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2001 Commencement Issue

From the President



Dear Graduates:

The end of the academic year is upon us, which signals the start of the professional lives of our graduating seniors. Commencement affords me the wonderful opportunity to congratulate you on your special day today, marking your graduation from Bryant College! The celebration of your achievement is joined by reflection upon your many contributions to Bryant and to the student centered learning environment that is our community. I therefore want to pass along a heart-felt thank you and congratulations from my wife Kati, myself and the entire Bryant community!

It is a very challenging and exciting time to be entering the professional world and I am very confident that your time at Bryant has you extremely well prepared for what the next phase of your life will bring. The hard work required to become a Bryant Graduate will serve you well in assuring your ability to achieve your best personally and professionally. I am excited with the thought that your future

contributions and successes in the professional world, as well as in society at large, will be even greater than the wonderful successes we celebrate today.

You now join our ever-growing alumni family of over 37,000 illustrious professionals throughout the world that all share your high standards of excellence and commitment to profession and community. We are anxious to learn of the adventures that await you and the accomplishments that we know you will achieve. It is through this tie that you will always be a member of the larger Bryant family.

Our hope is that you will be back soon and often to see more of the many changes that will continue to take place at your school. Perhaps you will even return to enjoy the great accomplishments of future student bodies in the way that we all share a pride in your accomplishments today.

Our community is richer from the unique contributions you made during your time here as a student and in return, you are the beneficiary of an extraordinary education. This relationship is a life long one and becomes part of the foundation of excellence that the classes that follow you will continue to build on.

Welcome to the rich tradition of excellence and service that marks the Bryant College graduate. Everyone at Bryant—faculty, staff, and trustees—joins me in expressing our pride in your achievements and our warmest wishes for your continued success!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald K. Machtley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Ronald K. Machtley
President

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Linking the Tradition of Bryant

Other than receiving diplomas on commencement day, students have another way of symbolizing the completion of their Bryant education: they walk under the Archway.

The Archway, located just over the bridge, may seem like merely a fixture to outsiders, but to students at Bryant, its tradition is legendary.

For years, as students passed by the Archway, they have walked around its iron gates. Even if they did not fully understand their behavior, no one wanted to break tradition.

The story of the Archway dates back to 1905. Isaac Gifford Ladd, an associate of Charles Schwabb and a famous U.S. Steel tycoon, constructed a \$1 million building which contained the iron arch on Young Orchard Avenue on the East Side of Providence.

This building was meant to be a sign of his endearment to his newlywed wife. However, his wife immediately expressed hatred for this structure in her name. Taking this as a personal rejection, Ladd took his own life.

The property remained unoccupied until Thomas Marsden transformed it into Hope Hospital. In 1935, Bryant-Straton College was renamed Bryant College. To provide more space for classes, an addition was constructed and Hope Hospital was renamed South Hall.

Earl S. Tupper, inventor

of Tupperware, donated his twenty-two acre hillside estate to Bryant College in October 1967 for the creation of the new campus. To thank Tupper for his generous gift, Bryant named the campus after him and awarded him an honorary degree during the 1968 Commencement exercises.

Four years later, in the fall of 1971, the campus moved to Smithfield. Prior to leaving the Hope Street Campus, the wrought-iron arch at the entrance to South Hall was transported to the new campus. Today, the Archway remains the only physical link to the Providence campus.

Frank Delmoncio, then Vice President of Business Affairs, and Robert Hillier, architect of the Tupper Campus and designer of the new sign for the front entrance, relocated the arch between the two ponds en route to the Unistrukture.

Immediately after the Archway was transferred from the old campus, students began to avoid passing through this out-of-place structure.

As rumor had it, walking through the arch before graduation mysteriously jeopardized chances of graduating. Since this is

quite a large price to pay for not following tradition, most students opted not to take the chance, which resulted in worn paths around the arch.

After seventeen years of worn paths, the graduating class of 1987 left a brick pathway around the sacred arch. This path encourages students to avoid walking through the Archway until their graduation day.

This tradition has shaped the behavior of thousands of Bryant College students on Tupper campus for the past thirty years, and will continue to shape more in the years to come.

As Bryant students, we will never forget all of the days we walked around the Archway, waiting for the day when we could finally walk through it.

