



# BRYANT ALUMNI BULLETIN

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## 2011 Alumni Achievement Award recipients

This year, six received honors for their varied contributions.

Each year, the Office of Alumni Relations' Awards Selection Committee has a difficult decision to make: Who, among the dozens of nominated, qualified alumni, should receive an Alumni Achievement Award?

"National Alumni Council members, current students, and faculty comprise the Awards Selection Committee," says Robin Torbron Warde, director of Alumni Relations. "Nominees' successes and contributions are seen through various constituents' eyes. Success is defined differently by everybody, but there's no doubt all these alumni are deserving."

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD AND LEADERSHIP WEEKEND KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Ken Oringer '87** is an internationally renowned and award-winning chef, but Bryant University recognizes the management skills this entrepreneur has displayed over the last 20 years.

"This award is an incredibly unexpected honor," says Ken. "To be recognized as a businessman by the school that taught me to succeed is beyond thrilling." Ken has six thriving restaurants in the Boston area including the acclaimed "Clio" and is actively looking to expand. "It's vital to have integrity, but you can create an unbeatable team when you understand how to manage people." In addition to receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Award, Ken was the luncheon keynote speaker for the Alumni Leadership Weekend event on Saturday, March 26.

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD — GRADUATE SCHOOL



**Frank Stasiowski '75 MBA** was an accomplished architect who had graduated from Rhode Island School of Design with honors when he enrolled in Bryant's Graduate School of Business.

Now president and CEO of PSMJ Resources, Inc., a premier management consulting firm for the architecture, engineering, and construction industries, Frank developed a passion for teaching and writing. He also created a non-profit foundation dedicated to helping the Gulf Coast region rebuild in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. "The marriage of a RISD education and a Bryant MBA made everything possible," he says. "I'm honored to be recognized for the work and the causes I've been passionate about throughout my life."

### NELSON J. GULSKI SERVICE AWARD



**Steve Berman '68** can be seen on Bryant's campus quite often, and for a variety of reasons. As a fan of college sports, he attends various games, including football and basketball, which he also supports through a Black & Gold membership.

As a skilled professional whose career has taken him through positions in finance, sales, and marketing for small, family-owned, and multinational businesses, Steve is asked to speak to students about the "real world." "My involvement allows me to add to the practical nature of students' learning," he says. "When Bryant graduates enter the business community, their success enhances the value of all our degrees."

### NELSON J. GULSKI SERVICE AWARD



**John LaRocca, Sr. '70** finds being the recipient of this award particularly humbling — because he knew the man the award is named after. "Nelson Gulski was someone I looked up to in

my undergraduate days at Bryant," John says. "He, and others, taught me about life as well as business, and what you needed to do to become successful." John was certainly paying attention. Under his direction, his insurance agency grew from under \$250,000 in annual sales to more than \$31 million. All the while, John still donated time, energy, and resources to causes close to his heart, including the YMCA and Bryant. "It's not about money — it's about fulfillment," he says.

### YOUNG ALUMNA LEADERSHIP AWARD



**Jennifer Parkhurst '97, '06 MBA** believes it's important to positively impact and motivate others. "Leadership is about awakening passion in people to get the desired

result," she says. Her responsibilities include bringing people of various talents together from her company's locations throughout the world and helping them work effectively as a team. "From working with business executives to coaching someone on my team, I really enjoy helping people." Jennifer's propensity for helping others is one of the reasons she is receiving this award. "I'm honored to be recognized and humbled to be placed among peers I have highly regarded over the years," she says.

### DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD



**Mike Roberto, DBA**, trustee professor of management, didn't teach many of the alumni who nominated him for this award — at least not in the classroom. His involvement in

alumni events, however, introduces him to many alumni around the country, where they hear him discuss his meticulously researched theories about what makes a great leader. They also come to speak to his classes, which provides a good, first-hand perspective for students. "Bryant's alumni seem to appreciate these efforts, and I enjoy hearing about their experiences," says Professor Roberto.



See photos from the  
Alumni Achievement  
Awards dinner, the  
Alumni New Venture  
Competition, and  
the Alumni Leadership  
Weekend on p. 5  
and online at  
[www.bryant.edu/  
alumniphotos](http://www.bryant.edu/alumniphotos).

