



# One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Commencement Ceremony

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1999

# Program

## *Academic Procession*

The audience is requested to remain standing through the Invocation.

## *Welcome*

A most cordial welcome is extended to relatives, friends, faculty members, alumni, administrators, and staff members who gather here to celebrate the 136th Commencement of Bryant College.

## *Flag Bearers*

Bryant College Army ROTC Color Guard

## *Class Flag*

Bryant College extends its gratitude to the late Emeritus Honorary Trustee George J. Kelley '39, '69H for his generosity in providing on-going support for the purchase and display of a graduating class flag. The 1999 Class Flag was designed by Melissa R. Frank '99, Steven L. Lazarus '99, Meagan S. Mirkovich '99, Lynn M. Rapoza '99, A.J. Smith '99, and Brad Weissman '99. The flag is carried today by Steven L. Lazarus '99, Meagan S. Mirkovich '99 and A.J. Smith '99. The flag symbolizes how the senior class has left their mark at Bryant and will continue to create their own paths for the future.

## *Marshalls*

Chief Marshall	Professor Phyllis Schumacher
Graduate Marshall	Professor John Quinn
Graduate Marshall	Professor Lynda St. Clair
Faculty Marshall	Professor Terri Hasseler
Faculty Marshall	Professor Julia Gladstone
Platform Marshall	Professor Wallace Wood
Platform Marshall	Professor Joseph Urgo

## *College Mace Bearer*

Kathy Simons

### ***The National Anthem***

Soloist: Cecilia Rodi

### ***Invocation***

The Reverend Philip Devens  
Bryant College Protestant Chaplain

### ***Presiding***

Ronald K. Machtley  
President of Bryant College

### ***Convening the 136th Commencement***

John D. Callahan  
Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bryant College

### ***Conferring of Honorary Degrees***

President Machtley

### ***Citations***

Patrick J. Keeley  
Professor of English

### ***Honorary Degree Recipients***

James M. Benson  
Orit Gadiesh  
John E. (Jack) Wolfe

### ***Trustee Presenters***

Michael E. Fisher, '67  
Beverly E. Ledbetter  
Joseph T. Duffy '69

### ***Hoarding of Honorary Degree Recipients***

Dr. V. K. Unni  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

### ***Commencement Address***

James M. Benson

### ***Presentation of Commencement and Senior Service Awards***

Dr. Unni  
Dr. J. Thomas Eakin  
Vice President for Student Affairs

### ***Reserve Officer Training Corps Commissioning Service***

President Machtley  
Lt. Colonel (Retired) Dana Mather

### ***Alumni Greetings and Student Charge***

Introduction: Ernest A. Almonte '78, '85MST  
Bryant College Trustee and  
President of the Bryant College Alumni Association  
Speaker: Megan Gorman '99

### ***Presentation of Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees***

Dr. Unni

### ***Conferral of Degrees***

President Machtley

Candidates are introduced by members of the faculty of their respective departments.

## ***The Bryant College Alma Mater***

(audience invited to join in)

### **Throughout Our Lives: An Anthem for Bryant College**

*Bryant College, Black and Gold;  
Your arms embrace us, young and old.  
Though we be near; Though we be far;  
We will remember throughout our lives.*

*Knowledge, learning, work and play;  
Our minds will grow from day to day.  
All that we learn, All that we know,  
Always will be with us through our lives.*

*What's to come is still unsure;  
But memories will long endure.  
Strong in our hearts, Strong in our minds,  
Strong and undying throughout our lives.*

*Dear companions, classmates, friend;  
Who knows where you and I will end?  
Dear for a term, Dear for a year,  
Dearest of all lasting through our lives.*

*Alma Mater, hear our song;  
From sons and daughters thousands strong.  
Day after day, Year after year,  
You will be with us throughout our lives.*

Composer: Richard Cumming, Adjunct Professor of Music

## ***Benediction***

The Reverend Joseph Pescatello  
Bryant College Catholic Chaplain

## ***Adjournment of the 136th Commencement Ceremony***

John D. Callahan

## ***Recessional***

Please remain in place until the platform members and faculty leave the Commencement area.

Please join your fellow graduates, families, faculty, and staff for refreshments in the Reception Tent immediately following the ceremony.