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Nicole Irving

I was amazed upon entering the untouched grounds of Bryant College—before the construction struck, that everyone held the doors open for each other! This pattern continued throughout our four years here, as lifelong marks of friendships began. Late night trips to the Scoop soon turned into endless pitchers at Parentes. Wow, those times were much rougher than a typical ice cream headache! Speaking of headaches, pulling all those all-nighters studying for countless grueling exams finally paid off. As a freshman, my big concern was what I would get on my Microeconomics exam. Now, it's time to think about interviews and finding that ideal job. Time passes by fast...

I am so grateful for all the people that have walked in and out of the doors in my life. All of you have touched me in some way and I thank you for that. I cannot even begin to note all the funny jokes, the good times and bad, and times hanging out with all of you. Even traveling away from Bryant, I will always remember our excursions in London, Allison Island and Milan. Sara, Steph, Rachel, Jess, Carla, and Alessandra—you have remained among my closest friends and I look forward to spending all of the crazy times in the future with you.

I would like to thank my family—Dad, Mom and Lyndsay—above anyone else. Without their unconditional love and support I would not be where I am today. They have molded me



into the person I am, and I will always be thankful for that. Finally, I would like to thank the two special people in my life that have touched my heart forever - you know who you are. Whatever the future holds, I will always love you.

As much as we all may want to hang on to the college lifestyle, it's time to get serious for what life holds for the future. Enduring several lessons here at Bryant, most importantly I learned to grasp life at its best. We are all young and we should hang on to the moments we have right here and now. It is hard to say goodbye to all our friends and memories, but it is definitely time to move on. I wish the class of 2001 the best of luck for the future and will never forget the great times we have shared together. As Alexander Graham Bell once stated, "When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the ones which open for us." I will now close the door to Bryant College, but will never forget what lies behind...



Lisa Waynelovich

As I think back to the beginning of this journey called college, I can vividly remember move-in day freshman year. I remember my family and I were late, my room was a mess, and my roommate had already moved in and taken the side I wanted. I remember my family leaving, tears in my mom's eyes, tears in mine, and me being scared to death. That had to be the most frightening experience.

When I think about move-in day now I laugh. I am so fortunate to have had a roommate like mine, a great family, and a wonderful college experience. This college experience, however, would not have been the same had people not pushed me beyond my comfort zone. We all have it – the place where we say “no thanks, I think I'm just fine doing what I'm doing.” That place, and how you handle it, marks the difference between a good life and a great one. If I had to leave this college giving one piece of advice the most important would be PUSH YOURSELF.

Some of the best opportunities are the ones that are almost missed. What would have happened if I always remained the freshman too scared to leave her room? The answer is easy – nothing. And what will happen in the future if I pass up opportunities just because I am scared

of an unknown outcome? Again – nothing. That is why breaking through your comfort barriers and expanding them is so important.

It is only when you come to a place like college that you truly realize how unique and different you really are. If nothing else, this experience definitely served as an eye opener to me about all the things I am fortunate to have, for starters a GREAT family. My family is so different from any other family I have ever met. Thank you for your support, love, and fun times. Mom and Dad – thank you for getting me through college. Whenever I need something I know you will always be there. I also know I am lucky enough to be able to say that I have supportive parents who would give up everything they had just to make my life better in some way. I want you both to know that I notice and that I am eternally grateful for your sacrifice. I love you. Aubs – thanks for being a great little sister. You are so smart, talented, and caring – don't change, it will take you far in life. Thanks for all the talks and for being who you are. Kimbo – you truly light up our family. Thanks for making me smile. I look forward to opening up KLA Dance academy with both of you someday – remember what I said about comfort zones? John – I enjoy your company and look forward to watching you grow into an amazing young adult. Thanks for all the car rides jamming out to our music. Brian – words can not express how I feel for you. Thank you for being my best friend, mentor, role model, and leaning post. I couldn't have made it through all of this without you by my side every step of the way. To the McCarthy's – thanks for welcoming me into your home. You are my second family and I feel lucky to have such a great one!

I am also fortunate enough to have friends who have supported and guided me through many obstacles in life. Erica – thanks for getting me through college! I could not have

made it through this last year without you. Kim – you have been my roommate all the way. Thank you for your friendship. It means more to me than you can know. John B., Darci, Jamie, Rob, Winters, Colin, Goldberg – thanks for making this experience fun and worthwhile.