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- The history of the Bryant mascot

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## Alumni FAQs

**Q. Beside participating in the Annual Fund, in what other ways can I get involved with Bryant?**

**A. There are a multitude of ways to become an active alumnus/a at Bryant!**

**1) Join the online community.** Over the years, we “lose” alumni, as careers and families take alumni to many different locations. Register online, put in your correct home and work information, and receive the alumni publications that keep our alumni informed of the exciting things that are happening with other alumni and on campus.

**2) Participate in a Regional Alumni Network event.** There are RAN events across the country, and, sometimes, around the world. If there's enough interest, the Office of Alumni Relations will

arrange to have one in any area. Bryant's alumni network can remain strong through your interest.

**3) Attend events on campus.** Two of our major events, Reunion @ Homecoming and Alumni Achievement Awards/Leadership Weekend, are scheduled well in advance, and discount hotel rates are available! We'd love to see you back at Bryant!

**4) Speak to Bryant students about your career.** Part of what sets a Bryant education apart is the practical application of theory taught in class. Hearing from savvy alumni provides students with knowledge of the “real world.”

That's just the tip of the iceberg! Find out all the ways you can reconnect by going to [www.bryant.edu/alumni](http://www.bryant.edu/alumni) and clicking on “Get Involved.”



**January 6 – Student/Alumni Career Night hosted by PWC in Boston**  
**John Ayers '91** was among the many alumni who came out to chat with current students about career paths and to reminisce about Bryant.

### Bryant Institute for Public Leadership

The Bryant Institute for Public Leadership was recently founded to provide critical tools to enhance the effectiveness of public officials and others involved with the development and implementation of public policy. Faculty members from Bryant lead participants in intensive seminars that include topics such as leadership, conflict resolution, economics, and team-based decision making.

Inaugural sessions for newly elected mayors and school committee members were held in December 2010 and in January 2011, respectively.

The response from participants has been tremendous and more sessions are being planned.

To learn more about the Center, visit:  
[www.bryant.edu/instituteforpublicleadership](http://www.bryant.edu/instituteforpublicleadership)

### Science Grant

A \$200,000 grant from the Rhode Island Science and Technology Advisory Council (STAC) is helping Bryant University biochemist Christopher Reid, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Science and Technology, find a treatment for a fungal infection that is often lethal to premature infants.

The funding – the first ever received by Bryant from STAC – supports a research collaboration between Professor Reid and Joseph Bliss, M.D., of Brown University and Women & Infants Hospital, in Providence, RI.

Together, they are taking aim at *Candida albicans*, a common fungus that can cause a systemic infection fatal to 60 percent of premature infants who contract it.

## CATCHING UP WITH...



**David Piccerelli '88**  
President and CEO, Rhode Island PBS

David Piccerelli '88 (Barrington, RI) had a plan all mapped out: The accounting major would attend Bryant for one semester after being wait-listed at Boston College. Then he would transfer to his first-choice college. But one term at Bryant convinced him he wanted to stay. “Having to go to Bryant that first semester changed my life and career – for the better,” he says.

Before he ever stepped into a Bryant classroom, David knew several Bryant accounting faculty members. “My father, William '64, a partner at Piccerelli Gilstein & Company, LLP, is an alumnus, and he's taught a course at Bryant,” he explains. “He introduced me to some faculty before I attended.”

After graduating, David took a job at a mortgage consulting firm. After several years, he began working with one of the consulting firm's clients, Centerbank in Waterbury, CT, until it was sold. He did some soul-searching to figure out where he wanted to go from there. “I was in Connecticut,” says David, “and I thought about moving to New York for better career opportunities. I also considered moving back to Rhode Island because that's where my family was.”

In 1998, he landed at Rhode Island PBS, where he has served in positions of increasing responsibility.

Today, the Rhode Island PBS president and CEO serves on a number of professional public broadcasting committees and associations. An avid golfer, David also is on the board of the Brad Faxon Jr. Golf Foundation and serves as president of the board of the Rhode Island Country Club.