## **Commencement Awards**

### ***The Anna M. & Jere St. Angelo '61 Accounting Awards***

**Roger S. Wells**

**Megan A. Gorman**

These awards are presented to graduating seniors in Accounting who are in the top 10 percent of their class and are residents of an urban area.

### ***The Bryant College Good Citizenship Award***

**Eileen B. Flaherty**

This award is presented to a 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 both on and off the campus.

### ***The CIS Department Award***

**Cassandra L. Grenier**

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.

### ***The English/Humanities Department Awards***

**Brian Willinsky** (communication)

**Dita Markova** (language)

**Megan Gorman** (literary studies)

This award is presented annually to a graduate for outstanding achievement in the study of Communication, Language, or Literary Studies.

# Commencement Awards

## *The George J. Kelley Award*

### *Stephen G. Dirksen*

This award is presented to a graduating senior scheduled to complete all degree requirements in May, who at the end of the fall semester had attempted and completed at least 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.

## *The George M. Parks Award*

### *Steven Lance Lazarus*

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

## *The History/Social Science Department Awards*

*Jamie-Lynn Calantropio* (sociology)

*Ahmet Sirri Yircali* (political science)

*Brian Belliveau* (psychology)

*Benjamin J. LeFrancois* (legal studies)

These awards are presented annually to graduates for outstanding achievement in the study of Legal Studies, Sociology, Psychology, or Political Science.

## *The Jack Rubens Leadership in Finance Award*

### *Louis Eric Silk*

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.

## *Commencement Awards*

### *The Jeremiah Clark Barber Award*

#### *Gerasimos Matiatos*

This award is presented to a bachelor's degree candidate who has shown a consistent record of improvement in mastering the subject matter of a specific academic program.

### *The John Hancock Insurance Company Award*

#### *Meagan Mirkovich      Timothy Magnotta*

This award is presented to two bachelor's degree students who have demonstrated superior achievement in the study of Applied Actuarial Mathematics.

### *The Kappa Tau Brotherhood Award*

#### *Matthew L. Condos*

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

### *The Leander Francis Emin Endowed Homestead Award*

#### *Stephen G. Dirksen*

This award is presented to a graduate who has achieved scholastic excellence in accounting. This award was inaugurated by the family of Leander Francis Emin, Bryant alumnus of the class of 1907, to honor his memory and 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.



# *Commencement Awards*

## *The Pell Medal for United States History*

### *Melissa Miriam Lane*

This medal is presented to a graduate who has displayed excellence in the study of United States history. The Honorable Claiborne de Borda Pell, created this medal to honor the memory of his father, the late Herbert C. Pell, statesman and diplomat, who served the United States as Ambassador to Hungary and Minister to Portugal.

## *The Reserve Officer Training Corps Achievement Award*

### *Danielle M. Porter*

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

## *The Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants Award*

### *Benjamin J. LeFrancois*

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

## *The Roger W. Babson Award*

### *Rebecca L. Robertson*

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

## *Commencement Awards*

### *The Alumni Association Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award*

*Matthew A. Roloff                  Andrea L. Raffone*

This award is presented respectively to the graduating male and female senior athletes with the highest grade point averages.

### *The Senior Service Award*

*Matthew Montour                  Brian Willinsky                  Stefanie Savage*  
*Meagan Mirkovich                  Steven Lazarus                  Kevin Buonagurio*

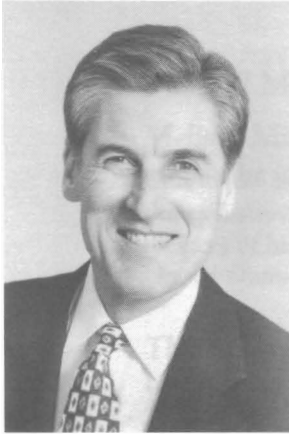
This award is presented to six deserving students of the graduating class to recognize their outstanding service to the student body of Bryant College. The recipients are selected by the Student Senate Service Awards Committee.

### *The Wall Street Journal Award*

*Sara D. Parker*

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

## *Honorary Degree Recipients*



**James M. Benson**

***Doctor of Business Administration***

Chairman, president and CEO of New England Financial, a Boston-based insurance and financial services firm affiliated with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Benson went to New England Financial from his position as COO of Equitable Companies, Inc. and president and CEO of its flagship life insurance operation, Equitable Life Assurance Society. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a BA in economics and earned his MBA at the University of Southern California. He holds the Chartered Life Underwriter designation. Benson is active in many industry and community organizations and is founder and chair of World T.E.A.M. Sports, providing opportunities through sports activities for people with physical and mental disabilities.