To the faculty and staff

I was so fortunate to have met – Doris (DH), Dr. Eakin, Bob Sloss, Judy, Professor Krumwiede, Professor Sousa, Mrs. Machtley – thank you for making this journey a little easier. Your guidance and kindness towards students does not go unnoticed.

Bryant College has been a great learning and growing

experience for me. As I walk through the Archway for the first time I know there will still be tears in my mother's eyes, but the frightened tears in mine will be replaced with ones of gratitude, and excitement as I prepare to take the next steps in this bigger journey called life. College – that was just a practice run.



Rachel Shifman

It was four years ago that I made the challenging and exciting choice to enter Bryant College. I have to admit that it was one of the best decisions of my life. I am now a senior graduating with the class of 2001. I never thought the day would come and now it is finally here. The Archway that the Bryant students walk around everyday is calling our names. The curse that we must all be

aware of will soon be passed. Graduation day is here. I have many mixed emotions about this day. I am happy because all my hard work has paid off, but at the same time I am sad because I am leaving so much behind. It is a time to reflect on the past and remember all of the memories we have made on campus. Not only did I gain an education from Bryant College, I gained an experience for life. There are many people that I want to thank. I will never forget the Vice President of

Academic Affairs office. Four years sure did fly by. I learned so much from all of you. Thank you for supporting me and standing by my side. The organizations that I have been involved in have given me more than I could ever hope for. I want to thank Hillel, Bryant Singers, SAA and SPB. The friendships I have made in these organizations are important ones. The professors that I have had the opportunity to take classes with are my true mentors and I appreciate them for what they have provided me with over the years. You all know who you are and if you ever had me for a student, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Last but not least are the friendships I have formed on this campus. It is always hard to say goodbye to the people that you care about. Townhouse F9, this year has been amazing. Without all of you Bryant College would not be the same. I appreciate all that we have been through together. Never forget the special times, I know I will not.

I will never say goodbye, just remember, "Until we meet again." Thank you for all you have given me over these four years. If it were not for my

family graduation day would not be possible. Their constant support and dedication to my college success has been meaningful to me. This day is a

special one. Enjoy it and make it your best memory here. Bryant College is a place that will remain in my heart forever.

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Jeanne-Marie Doublet

So before we end and then begin
We'll drink a toast to how it's been
A few more hours to be complete
A few more times that I can say
I've loved these days
-Billy Joel

As I prepare to walk through the Archway this May, I realize how much I will be taking with me. Education and confidence aside, my years at Bryant College have been more than the degree I will be graduating with.

I remember when I decided to go to Bryant. This was no easy decision for me, and even after I made up my mind, I still had my doubts. Still, the summer rolled by quickly, and I soon found myself packing for freshman year. Looking back, it is kind of funny; had I known what I know now, not only would I have packed less, but I would not have been as nervous. My whole roommate fear turned out to be unfounded. Today I find the words "roommate" and "best friend" synonymous. I was paired up with Chrissy freshmen year, by chance, but we have been roommates together ever since by choice.

The four years that I have been fortunate enough to spend at Bryant will not soon be forgotten. After all, how I could forget such things as Spring Weekend, Thursday nights with the girls, and the dreaded Business Policy



requirement? Bryant is a unique place because the college is small enough so you can recognize faces, but large enough that you do not know everyone's name. There have been many people who have helped to make my time here nothing short of amazing. Whether you were just a familiar face that I passed in the Unistructure, or one of my six wonderful roommates, I thank you. My memories of Bryant will always be very special because of you. As my time here comes to a close I will say goodbye with a grateful heart. I have loved these days and I will remember them always.

Sara Hurlburt

Envisioning myself walking through that Archway that we all have dreams about passing through on graduation day invokes feelings of happiness, sadness, and apprehension. Although I am happy because I have met and exceeded personal expectations and achieved the goals I had set forth within the past four years, at the same time I am sad. Sad that the lifestyle of a



student that I have become accustomed to, for most of my life, is now over and even if I enter into an educational institution in the future, it will never be the same again.

I will always remember the late night get-togethers in the residence halls freshman year. The laundry days when it seemed everyone was doing laundry and there was not a washing machine open, but it did not matter because everyone hung out in the lobby there was always someone to hang out with. The various social gatherings, where in one night you would meet so many new people, you felt like the campus was limitless.