Read David's full profile at  
[www.bryant.edu/piccerelli](http://www.bryant.edu/piccerelli)



**Mallory Musante '09**  
Mallory Musante Shoes – [mallorymusanteshoes.com](http://mallorymusanteshoes.com)

Mallory Musante '09 (Mystic, CT) has always been a fashionista. Her biggest frustration? “I could never find truly unique shoes that expressed my personality,” she says.

An idea to design her own footwear took root, and she began to put a plan into place while she was a Bryant student. As a junior, she traveled to San Francisco and completed an intensive shoe-making course through Prescott and Mackay, a London-based fashion and accessory design school, and learned how to make a pair of women's pumps by hand. Next, she identified a void in the market: hand-painted shoes.

Mallory, like any entrepreneur, is no stranger to hard work and long hours. Initially, she worked days to raise capital, while her nights were spent hand-painting women's shoes – walking works of art. “I still paint every shoe by hand,” she says.

She uses the patterns her artist's eye uncovers all around her every day, “I find inspiration for my designs everywhere!”

The future looks bright for Mallory, who now works “solely” on her business. This winter, her shoes graced the runway at New York Fashion Week, and she participated in the Accessory Showcase at StyleWeek Providence. “Real Housewives of New York” star Alex McCord recently wore a pair of Mallory Musante Shoes to a fashion show.

“Everyone should have a pair of shoes that perfectly reflects her personal style – and it's my goal to provide these shoes,” Mallory declares.

To read Mallory's full profile, go to  
[www.bryant.edu/mmusante](http://www.bryant.edu/mmusante)



**M. Cary Collins**  
Trustee Professor of Entrepreneurship

As director of Bryant's Global Entrepreneurship Program, Cary Collins is often the first to interact with Bryant's budding entrepreneurs. Last fall he helped arrange for New England Startup Weekend – the first of its kind in Rhode Island – to take place on campus. It provided a forum for students from six universities to interact with the professionals who could help them get their ideas on the fast track.

For 54 hours, future – and in some cases current – entrepreneurs interacted with highly-motivated experts. Nearly 70 participants attended – about double the number of participants at similar events held in Denver, CO, and Vancouver, Canada. The weekends have led to the launch of more than 560 start-up ventures.

“When you introduce some of the sharpest students in Rhode Island to some of the state's savviest business minds, you can't help but produce the kind of innovation and collaboration that will help Rhode Island build its knowledge economy,” says Cary.

He's also interested in mining the rich resources provided by Bryant alumni. Last summer, he was part of the team that created the first Alumni New Venture Competition. “We have a large number of alumni who have started their own businesses, and our goal is to create a stronger network of support for them,” he says.

An advisor to The Rhode Island Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Cary is affiliated with The New England Certified Development Corporation and is a member of the judging panel for The Rhode Island Business Plan Competition.

To read more about Bryant's entrepreneurship program, go to [www.bryant.edu/entrepreneurship](http://www.bryant.edu/entrepreneurship)



## Regional Alumni Network (RAN) events



**Puerto Rico** alumni and current students gathered in January for a Holiday Admission reception. Front row (L-R): **Mónica Franceschini '08**, **Cristina Silva '10**, **Carla Martínez '10**  
Back row (L-R): **John Gonzalez '15**, German Ramirez de Arellano, **Ricardo Latimer '14**, **Pedro Piquer '09**, and **Valeria Couto Cuervo '11**.



**January 27 – Boca Raton, FL**  
At ZED451 in Boca Raton, more than 50 alumni gathered for a networking event. Pictured (L-R) are **Eileen Cioe Jaramillo '69**, **Frank Reis '69**, **Mary (Thornton) Reis '69**, and Anne German, wife of **Charlie German '70**.



**January 29 – Women's Basketball Alumnae Luncheon**  
Enthusiastic basketball alumnae gathered to cheer on the Bulldogs against Mount Saint Mary's at home in January. Presented with the game ball was **Phyllis (Zammiello) Cicchelli '51**, former member of the women's basketball team, who was back celebrating her 60th reunion.



**February 3 – The Lion King**  
More than 65 alumni and friends gathered for a preshow dinner at Providence Performing Arts Center before heading into a performance of award-winning play, *The Lion King*. Pictured are (L-R) **Jerry and Sandra Ventre**, **Nancy and Stephen '76 Whitney**, and **Richard '82** and **Louise Carriere**.