**Orit Gadiesh**

***Doctor of Business Administration***

Chairman and CEO of Bain & Company, Boston, one of the largest global strategic management companies. Gadiesh is a widely acknowledged expert on management and corporate strategy, advising top-level managers throughout the world on critical issues. Prior to joining Bain in 1977, Gadiesh served in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Israeli Army. She holds a BA, summa cum laude, from Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and an MBA with highest honors, the Baker's Scholar, and Brown Award from the Harvard Business School. She is renowned for inspiring leadership and high energy levels and credited for turning Bain & Company around following her election as its chairman in 1993.

## *Honorary Degree Recipients*

**John E. (Jack) Wolfe**

***Doctor of Business Administration***

President, CEO and director of Metrisa, Inc., a Massachusetts-based designer, manufacturer, and marketer of technical instruments for the process, environmental, and materials characterization market. Previously, Mr. Wolfe led Tytronics, Inc., the founding company of Metrisa, Inc., and has held senior positions in other engineering organizations. He holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and an MS in management from Massachusetts Institute of Technology as an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow. He has been a Bryant College trustee since 1987. His three-year term as chairman, from 1995-1998, is marked with stellar success, including the initiation of The New Century Plan for Excellence, a strategy to guide Bryant's leadership into the next millennium.



Yesterday at the Graduate School Commencement Ceremony, Dr. Wayne A. Budd received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree and Dr. George F. Congdon II '64 received an Honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree posthumously.

# Graduation Honors and Honor Societies

## *Academic Honors*

**Cum Laude** (with honors)

**Magna Cum Laude** (with high honors)

**Summa Cum Laude** (with highest honors)

Special recognition is accorded those who show distinction in academic achievement. Honors may be awarded on the basis of cumulative averages, as follows: *Cum Laude* (3.30), *Magna Cum Laude* (3.55), *Summa Cum Laude* (3.80). Students must have completed sixty (60) semester hours of work at Bryant College to be eligible for honors.

## *Honor Societies*

β **Beta Gamma Sigma** - Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest national recognition a student can receive in an undergraduate program in business or management accredited by AACSB-The International Association for Management Education. To be eligible for membership a student must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and rank in the upper seven percent of the junior class or upper ten percent of the senior class.

∅ **Omicron Delta Epsilon** - Founded in 1915, Omicron Delta Epsilon is one of the world's largest international academic honor societies and there has been a chapter at Bryant College since 1969. It is dedicated to the encouragement of excellence in economics. To be eligible for membership a student must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of economics courses, have earned at least a "B" average in the economics courses and have an overall scholastic average of "B" or better.

Λ **Lambda Pi Eta** - Lambda Pi Eta is an accredited member of the Association of College Honor Societies. It is the official communication studies honor society of the National Communication Association. To be eligible for membership, students must have completed at least 12 hours of communication courses, have a GPA of at least 3.25, and be in the upper thirty-five percent of the graduating class.

hp **Honors Program** - The Honors Program is an enriched educational experience for academically talented students. To be recognized as an Honors Program graduate a student must have successfully completed six challenging courses enhanced with a specially designed honors component.

# Degree Information

The 1999 Bryant College Commencement honors certified graduates and degree candidates who have been scheduled to complete course work by July 31, 1999. Honors are tentatively calculated as of the fall semester, 1998.

## Code Key

- β Beta Gamma Sigma graduates wear blue and gold cords with their academic robes.
- hp Honors Program graduates wear gold sashes with their academic robes.
- ∅ Omicron Delta Epsilon graduates wear green and white cords with their academic robes.
- Λ Lamda Pi Eta graduates wear red and white cords with their academic robes.

Students at Bryant College who have distinguished themselves through academic performance wear gold honor cords with their academic robes.