My favorite memories come from the time when I was an orientation leader for the incoming freshmen during June of 1999. This experience not only provided me with the implied leadership skills, but also is responsible for forming a strong bond with fellow orientation leaders. Even though we worked together day and night, when we had time off we spent it together, and I have to say that those off times are some of the best moments of the experience altogether. The friendships that were created shaped our remarkable accomplishments and

instilled the true meaning of teamwork.

Inside and outside of the classroom, Bryant has prepared me for the real world and provided many opportunities for involvement on campus. The knowledge I gained outside of the classroom is unique to the situation and I believe is of great importance to my future successes. I rarely found it difficult to join an organization filled with unknown faces and it was this friendliness that brought me to Bryant. These memories are among many other experiences that contributed to my personal life and education.

Leaving all of this behind is difficult, but I am invigorated by the independence of a career and an apartment of my own as well as the ability to support myself. In addition, I want to fulfill the lifelong dreams my parents and I share and enjoy the spirit of the moment when it comes true. There are some special people to me that have made this ride worthwhile. I would like to thank Barbara Gregory, Denise Gormley, Professor Kenneth Sousa, Professor Leo Mahoney, Professor Dave Ketcham, Professor Kenneth Fougere, and Professor Laurie MacDonald, my parents, and many others for believing in me and for their great inspiration. Last but certainly not

least, I want to thank my love, Justin, for having faith in me and keeping me focused during times of adversity; to a future

filled with love and happiness. I take with me the memories and experiences that have changed my life with the

knowledge that there is much more to come but just as much to remember.



year was the starting of the point-of-no-return, where I could no longer change my major and having to declare my minor. Well along came senior year and the end was in sight. Starting out the year with excitement, looking forward to getting a great job and being able to return home to continue in all of the activities that I have missed the past four years while being away at school.

Stephanie Sedivy

Coming to a school 1000 miles away from home was a challenge to me academically as well as socially. Everything out here on the East Coast is very different from the Midwest: the people, the lifestyle, and the atmosphere. I started out my time here playing softball and trying to organize a music program, but I found my niche working at the Bookstore and volunteering at The Archway as layout manager.

As the years have passed by, every year brought a new challenge. Freshman year was adjusting to the life out here on the East Coast, and adjusting to the fact that I have to share my room and bathroom with other people. Sophomore year was adjusting to the fact that I was no longer a freshman and having the responsibility of needing to work to pay for the vehicle of my dreams, without any parental support and dealing with the deaths of my grandparents during crucial times in the semester. Junior

Well, I have the job, and the ability to return home to continue the things that I have missed, plus I get to stay at home for a while to pay off those BIG college bills. The only other thing that I can be grateful for is for all of my friends that have supported me the past four years. Also thanks to all of my surrogate mothers at the Bookstore, your confidence in me has really helped me get through these four years. Last, but not least, thanks to my parents for always being there unconditionally to help me through.

Randy Rossi

My many roles at Bryant College would not have been achieved if I had not had the pleasure of dealing with the great leaders that make up this school. Fran Doehner, Molly



Devanney, Matt Montour and Robert Blain to the current leaders of Bryant like Andrew Goldberg, Steve Manocchio and Adam Fontaine. These are just a few of these leaders that I have worked with. It is not possible to be a member of the Bryant community without some sort of interaction with people like this.

The friends that you are able to make during your time at college are the people you will be close to for the rest of your life. They will be the Godparents to your children or the best man at your wedding. For the

underclassmen, I leave to you the suggestion to always be outgoing; get to know as many people as possible because you will never know who will be the person that you remain closest to for the rest of your life.

Looking into the great memories from the past four years there is one that stands out

above the rest. This came from early December of this year when I participated in the Bryant Held Hostage event, which help raise funds for the Special Olympics Games at Bryant. With a complete team effort of Steve Buccigross, Mike Siwicki, and myself we were able to put on a 36-hour radio-a-thon raising a grand total of \$2300. The feeling alone from being a

part of the event was enough to leave a large mark in my life, but also the actual time in the station during the event left a memory that I will never forget for the rest of my life from the many guest that were a part of the show to the slow times where Steve, Mike, and myself played an intense game of Monopoly.