**February 9 – Bulldogs BB @ Central CT**  
Connecticut area alumni came out in support of the Men's Bulldog Basketball team on February 9. 3rd row (L-R): **David Barrett '80**, **Susan & Robert Reeve '80**, **Maggie James '77**;  
2nd row (L-R): **Rob Sarkesian '88**, with guests to his left; and in front, **Lynne Fiore '88** and **Paul Alderucci '89**.



**February 10 – Sissy K's**  
A great crowd of more than 50 young alumni met up at Sissy K's in Boston to revel and reminisce. Pictured are (L-R) **Heather Moody '08**, **Alex Bissias '07**, **Nicole White '07**, and **Aleah Cram '07**.



## HOCHBERG WOMEN'S CENTER DEDICATION



Erica Hochberg Stern and Mark Hochberg at the ceremony in which Bryant's Women's Center was dedicated in honor of their mother, the late Gertrude Meth Hochberg. The celebration began with a luncheon and tributes to Gertrude, and, after the plaque unveiling, student Jessica Komoroski '11 (West Islip, NY) presented her Honors Program thesis that detailed the life and legacy of Gertrude. "Jessica's research was so thorough," says Mark Hochberg, "that I learned a thing or two about my own mother!"

## The Bryant Alumni Travel Program



### The Cities of Central Europe Tour | October 5-14, 2011

Explore three amazing cities in the heart of Central Europe that are filled with historical sites and modern masterpieces. This 10-day excursion perfectly blends the old and the new that Prague, Vienna, and Budapest have to offer. Besides expertly guided tours, you'll also have ample time to explore on your own or relax at your charming hotel on this alumni trip. Space is limited. Visit [www.bryant.edu/alumnitravel](http://www.bryant.edu/alumnitravel) for additional information and to register.

### Alaska | June 2012

Save the date in June 2012, and experience the abundant natural wonders of Alaska. For more information, contact Kathleen Brown at (401) 232-6041 or [kbrown@bryant.edu](mailto:kbrown@bryant.edu).

## BRYANT HAS HISTORY



### 1965 Senior Class Gift

Class President **Pete Castelli** (left) realized that the Class of 1965 needed a gift to donate back to Bryant. So he elected **Phil Karno** (right) senior class gift chairman and tasked him with finding a respectable present despite the somewhat meager funds they had available.

Between semesters, Phil headed down to his hometown of New Britain, CT, where he found the Class of 1965's legacy: A wooden Indian.

(Bryant's mascot, before adopting the bulldog in 1994, was the Indian.) "The store owner wanted a couple of hundred bucks for it," says Pete, "but we used our Bryant-developed, superior negotiating skills to take \$50 off the price."

Pete and Phil were thrilled, until they realized it wasn't going to fit in Pete's Plymouth. Fortunately, it was a convertible, and they were able to stand the Indian up in the back seat. Unfortunately, it was March, and the weather wasn't quite spring-like yet. "It was something like 35 degrees," recalls Pete. "But we had a great time driving back to Providence with everyone yelling and beeping their horns!"

Bob Hathaway, activities director, helped them get the Indian polished up and presentable for display on the East Side campus. But a move to Smithfield and 45 years later, the gift is missing. He was last spotted in the college library on the East Side of Providence. If anyone knows the whereabouts of the Indian, call Donna Harris, associate director of alumni relations, at (401) 232-6375. We can negotiate a reward!

### From Indian to Bulldog: What's in a name?

Mascots symbolize school and community spirit. Bryant first adopted the bulldog as its mascot in the mid-1990s to represent the athletic teams' tenacity and fierce dedication. At the time, the NCAA was beginning to set new rules against the use of Native American mascots.

The switch from "The Indians" to "The Bulldogs" came after a campus wide vote including students, faculty, and staff in May 1994. The bulldog as a mascot was suggested by Protestant Chaplain Philip Devens (aka, Rev. Dev), whose own English bulldog, Lester, served as the unofficial mascot for many years.

Bryant's first official live mascot, **Ironclad Tupper I**, became a regular presence on campus in May 2010, and continues to energize the crowds at football games, student social events, and community service gatherings.