## Double majors listed in ALL CAPS

ACG	Accounting
AAM	Applied Actuarial Mathematics
COM	Communication
CIS	Computer Information Systems
ECO	Economics
ENG	English
FS	Financial Services
FIN	Finance
HIS	History
INS	International Studies
MGT	Management
MKT	Marketing

## Program Minors listed in(lower case)

(biotc)	biotechnology
(com)	communication
(cis)	computer information systems
(eco)	economics
(eng)	english
(ensci)	environmental science
(his)	history
(lgls)	legal studies
(pols)	political science
(psy)	psychology
(soc)	sociology

\* Commissioned Second Lt., US Army, ROTC Program

# Degree Candidates - 136th Commencement Ceremony

## **Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies**

### **Communication**

Kim Marie Birong, (psy)  
Christopher Patrick Grogan, (his)

### **Economics**

William Todd Clark, Ø,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Jason Phillip Martone  
Sara D. Parker, hp, Ø,  
*Summa Cum Laude*

### **English**

Kenneth George Wakefield, (his)

### **International Studies**

Julie Alice Donovan  
Stephanie Leigh Paolino

## **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration**

### **Accounting**

Stephen Vincent Alimonti Jr.  
Matthew Robert Allred, B,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Michael Edward Andre Jr., B,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Michael J. Anoli  
Valerie Marie Arold  
John Francis Baker IV, *Cum Laude*  
Jason Warren Baldwin, (lgls), B,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Jeffrey Beaudry  
Jessica Joyce Benevides  
James Richard Bergeron  
Michelle Lee Blauvelt, (soc)  
Karen Jean Bonin, (soc)  
Mary Louise Bucki, (eng)  
Stacy Marie Burinskas, (psy)  
Pamela Estelle Burkett  
Michael Anthony Calise, (lgls),  
*Cum Laude*  
Brian Matthew Canina, (cis)  
Leah M. Capuano  
Lucille Carmody  
Amy Chang, (eng)  
Andrew Joseph Cichon  
*Cum Laude*

Jason Robert Cinq-Mars  
Christine Marie Collard, (his)  
Mark Cordeiro  
David Paul Corsi  
Sandra N. Costa, *Cum Laude*  
Sarah Ellyn Couture, (cis); hp,  
*Cum Laude*  
Melissa Anne Criscuolo  
Diana Cunkovski, (cis)  
Kerrilyn Dailey  
Jayme Mechell DelMastro  
Christopher Michael DiBona  
Jaime Lee DiNobile, B,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Stephen Grant Dirksen, CIS, B,  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
David Andrew Dolph, FIN,  
*Cum Laude*  
Heather Marie Dunford, (psy)  
Sarah Jean Dyl, B,  
*Cum Laude*  
Toni Patricia Eannotti, (cis)  
Justine Lynn Eddy, (cis), hp, B,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Terry L. Elliott, B, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jacqueline Ann Ely, (cis), *Cum Laude*  
James Harry Everett Jr.  
Elizabeth Faria  
Mark Anthony Faron, (his)  
Kristi Marie Flanagan

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Bradley Fries, FIN, *Cum Laude*  
Jonathan Michael Gaudio, hp, B,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Peter M. Gervais, B,  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Ann Elizabeth Gittleman, CIS, hp, B,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Kenneth Steven Godin  
Tara Elizabeth Gofton  
Gwynne Marie Goodwin  
Megan Anne Gorman, ENG, B,  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Michelle Laura Gosselin, (cis)  
Erin Jessica Gotowka, B,  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Rita Marie Graci  
Kimberly Erin Gregson, *Cum Laude*  
Gerald William Grindlay  
Alyssa Kathryn Hagan, (eng)  
David Scott Heffner  
Nancy Jean Holden  
David Isaza, *Cum Laude*  
Christian Iskandar, (soc)  
Kevin Thomas Jarry, (psy)  
Jennifer Lynn Kaczor, (soc), *Cum Laude*  
Sarah Jeanne Kaczynski  
Navy Law, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jessica Lynn Lawrence, B,  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Liza Jeannette Lecuyer,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Benjamin Jameson LeFrancois, (lgls),  
hp, B, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kara Ann Lewis, (soc), *Cum Laude*  
Robert Peter Lind, (eco), B,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Leslie Suzanne Lord  
Jeanne Marie Lovett, (psy), B,  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Alphonse Michael Lucibello  
Brian John Mackie, B,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Alicia Anne Manders, *Cum Laude*  
Anthony Joseph Mangiarelli  
Sean Peter Martin  
Pia M. Mata-DiSano, CIS  
Anthony L. Mazzeo  
Michael Paul McDonnell  
James Lawrence McGlynn  
Theresa Marie Meyer, (psy)  
Stacey Lynn Michalman, (psy), B,  
*Cum Laude*  
Marcie Ann Monaco  
Javier Montenegro, (psy, cis)  
Nancy Ann Moreira  
Kelly C. Murphy, (psy)  
Julie M. Newport-Reilly  
Jerri-Lee Mary O'Donnell, (cis)  
Deborah Ann Owen