To all of my fellow seniors it has been great knowing all of you throughout my four years at Bryant. I could not be a part of a better group of people. Good luck to everyone.





Senior Service

Student Senate Senior Service Awards are presented to six deserving students of the graduating class to recognize their outstanding service to the student body of Bryant College.

Recipients are selected by the Student Senate Service Awards Committee.

Nominees are evaluated on five different criteria such as their willingness to work with clubs and organizations, their stature among their peers, their accomplishments of goals that enhance Bryant student life throughout their Bryant years, and their eligibility as

a degree candidate.

This year's award winners are no exception from the norm. They went above and beyond the call of duty to put the needs of the students first. Congratulations to each Senior Service Award Recipient.

Lisa Waynelovich
Steve Manocchio
David Meskhi
John Drew
Erica Robison
John Bly

Class Flag

Bryant College extends its gratitude to the late Emeritus Honorary Trustee George J. Kelley '39, '69H for his generosity in providing ongoing support for the purchase and

display of a graduating Class Flag. The Class of 2001 Class Flag was designed by seniors Julie Bethke, Michelle Eichengreen, Kyle Kadish, Amanda Ocker & Racheal Shifman.

Class Gift

The goal of this year's Senior Gift Committee was to fundraise a substantial amount to support a gift that is more grandiose than a plaque or sign. To take on this endeavor the committee decided to utilize the five-year pledge plan initiated by the Class of 2000. This plan gave class members the ability to contribute more because of the extended contribution schedule that lasts over a period of five years. The ability to make large contributions not only fulfilled the committee's goals but also emphasized how important each member's contribution and involvement was to the success of the senior gift.

Although much of our fundraising relied on the pledges members of the class made, we also coordinated other fundraising

events. On November 17, 2000 we sponsored the Class of 2001's first Senior Wine & Cheese, a semi-formal event designed not only to fundraise but bring the class together as a whole. Our second Senior Wine & Cheese was on March 8, 2001; and we finished up the year with one last fundraiser on April 12, 2001 where we tried an alternative form of this event and substituted the wine and cheese with beer and wings. These events were well attended by members of the senior class and proved to be a noteworthy celebration.

As of May 1, 2001, our committee has fundraised over \$8000 for the Class of 2001 senior gift. Despite the uncertainty of what the gift will be, we are excited about the new world of opportunities made available to us due to the

substantial amount of student contributions. Our gift will be a part of the new construction on campus; the committee is focused on contributing a gift that is creative, aesthetically pleasing, and unique. We invite you all to come back in five years or maybe even sooner to share in the delight of our gift. Congratulations graduates!

Committee members:
Sara J. Hurlburt (Co-chair)
Nichole Irving (Co-chair)
Michelle Eichengreen
Josh Lopes
Scott Ford
Dave Misiasek
John Garcia
Rachel Shifman
Kyle Kadish
Brad Sweeney



By *Suzanne M. Trenary*

Raymond Lindquist, an inspirational author, helps us to understand the accomplishments we celebrate today when he states, "Courage is the power to let go of the familiar." To you, my fellow graduates, I offer this definition of courage as a reminder of how brave we all are for getting to this very moment, our graduation from Bryant College. Yes, it took a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication, but it also took courage. Leaving home four years ago, I'm sure I was not alone in feeling scared and wary of the future. Although excited, all of us were stepping out of the familiar into the unknown within our lives, and we were frightened.

Who could blame us? The life where we knew we were safe we were willfully leaving behind. Little did we know

how much our lives would change in these past four years and how much our leaving home would benefit us. How could we have known what was to come? How could we have predicted the unforgettable memories, experiences and friendships we were to attain when stepping out of that familiar place? How could we have measured the education we were to gain from Bryant? We couldn't have, and that is what makes us being here all the more impressive. Courage - courage is what got us here, and courage is what will get us to wherever we decide to go in the future.

We all have the power to decide. We had it then, four years ago when we chose to be uprooted from our familiar soil and to be planted in new soil to grow. That power, to let go of the familiar, got us to this

ceremony as Bryant graduates and it will get us even further in the years to come. Right now, we are in a familiar place. Friends, family, staff, and faculty members surround us. But after today, this familiar place will be a memory. We are going to step off of this campus into another unfamiliar place. However, that is not going to stop us because we have the power of courage.

