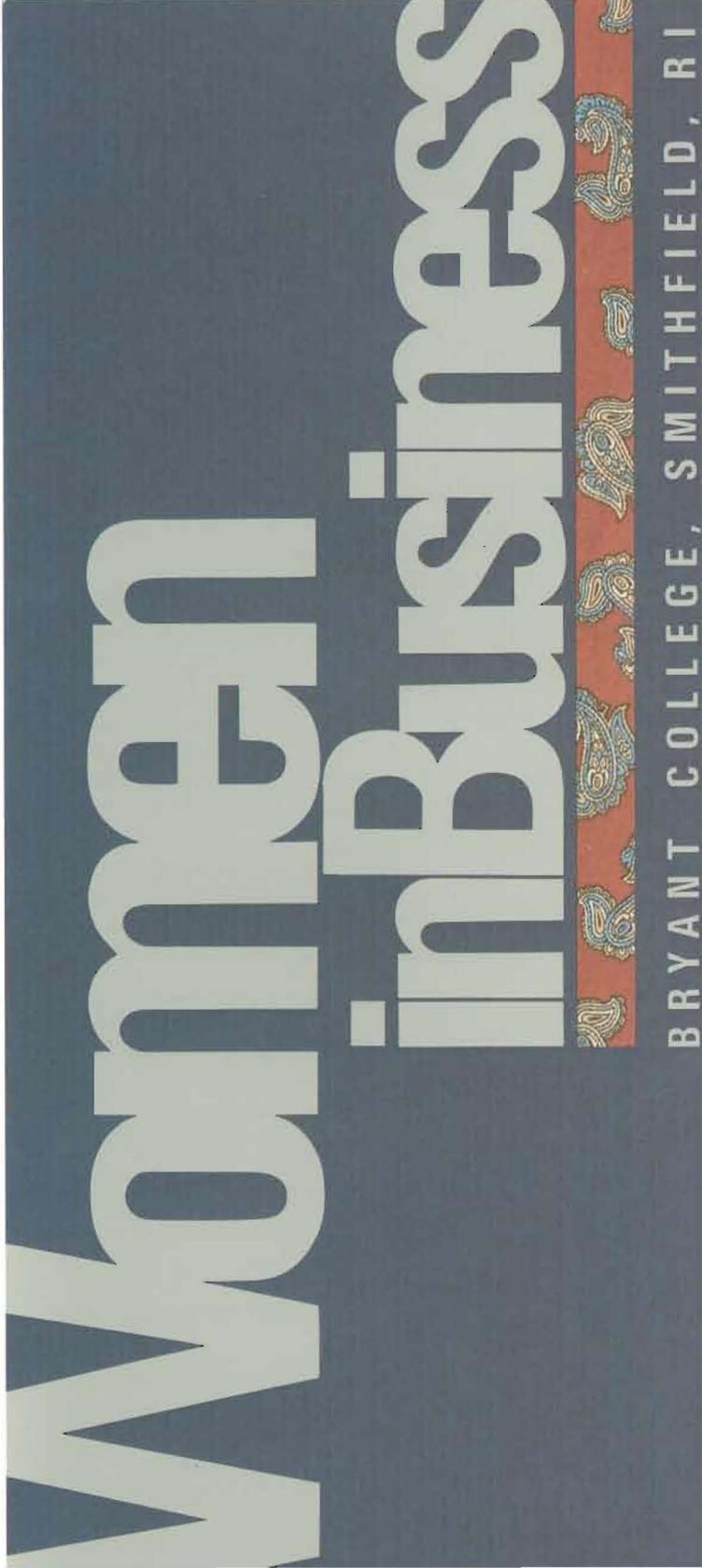
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BRYANT COLLEGE, SMITHFIELD, RI

## Women in Business

Women are playing a critical and creative role in business today. They are well represented in cutting edge professions such as computers, advertising, and finance. And women are succeeding in professional, managerial, and entrepreneurial careers as never before.