Dario Paduano, (eco), B,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Robert Thomas Page, B,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Marc David Parauka, B,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Elizabeth Matos Pereira, (his)  
Nancy Sinclair Plourde  
Nathan Matthew Przysiecki, (eng)  
Andrea Lynn Raffone, B,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Maryanne Riccio, CIS  
Rebecca Lynn Robertson  
Jeffrey Carson Rocha  
Melissa C. Shover  
Richard Bradley Slisz  
Michael David Smith, (his)  
Sarah O'Reilly Smith  
Sarah Elyse Smith, B,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Nicole Suzanne Snyder  
Khuan Sok, (psy), *Cum Laude*  
Alan M. Sousa  
Renee Michelle St. John  
Lisa Marie Stapleton  
John Paul Stevens, (soc)  
Yuen Sun Tang  
Jennifer Lynn Tavares  
Pamela Jean Thompson, (cis)  
Jamie Lynn Titus, (psy)



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Gina Marie Tocco, (psy), *Cum Laude*  
Brian D. Tortolano  
Chris J. Tringali, (cis, eng), *Cum Laude*  
Jenny Altagracia Urena, (cis)  
Barbara Ann Walsh, (psy)  
Eric Todd Watt, *Cum Laude*  
Brad Russell Weissman, (cis)  
Jennifer Lynne Welch, *Cum Laude*  
Roger Scott Wells, (psy),  $\beta$ ,  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Constance Elizabeth Weyman  
Timothy David Wight  
Tara Beth Willey, (com)  
Melissa Ann Yeargle  
Ronald Paul Yuhus Jr.

## **Applied Actuarial Math**

David James Burrows  
Matthew Ludwig Condos,  $\beta$ ,  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Daniel Albert Constantine,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Matthew Ryan Desfosses  
Michael Todd Eaton  
Brian Diesing Hurleigh  
Karyn Michelle Labelle, (soc)  
Christopher Richard Lebrun  
Timothy William Magnotta,  $\beta$ ,  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Meagan Sue Mirkovich, (soc),  $\beta$ ,  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Danielle Marie Porter  
Shin Sagara, *Cum Laude*  
Russell Aubin Wallis,  $\beta$ , *Cum Laude*

## **Computer Information Systems**

Christopher Jason Alarie  
Paul Daniel Asadoorian, (ensci)  
Thomas Robert Babiarz  
Michelle Jennifer Baffoni, (psy)  
Matthew Michael Batalon, (fin)  
Carrie Lynn Beaumont  
Yelena S. Begunts, (eng)  
Kevin Michael Beyerly, (his)  
Chris Alan Boehm  
Carolyn A. Cahill,  $\beta$ , *Cum Laude*  
Dayana Monica Carnevalini  
Amy Wing Yun Chin,  $\beta$ ,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Sarah Anne Clancy, (com)  
Randy James Colonero  
Heather Maytee Cortes, INS  
Marcia Fatima Costa, MKT  
Eric Demetrius Dalnas, (psy),  $\beta$ ,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Sergei Daniel, FIN,  $\beta$ ,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Kelly Elizabeth Desens

Michael C. Drewnowski  
Thomas Edward Dudack  
Jeffrey Patrick Dugan, (psy)  
Scott Vincent Ernst, *Cum Laude*  
Jessica Antonia Escobosa, (eng)  
Leah Nancy Fernandes, *Cum Laude*  
Christian T. Genest  
Brian Scott George  
Justin R. Gladu, (com),  $\beta$ , *Cum Laude*  
Myron David Gorham, (psy)  
Richard Edward Guidice  
Stephen Joseph Guidice  
Kathy Jo Harrison  
Brendan Peter Hayes, (eng)  
Vladimir Pascal Herisse  
Amy Kathleen Hermann  
Clark Thurston Hill, (his),  $\beta$ ,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Frank Robert Hill  
Thanh-Danh Nguyen Ho  
Keith Michael Jenci, (eco),  $\beta$ ,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Scott James Kellock  
Michael S. Khalfayan  
Michael Komenos III, MKT  
Cory James Labrie, *Cum Laude*  
Brian L. Lancia  
Jason John Lavoie  
Thomas Leone, FIN  
Deborah Lee Lopes