Fellow graduates, as you travel on your separate roads into the future, remember how courageous you all are, we all are. Our graduating proves that we have the power to get through the unfamiliar, which is exactly what lies ahead of us in our lives. Once again, I doubt I am alone in saying that I feel a bit fearful of what is to come. But we need not let that fear get in our way. True, the future is made up of unfamiliar terrain, but it is also where we will explore, achieve, and grow through using what we've gained here at Bryant. We've made it this far, and there is no turning back. More importantly however, we've proved once more that we can defeat our fearfulness and there is no limit as to how far our courage can take us.

With pride in what we all have achieved and will achieve, I wish you, the Bryant College Class of 2001, the best of luck in your journeys. May you never forget that power of courage within you.

Commencement Awards

Steven Manocchio

George M. Parks Award

This award is presented to the bachelor's degree candidate who has done the most to enhance the reputation of the College through the intelligent use of recognized leadership qualities.

Jill Labbadia

Roger W. Babson Award

This award is presented to the bachelor's degree candidate who has become distinguished within the College community because of character, orderly mind, sound judgement, and systematic business habits.

George Platt

*Kappa Tau
Brotherhood Award*

This award is presented to the graduate who has exhibited outstanding brotherhood and leadership on promoting policies beneficial to Bryant College and the entire student body. This award is given by the Kappa Tau Fraternity.

Brian Fleming

Political Science Award

This award is presented to a graduate who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the area of Political Science.

Lisa Waynelovich

Good Citizenship Award

This award is presented to the graduate who has demonstrated the qualities of sincerity and vigorous industry in the interest of good citizenship and who has, by example, furthered better government on and off campus.

Courtenay A. Kaiser

Pell Medal for US History

This award is presented to a graduate who has displayed excellence in the study of United States history. Rhode Island's Senator, the Honorable Claiborne de Borde Pell, presents this medal to honor the memory of his father, the late Herbert C. Pell, statesmen and diplomat, who served the United States as Ambassador to Hungary and Minster to Portugal.

Gregory Wolyniec

*Male Senior Scholar
Athlete Award*

This award is presented to the senior male athlete with the highest GPA.

Darci Brown

*Female Senior Scholar
Athlete Award*

This award is presented to the senior female athlete with the highest GPA.

Gregory Wolyniec

*Rhode Island
Society for Certified Public
Accountants Award*

This Award is presented to a graduate who, in the opinion of the faculty of the Department of Accounting, has demonstrated excellence in accounting studies and intends to pursue a career in public accounting.

Mark Gauthier

*Leander Francis
Emin Endowed
Homestead Award*

This award is presented to a graduate who has demonstrated scholastic excellence in Accounting. This award was inaugurated by the family of Leader Francis Emin. Bryant Alumnus of the class of 1907, to honor his memory; his birthplace and home the 1708 house; and the entire Emin homestead farm and airport which has now become the campus of his alma mater.

Lisa Waynelovich

Timothy Schwarz
*Anna M & Jere St. Angelo
'61 Accounting Awards*

These awards are presented to graduating seniors in Accounting who are in the top ten percent of their class, are residents of an urban area, and have proven need.

David Delworth
*Reserve Officer
Training Corp
Achievement Award*

This award is presented to a bachelor's degree candidate who has excelled in his/her military science studies and other courses and who has shown superior leadership potential in the military science program and in extracurricular activities.

**Olga Dedjukhina
Shannon Naujock**
*John Hancock
Insurance Company
Awards*

The John Hancock Insurance Award is presented to two students who have demonstrated superior achievement in the study of Applied Actuarial Mathematics.

Shannon Naujock
George J. Kelly Award

This award is presented to the graduating senior scheduled to complete all degree requirements in May, who at the end of the fall semester had attempted and completed 102 credits at Bryant College, and is recognized and honored for having the highest cumulative grade point average as of the end of the fall semester.

Sara Hurlburt
CIS Department Award

This award is presented annually to a graduate with a concentration in Computer Information Systems who has excelled academically, has enriched his/her CIS education through meaningful work experience, and has demonstrated an unselfish attitude toward others through his/her active involvement in organizations, clubs, or events.

Lynn Duval
*Jack Rubens Leadership
in Finance Award*

This award is presented to a graduate who has demonstrated outstanding performance in academics, service to the finance department, and enthusiasm and leadership in extracurricular activities related to finance.