### Statistics tell the story:

- Today, four out of ten executive, administrative, and managerial jobs are held by women.
- More than half of all officers, managers, and professionals in the 50 largest American commercial banks are women.
- Twenty percent of lawyers, nearly half of all accountants, and about one-quarter of Wall Street's financial professionals are women.

The road to leadership begins with education. But to build a successful business career, you need to learn more than technical skills. You need to understand the overall environment of business. Both in the classroom and through a wide range of activities, Bryant College provides the hands-on exposure to business that will set the stage for your professional career. A coeducational institution from its earliest days, Bryant College has always been committed to educating women for business leadership. In fact, women make up about half of our recent graduating classes.

Bryant can help turn your aspirations into achievements and prepare you to succeed as a woman and as a business leader.

## Some Bryant Women Graduates

### **Mary DeRoy Bimonte '87**

*Senior Accountant*

KPMG Peat Marwick, Hartford, CT

Mary was recruited on campus by KPMG Peat Marwick, a Big Six accounting firm. She started in the Hartford office as an assistant accountant in the audit department. Now a senior accountant, Mary passed the national examination to become a Certified Public Accountant on schedule and was certified after practicing in the field for three years.

Mary supervises four people conducting audits for Peat Marwick clients in the Hartford area. She meets with managers of the client companies to plan the audits and reviews the work of her staff.

"It's a lot of responsibility after only a short time," Mary says, but she really enjoys the client contact and working with people at different levels.

Active in church volunteer work, Mary and her husband live in her home town of Wallingford, CT. While at Bryant she was involved in intramural sports and several student organizations. Mary was also a student ambassador and conducted campus tours for prospective students and their parents.

### **Sharon Flood '81**

*Assistant Vice President*

Citibank, New York, NY

Sharon Flood could do a TV commercial for The Big Apple. "I love New York," she says. She also loves her job in the investment banking area at Citibank in New York City. Sharon supervises a staff of 38, and her department's average daily trade volume is about \$12 billion.

"It's very challenging. No two days are ever the same. I have lots of responsibility, but also lots of flexibility to change things if I think they need to be changed."

Sharon started her banking career with Fleet National Bank in Providence, RI, after being recruited on campus.

Although work keeps her very busy, Sharon always finds time for exercise. "I'm an avid health club fan," she says. The Long Island native enjoys aerobics and is learning to play squash.



### **Susan Groncziak Lucente '82**

*Controller*

Gazebo Landscape Design Corporation,  
Delray Beach, FL

Even before she graduated from Bryant, Susan Groncziak Lucente knew she wanted to work in Florida.

Susan interviewed on campus with several Big Six accounting firms and accepted a position in Fort Lauderdale with Price Waterhouse. After working there for four years and passing the CPA exam, she moved on to Sensormatic Corporation, a major producer of electronic theft deterrent devices. Two years later, armed with experience in public accounting and private industry, she opened her own consulting business. One of her clients was so impressed with her abilities, he offered her the position of controller and chief financial officer of his company.

Gazebo Landscape Design is actually a group of eight privately owned companies with approximately 300 employees. "Although the individual companies are small, it's a big business when they're all combined," says Susan. "And the job is really interesting because I can get into all kinds of things, from tax returns to pension accounts."

When her son was born in May 1991, Susan arranged to work flexible hours. Her employer connected her home computer to the company computer system so that she can work at home, if she is unable to go into the office. "Companies have had to come up with flexible alternatives to retain women who make valuable contributions," she explains. "I think we're going to see more and more of this as time goes on."

As a student, Susan was president of the Bryant Players for two years. "I really enjoyed that," she says, "and in Florida I've been prop director for a community theater group I've been involved with."



### **Jennifer Proud Mearns '82**

*Vice President*

Sports Partners International, New York, NY

Jennifer Proud Mearns has turned her love of sports into an exciting career in sports marketing.