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Stephen S. Lynch  
Jonathan Taylor Matunas, (his),  
*Cum Laude*  
John Joseph Maziarz, (psy)  
Kevin Glenn McGrath  
Stephen Kenneth McLean, ENG  
Steven Michael Meunier  
Keith Eric Miller  
Brian Matthew Mitchell  
Sharona Patrice Moorer, (soc)  
Michele Renee Mottola, (psy)  
Mark B. Nardella, ACG  
Yasutaka Ogita  
Scott Charles Oliphant  
Kevin John Palmer, (soc)  
Todd Michael Powers, (fin)  
Aaron Michael Prunier  
Christopher Alan Race  
Stephen Allen Renaud  
Stuart Louis Rice Jr.  
Jennifer Margaret Robert  
Fernando Luis Rodriguez  
Matthew Anthony Roloff, (eco), B,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Timothy J. Rowe  
Jimena Gricelda Sandoval  
Christopher Michael Saunders, (lgls)  
Scott Michael Shepard, (his),  
*Cum Laude*  
Heather Ana-Sa Simas, (soc)

Sean Martin Smith  
Joseph Christopher Soffey  
John Bradley Stump, *Cum Laude*  
Suzanne Marie Sullivan, (his)  
Mark Florian Svehlik, (psy)  
Matthew George Taibi, (his, pols)  
Anna Albertovna Tavakalova  
Michael Joseph Thomas III, *Cum Laude*  
Quan Minh Tran  
Anne Marie Tremblay, B, *Cum Laude*  
Timothy Thomas Wesockes  
Albert F. Wiesner IV, (com)  
Michael John Wilk, (soc)

## Finance

Elizabeth Ann Adderley, (cis),  
*Cum Laude*  
Adzamimah Adzmi  
Rakan Tareq Al-Salem, MGT, (cis)  
Aquilino Antonio Arias  
Tariq Irfan Arif, (cis)  
Luis Israel Ariza Garcia III, (pols)  
Scot Edward Battersby  
Mark A. Bellias, CIS  
Aubry Lyn Bettencourt, ENG  
Christine Virginia Bird, (psy)  
Betheny Alexis Blowers, INS,  
*Cum Laude*  
Christopher J. Braccia, (com)

Paul Walter Bracken, (cis)  
Joseph Michael Buckley  
James M. Burton  
Jason Cady, CIS, (eng), *Cum Laude*  
Jamie-Lynn Calantropio, (soc,com)  
B, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Bret Charles Caldwell, INS, *Cum Laude*  
Bahadir Candan, (pols)  
Kristen A. Catanzano, (com)  
Theresa Catolico, INS, *Cum Laude*  
Grace Chi-Wai Chan, CIS  
Amit Ginsh Chokshi, (eng)  
Robert Fox Clark IV, (cis)  
William Todd Clark, ECO, (soc), B,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Bryan David Comtois, (soc),  
*Cum Laude*  
Joshua Michael Connors  
Thomas Manuel Costa  
Karri L. Croteau, (psy)  
Joseph A. Crowell, hp, B, *Cum Laude*  
Natalia Daniel, ACG, B, *Cum Laude*  
Suraj Tejkumar Daryanani, B,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Jonathan Paul Delfino,  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Dean Peter Demitropoulos  
Joseph Michael Donohue, (psy)  
Ezechiel Dort  
Jason Charles Eastman

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William Marc Elward, (cis), B,

*Summa Cum Laude*

Heather Lee Enquist, B,

*Magna Cum Laude*

Andrea Feizidis, INS

Maria Fernandes, (his)

Bernard Clifford Fisher III

William Henry Fogarty

Aatman V. Ghatlia, (pols)

Michael Paul Gilligan, (psy)

Christa Lee Gillis, (cis)

Anjali Goel, ECO, *Summa Cum Laude*

Patrick Joseph Gray

Cassandra Lee-Anne Grenier, CIS, hp,  
B, *Summa Cum Laude*

Thomas Louis Grilli

Theo B. Hall

Shannon Lee Hartl, (psy), B,

*Magna Cum Laude*

Paul C. Hunter

Rahul Ashok Jain, CIS, *Cum Laude*

Yali Jiang, B, *Magna Cum Laude*

Manuel Adriano Jimenez, ECO, hp, B,  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Marie Ann Kane