Andrea M. Piccarelli
Communication Award

This award is presented to a graduate who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the area of Communication.

Sandra Hulton
Psychology Award

This award is presented to a graduate who has demonstrated an outstanding achievement in the area of Psychology.

Rhode Milrod
Sociology Award

This award is presented to a graduate who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the area of Sociology.

Tristen Kendall
International Studies

This award is presented to a graduate who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the area of International Studies.

Steven J. Abouzeid
Literary Studies Award

This award is presented to a graduate who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the area of Literary Studies.

Darci Brown
Legal Studies Award

This award is presented to a graduate who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the area of Legal Studies.

Colleen Fitzgerald
*The Wall Street Journal
Award*

This award is presented annually to a graduate who has shown distinction in fields of economics, finance and investments.

Honorary Degrees



Juan Williams Doctor of Humane Letters

One of America's leading political writers and thinkers, Juan Williams is host of National Public Radio's daily news show, *Talk of the Nation* and political analyst for the Fox News Channel. He is the author of two critically-acclaimed works of nonfiction: *Thurgood Marshall – American Revolutionary* and *Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965*. During his 23 years at *The Washington Post*, Williams served as editorial writer, op-ed columnist, and White House correspondent. He holds an Emmy for TV documentary writing and his articles have appeared in *Newsweek*, *Fortune*, *Ebony*, and *Gentlemen's Quarterly*. Williams has been a guest on numerous television programs including CNN's *Crossfire*, *Oprah*, *Nightline*, and *Washington Week in Review*.

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Walter Stepan Doctor of Humane Letters

Walter Stepan is co-chairman of Bacou USA, Inc., and chairman of the operating company Bacou USA Safety, Inc. Mr. Stepan's career spanned 22 years with Uvex Germany before he was named president and CEO of Uvex USA in 1988. When Bacou acquired Uvex in 1993, he stayed on as president and CEO of the American subsidiaries. The company designs, manufactures, and sells personal protection equipment for the workplace, and has grown to be a leader in the American safety industry under the direction of Mr. Stepan. A member of Bryant's board of trustees from 1998-2000, he is currently a trustee emeritus.



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Judy George Doctor of Humane Letters



Judy George, founder and CEO of Domain Home Fashions, a Boston-based specialty retail furniture chain, has established her place at the forefront of the home furnishings industry. She is co-author of two books, *The Domain Book of Intuitive Home Design* and *The Intuitive Businesswoman* and a founding member of WITHIT, Inc., an organization that supports the entrepreneurial spirit of women in business. Ms. George was chosen by President Clinton to represent U.S. women CEOs in the Women in Trade Business Development Mission in Amsterdam and London. An award-winning entrepreneur, she is in demand as a motivational speaker for student and professional organizations and is a past presenter at Bryant's Women's Summit.

From the Dean of Students

Dear Graduates:



Congratulations!

You have reached a point of great accomplishment. The completion of your baccalaureate degree gives evidence that you have demonstrated the skills and qualities necessary for the awarding of your degree. It is something to be proud of.

This time of commencement is also a beginning. All of us who worked with you celebrate your success and challenge you to meet greater challenges and accomplishments as you try to keep up with our ever-changing world. Success in business and professional life is important, but it takes good people willing to be involved in constructive ways to make our communities and society what we want them to be.

While this is a day for you to enjoy your accomplishments, I'm sure there are many people who in a variety of ways assisted you. The theologian Reinhold Niebuhr was so right in saying, "Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone." So today, no matter how pleased you are with yourself, say thanks to those who helped make this possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. T. Eakin". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. J. Thomas Eakin
Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

From the Editors

Dear Graduates:

The Commencement Issue of *The Archway* is a culmination of your time at Bryant College. These are your memories and accomplishments. We congratulate all of you. It is with great pride that we present this special issue of *The Archway* to you. It is our hope that you will cherish this edition of *The Archway* and that it will offer your memories of this important day and your time here at Bryant College.

Our best wishes to you in the future. May you go into the world with the same enthusiasm that you have displayed during your time at Bryant College.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea M. Piccarelli". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Andrea M. Piccarelli
Editor-in-Chief Emeritus

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam L. Fontaine". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Adam L. Fontaine
Editor-in-Chief