"I wanted to be involved with sports, work with people, and use my business education," says Jenny, who began her career as a public relations assistant at Madison Square Garden in New York City following a brief stint with an insurance company. After a year and a half of learning the ropes, Jenny moved on to positions as media coordinator of the Men's International Professional Tennis Council and then public relations manager at Ohlemeyer Communications Companies responsible for international tennis and major league baseball promotions.

When Ohlemeyer was sold to Burson-Marsteller in early 1990, Jenny was named vice president of the international corporation's in-house sports marketing group. One of her projects is managing the Association of Tennis Professionals men's world tour.

The New Jersey native qualified for the NCAA Division II national cross country championships during her senior year at Bryant. Although her job keeps her on the road about 50 percent of the time, Jenny says, "I still find time to run every day."



### **Jennifer Michelson '82**

*Sales Representative*

Digital Equipment Corporation, Rocky Hill, CT

"I knew I wanted to be in sales, and my friends told me my personality reflected that," says Jennifer Michelson. "But I decided to major in computer information systems because I felt that with first-hand programming and computer knowledge, I'd have more credibility in the field."

Following a seminar by Data General during her senior year at Bryant, Jennifer applied for a systems engineer trainee position with the

company's Providence, RI, office. "They wanted a technical person with personality to assist in the sales cycle," she says, and of course she was selected.

Then in 1984, Jennifer was recommended for a position as an associate sales representative with Digital. Among her greatest achievements in her current position, she says, are opening an account with a Fortune 500 company with a one million dollar sale and another more recent million dollar sale to The Hartford Insurance Group.

"Bryant really prepared me for the overall environment of business. It gave me the confidence to go into the business world both from a professional and social standpoint," Jennifer explains. "I'm proud to come from a school that business professionals recognize as a fine institution. And today my fellow Bryant grads help each other out in business."

In her spare time, Jennifer is taking golf lessons. A very active young woman, she also shares a ski house in Killington, VT, and a beach house in Newport, RI, with friends.



**Jacqueline Champagne Schlageter '84, '86MBA**  
*Commercial Loan Officer*  
Rhode Island Hospital Trust National Bank,  
Providence, RI

Jacqueline Champagne Schlageter is the youngest of six children, all Bryant graduates. "I was paying my own tuition," she says, "so I chose Bryant because I wanted an affordable school with a good reputation."

A commuter student, Jackie majored in finance. "I thought I wanted to be a stockbroker," she says, but ultimately, she opted for a banking career and she's enjoying it because it combines two things she really likes: financial analysis and customer service. "I like doing the financial analysis on companies that want to borrow from the bank," Jackie says, "but the fun part is dealing with the customers."

Jackie started at Hospital Trust two months after her daughter was born. She now has two children. "My husband is a consulting engineer and his schedule is generally more flexible than mine," Jackie says. "So we're able to work things out."

In addition to her job and family responsibilities, Jackie keeps busy with Chamber of Commerce committees and volunteer work for the Easter Seal Society of Rhode Island's Meeting Street School.



**Candace LaBombard Walczak '81**  
*Director of Business Services*  
Easthampton, MA, Public Schools

"Anything that isn't directly related to academics ends up in my department," quips Candace LaBombard Walczak. But Candace, who grew up in Champlain, NY, loves the variety, the challenge, and the opportunity to work with so many people.

As director of business services for the Easthampton, MA, public schools, Candace oversees accounts payable, purchasing, grants management, student transportation, and a host of other areas.

Candace was budget officer for the Pittsfield, MA, school system, until accepting her current position in 1984. She learned about her first job through the Office of Career Services at Bryant.

Although young to be considered for such a position, Candace had gained valuable experience through her involvement with BRYCOL, a student-run organization that operates a variety of businesses on campus.

"I had supervised employees and managed budgets as part of my BRYCOL experience, and that's what helped me get the job," says Candace.

Married in 1990, Candace has a very busy life. In addition to her challenging career, she's a Girl Scout volunteer and a board member of the Citizens Scholarship Fund in Easthampton. She was also the first woman to join the Easthampton Chapter of Rotary.