Sarah Christina Kiamos, *Cum Laude*

Hyeon-Soo Kim

Seung Wook Kim

Scott Francis Klein

David Michael Koestner, (eco)

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Prem Gordhan Savalani  
Louis Eric Silk, (eco), hp, B,  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Christopher Michael Simmons, ACG,  
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Amit Sippy, CIS  
Michael Joseph Socci, (psy)  
Elena Nicole Son, (cis)  
Robyn Joanna Stagg, CIS  
Arnd Stroeh, (pols), B,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Arthur Thomas Tattrie, (cis)  
Joshua David Tattrie  
Haresh Lalchand Tilani, (his)  
Kristy Lynn Trzcinski, B, *Cum Laude*  
Thomas H. Tzitzouris, (eco),  
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Gregoire Andre Vaucher  
Vincent Anthony Verducci  
Kenneth John Verzella, (cis), hp  
Keith T. Violette  
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Robert Michael Blain, CIS, (eng)  
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B, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Mark Ryan Boccuzzi, (psy)  
Kevin Stanley Buonagurio, (pols, cis)  
Scott Edward Byrne  
Heather Castagnoli, (cis)  
Mark John Chase, (pols)  
Yi Shuang Chen, (com)  
Lynn Kathleen Clarke  
Erica Marie Crossen, (cis)

Adaliz De Sedas, FIN, (soc)  
Pedro Adolfo Detresno Reyes, (cis)  
Kenneth Norman Dionne, *Cum Laude*  
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*Magna Cum Laude*  
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Chad David Heipler, (cis)  
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*Cum Laude*  
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Steven J. Johnson  
Tammy Lee Kelly, (psy)  
Aristos Koropoulos, (pols)  
Konstantinos Koukoulis, (pols)  
Todd Jay Kroll  
Kenneth Richard Lacey, *Cum Laude*  
Randolph David LaVault  
Michael Jason Lemire  
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*Summa Cum Laude*

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Penny J. Pietraszka, (psy), *Cum Laude*

Brian Mansfield Price, (psy), B,

*Cum Laude*

Robert Vincent Ross

Matthew Adam Rouette, CIS

Derek William Rurka, (psy)

Jami Lyn Sacchetti, (cis)

Sarah Elizabeth Shaw

Anthony James Smith, (cis), B,

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*Magna Cum Laude*

Geoffrey Todd Towle, B,

*Magna Cum Laude*

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Nadine Marie Vigil, (ensci)

James Alan Warner, (cis)

Donny Wibisono, (soc)

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Scott Jay Farber, (pols, his), *Cum Laude*

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Marc Anthony Ferreira

Tara Ann Finelli

Eileen Bridget Flaherty

Ryan Daniel Foley

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Deborah Elina Gabriel, (psy)

Suzanne Michelle Galarneau, (psy)

Khouree Anne Gale, (com)

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Jennefer Lin Jennings, INS, *Cum Laude*

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Ankush Nijhawan, (psy)

Jennifer Lynn Noble, (psy, eng)

Timothy James O'Brien

Jennifer Morgan O'Hara

David Daniel Pardine, (psy)

John Paul Pathe, (psy)

Georgi Anna Peters

Christine Marie Petone, COM, A

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Jonathan William Powderly

Andrea Leigh Restaino, (psy),

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Kate Ellen Rohnstrom, (psy)

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*Cum Laude*

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Stefanie Suzanne Savage, (com, psy)

Thomas Michael Seccafico

Jesse Glenford Shibley, (com)

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## *The Harriet C. Jacobs Memorial Mace*

The College Mace is carried at Commencement exercises and at other College celebrations. Crowned in gold, the mace has the two dominant emblems of the institution: the seal of the State of Rhode Island and the seal of Bryant College.

## *The President's Chair*

The President's Chair, a gift to the College from Priscilla Angelo and her husband, John Eng-Wong, is used on ceremonial occasions. It is a walnut Victorian style gent's chair copied from an original French design from the period of the College's founding in 1863. The carved crest top includes the Bryant College bronze seal.