## Bryant's Fifth Annual Alumni Leadership Weekend was a delicious success!

The weekend began with five alumni finalists competing for the \$10,000 grand prize in the inaugural **Alumni New Venture Contest**. The winner, **Stephen Fitch '09**, was announced just before the **Alumni Achievement Awards Ceremony and Dinner** on Friday, March 25, in the Stepan Grand Hall. On Saturday, March 26, more than 100 alumni and students attended panel discussions and workshops on entrepreneurship throughout the morning and early afternoon. Award-winning chef and businessman **Ken Oringer '87** delivered the luncheon keynote.



**Stephen Fitch '09** (far right), winner of Bryant's inaugural Alumni New Venture Competition, receives his \$10,000 check from **Brian Cowley '82**, gold sponsor of the competition, and Robin Torbron Warde, director of alumni relations.



Chef and entrepreneur **Ken Oringer '87**, winner of the Distinguished Alumnus Award and Leadership Forum luncheon keynote, with his wife Celine and daughter Verveine.



Start-Up Solutions panelists (L-R) **Keith Mahler '78**, **Kenneth Pereira '79**, **Brian Cowley '82**, and **Matthew Wilson '08** explore what entrepreneurs need to know and do to be successful.



Alumni Achievement Awards recipients pose for a group photo. (L-R) **Frank Stasiowski '75 MBA**, **John LaRocca '70**, **Jennifer Parkhurst '97, '06 MBA**, Professor Mike Roberto, and **Steve Berman '68**. (Ken Oringer '87 received his award at the Saturday Alumni Leadership Luncheon.)



Panelists (L-R) Eileen Kwesiga, Ph.D., assistant professor of management, **Eric Lewandowski '04**, and **Melissa (Wood) Radcliff '90** discuss social enterprise at the Alumni Leadership Forum.



**Steven Feinberg '80** (center) and his guest Karen Aagesen chat with **Joseph Cunningham '12** at the awards dinner. Later at the WJMF mini reunion, Feinberg disclosed that the license plate bearing the letters "WJMF" that's on display in the station was originally his.



## Regional Alumni Network (RAN) events



### February 16 – Bank of America

President and Mrs. Machtley shared an exciting campus update with graduates from Bryant at this networking event specifically for alumni in business. Pictured are (L-R) **Brad Weisman '99**, **Liam Shannon '05**, **Victor Ofokansi '82 MBA**, and **Alexander Biliouris '85**.

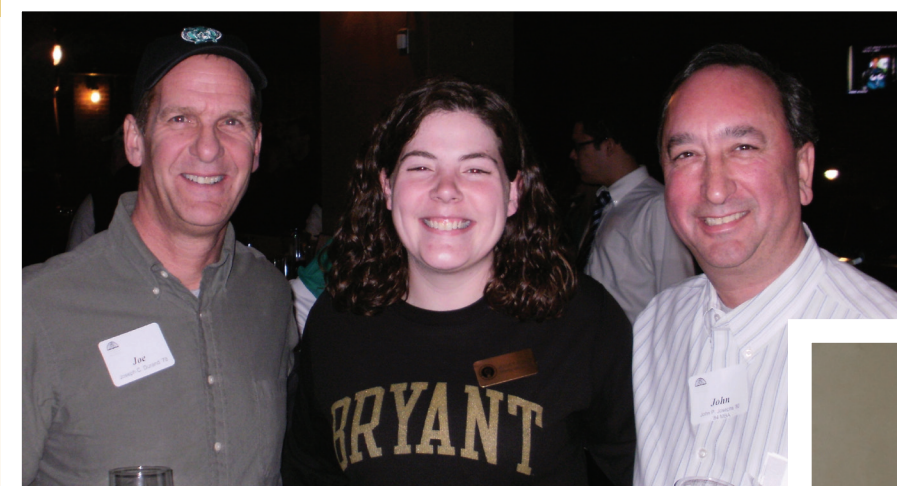


### March 1 – Bryant Breakfast @ Angelo's

At the first in a series of Bryant 2U Breakfasts, Professor Jim Segovis leads Rhode Island alumni through a workshop in Crafting an Elevator Pitch at Angelo's on the Hill.