## *Bryant Medallion*

The Bryant Medallion is worn by the president during academic ceremonies such as Commencement, Convocation, and the bestowal of honorary degrees. One side of the medallion bears a likeness of the College seal, the other, the names of all Bryant College presidents. The formal installation of presidents is marked by the presentation of the medallion by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees to the president.

## *The Bryant Seal*

The Bryant Seal represents the educational mission of the College and its worldwide implications. The central symbol is an ellipsoid globe with quills on each side to signify the traditional emblem of communication in business. In the center, behind the globe, is a torch symbolizing liberty, the spirit of free inquiry, academic freedom, and learning. The Archway, forming the background for the globe, torch, and quills, is a College landmark affectionately remembered by thousands of alumni. The Latin motto expresses the purpose of the College: "Educando Dirigere Mercaturam" – Education for Business Leadership.





## *Alumni Charge*

Commencement is not an ending, but a beginning. Your relationship with your Alma Mater will not end today, but rather evolve into a new form. In Latin, Alma Mater means “fostering mother” and alumnus meant originally “foster child.”

Your relationship with your parents doesn't end the day you leave home; rather, as you gain your independence, your ties with your family become centered around mutual respect, affection and moral support. So it is with your relationship to Bryant College. As you move out with hope and courage into your careers or further education, you will want to maintain close ties with your Alma Mater.

The vehicle for maintaining these ties is the Bryant College Alumni Association. Through this organization you will be able to stay in touch with the friends you have made here, at class reunions and at local alumni chapter events. You will also be able to utilize the resources of Bryant College as you develop your career path. You, in turn, will become a resource for the College. Our alumni serve on various College committees, curriculum advisory councils, and on the Board of Trustees. We also help to maintain and advance the excellent reputation of this school through volunteer efforts on behalf of admission, career development, educational programs, and fund raising. Through the Alumni Association, you play a significant part in enhancing Bryant College's ability to attract quality faculty, administration, and students.

So today the Alumni Association extends to you an invitation to begin a life-long relationship with your Alma Mater. Stay in touch. Let the Alumni Office know where you are, and what your latest accomplishments are. Get involved with local alumni chapters. And through your individual support and work with other alumni, help keep Bryant College an outstanding institution for future generations. Your efforts will help insure that years from now you will still be able to point with pride to your graduation from Bryant College.

We extend to you and your family and friends our congratulations and our warmest welcome to a proud Bryant family.

Congratulations and welcome to the Bryant College Alumni Association.

## *Academic Heraldry*

The history of academic dress worn today dates back to the universities of the Middle Ages. A statute of 1321 required the wearing of gowns by all scholars and clerics. Probably the warm gown and hood were practical in the unheated buildings.

Students at most American universities wore caps and gowns daily while in residence until after the Civil War. These varied in design until they were standardized by the American Inter-collegiate Commission in 1895. While the academic costume code has been modified over the years, the general characteristics of the initial requirements still prevail. The uniform system of academic heraldry serves to indicate the level of degree, the field of study in which it was earned, and the institution by which it was granted. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve and can be worn open or closed. The gown for the doctor's degree has bell-shaped sleeves with black velvet facing down the front and three bars of the same across the sleeves. However, these facings and crossbars may be in the color distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains. At Bryant College, the president and the honorary degree recipients wear gowns especially designed and trimmed in the College color of gold.

Academic hoods are lined with the color of the university granting the degree. The border of the hood is in the color of the discipline in which the degree was earned. For example, colors associated with different subjects include: light brown (or sapphire blue) for commerce, accountancy, business; copper for economics; light blue for education; peacock blue for public administration; purple for law; and white for arts, letters, humanities.

The length of the hood varies slightly for bachelor's and master's, and doctor's degree. Today, the hood for those receiving a bachelor's degree has been replaced by the mortarboard or cap with long tassels in black or in the color appropriate to the subject. It is often the tradition of the candidates for degrees to wear the tassel on the right front side before the degree is conferred and to shift it to the left when the degree is awarded.

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Restrooms and telephones are located in Residence Hall 16 and in the Bryant Center.  
Health Services is located in Residence Hall 16 and will be open during the Commencement Ceremony.  
Flowers are available at the Student Senate concession table.  
Refreshments are available at the outdoor ARAMARK concession.  
Lost and Found is located in the Public Safety Office in the Unistructure.  
Film and Bryant memorabilia can be purchased at the Bookstore located in the Bryant Center.

Please ask an usher if you need assistance in locating any of these services.