### February 17 – Archive

**Chelsea Meyer '07**, **Isabela Dias '07**, and NY RAN Chair **Lily Himmelsbach '09** were among alumni at an afterwork gathering in New York.



### March 2 – Celtics and Boston Beer Works

A great crowd of 75 Bryant alumni and friends gathered at Boston Beer Works and then headed to the Garden to cheer the Celtics on to victory over the Phoenix Suns on March 2. Pictured above are (L-R) **Joe Durand '78**, **Jessica Adams '08**, and **John Josephs '80**. Pictured at right are (L-R) **Nicole Bushey '02**, **Peter Comfort '03**, and guest, Melissa McEvoy.



Our apologies to alumni in **San Francisco** and **San Diego**. Our camera was lost along with great photos from two March events. We'll be back soon!

View more pictures at [www.bryant.edu/alumniphotos](http://www.bryant.edu/alumniphotos)



## You're part of Bryant's legacy. Make Bryant part of yours.

As a Bryant graduate, you know that business is about more than debits and credits and that education takes you far beyond the classroom. You've learned that organizations succeed because of dedicated people working together toward a common goal.



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(L-R) 2010 xTAX participants **Ryan Hansen '13**, **Dan Cournoyer '12**, **Courtney Bernard '13**, **Cornelia Li '10**, '12 MPAC, and **Anthony Nader '12**, with xTAX ambassador **Nick Denice '10**, '11 MPAC.

## Alumni, students find competition "eXtremely TAXing"

In 2010, more than 905 teams from 84 colleges and universities tackled the xTAX and xACT competitions, which are part of the xTREME Games sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). xTAX, the competition Bryant enters, challenges students to apply concepts from their taxation courses to analyze a case study and present their findings to PwC partners.

When a team of Bryant students learned in December that they were one of only five national finalists, they did not rest on their laurels. Over Winter Break, they traveled to the PwC office in Boston, where they met with Bryant graduate, trustee, and PwC partner, **Bob Calabro '88**. And, three members of the Bryant xTAX team that advanced to the finals in 2005 – who are now PwC employees – came back to campus to meet with the 2010 team.

**Emily Giannini '07**, '08 MPAC; **Ryan Scadding '07**, '08 MPAC; and **Ryan Daley '08** were all members of the 2005 Bryant xTAX team who had words of advice for the 2010 team.

"Go into the finals with the utmost confidence, and believe in what you are presenting," said Emily. "Working with a team is one of the most important skills you can learn," said Ryan Scadding. Ryan Daley shared, "The entire experience was a great opportunity to meet with well-respected industry professionals and network with other students from around the country."

Though the 2010 Bryant team didn't take the grand prize, they gained valuable experience, and they enjoyed networking with alumni in their chosen profession. This national contest nets the finalists \$10,000 per team – and brings bragging rights to the school's alumni.

## LOYAL GUARD NEWS

## Confidence is key: Eleonora (Cardarelli) Walsh '61 Alumna finds fulfillment and success in a male-dominated industry

Eleonora "Ellie" (Cardarelli) Walsh '61 was one of 20 women who graduated from Bryant with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1961 – and one of three women who graduated with a marketing major.

"There were times that it was very difficult," she recalls. "Some men couldn't accept women as anything other than secretaries or teachers." Ellie started Bryant with the Class of 1960, but persuaded her father to let her slow down and enjoy college life, graduating in 1961.

### A basis for success

Ellie's innate tenacity, coupled with encouragement from family, friends, and some faculty, is what led to her astounding success in business – astounding because her gender, the era, and the industry were all barriers to her advancement.

Having worked as a secretary, administrative assistant, and department manager at ABM industries, Ellie was fortunate to have found managers who were great mentors. "The company founder started out with a mop and bucket, so the corporate culture rewarded hard work and intelligence," she says. "I don't care who you are, it's nice to be included – to have someone teach you and have confidence in you."

### Staying connected

Transferring to ABM Corporate offices in San Francisco 30 years ago, Ellie flourished, rising to the rank of vice president, before retiring after 41 years.

Ellie believes that it's important for alumni to support the University and to stay connected. "While at Bryant, I was built up and given the confidence to succeed," she says. "I know the University continues to have that positive effect on its students."

"I've been fortunate to have a good career," says Ellie. "I really wanted to help kids who couldn't afford to go to school. There are so many young people who have the brain power but not the funds."

In addition to supporting Bryant through annual gifts, Ellie has provided for Bryant in her estate plan and is a member of the 1863 Society.

"I couldn't believe the transformation when I went to visit the Smithfield campus," she says. "There is so much more at Bryant for the students – The University has done an excellent job of expanding."

*Get reacquainted with Ellie at Reunion @ Homecoming this year – September 24, 2011.*

**"While at Bryant, I was built up and given the confidence to succeed. I know the University continues to have that positive effect on its students."**

ELEONORA (CARDARELLI) WALSH '61



Ellie (Cardarelli) Walsh '61 receives her Loyal Guard commemorative gifts from President Ronald K. Machtley (L) and National Alumni Council President Jim Magee '88 (R) at the 2010 Reunion @ Homecoming.



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## Regional Alumni Network (RAN) events



### March 12 – Naples St. Patrick's Day Parade

Everybody loves a parade, and Bryant alumni are no exception! On March 12, more than 70 alumni and friends shared treats with everyone and displayed their Bryant pride to a crowd of 50,000+ parade-goers at the 33rd Naples St. Patrick's Parade in Florida.

### March 13 – Coral Springs, FL

It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon on March 13 at the Eagle Nest Golf Club in Coral Springs, where alumni heard Athletic Director Bill Smith share some inspiring news about our Bryant athletes.



### March 14 – Orlando

Amidst the spectacular setting of the Citrus Club, an enthusiastic group of alumni enjoyed their visit with the Machtleys and encouraged Bryant to come back to Orlando often. Pictured here are (L-R) **Greg '81** and **Marlyn Zullig** speaking to President Ronald K. Machtley.



### March 16 – Sarasota

Nearly 30 alumni and friends from the Classes of 1932 to 2004 visited with the Machtleys at the pristine Prestancia Golf Club in Sarasota on March 16. Pictured are (L-R) **Mike Nappi '04**, **E. Muriel (Turner) Thayer '32**, and **Kati Machtley**.

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# Calendar

## Washington, DC

May 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Bryant2U Networking Reception  
JP Morgan Private Bank

## Providence, RI

May 10, 8-9:30 a.m.  
Bryant2U Breakfast Series  
How to Be a Leader in Today's Economy  
Angelo's Civita Farnese

## Los Angeles, CA

May 12/14 TBD, 6-8 p.m.

## Boston, MA

June 1, 6:45-9 p.m.  
Boston Harbor Cruise

## Springfield, NJ

June 2, 5-7 p.m.  
Baltusrol Golf Club

## Gladwyne, PA

June 9, 5:30-8 p.m.  
Philadelphia Country Club

## Midwest, Chicago

June TBD, 6-8 p.m.

## Boston, MA

June 15, 5:30-7 p.m.  
Harpoon Brewery

## Wallingford Center, CT

June 22, TBD  
Gouveia Vineyard

## Smithfield, RI

September 23-25  
Reunion@Homecoming  
Bryant University

## Central Europe:

### Prague, Vienna, Budapest Alumni Trip

October 5 - October 14

Check [www.bryantbulldogs.com](http://www.bryantbulldogs.com) for athletic contests in your area

New alumni events are added weekly. Check [www.bryant.edu/alumnievents](http://www.bryant.edu/alumnievents) for the updated calendar and to register.

# Partnerships

Notices received between 12/9/10 and 3/14/11

## 1998

Jennifer (Mello) '98, '00 MBA and Joseph Mason III on 1/29/11

## 2000

Kathleen (Eaton) '00 and Thomas Barlow on 8/21/10

## 2001

Bree Dillon '01 and Eric Previti on 10/23/10

## 2005

Lisa (Contursi) '05 and Mark Faron '99 on 6/12/10

## 2006

Tracy Achilles and Michael Solari '06 on January 13, 2011

## 2008

Danielle (L'Esperance) '08 to Christian Pratt on 9/18/10

## 1996

Logan Christian to Tarra (Kiamos) '96 and Kevin Andrews '96 on 1/18/11 and Olivia Grace on 3/12/08

## 1997

Tayte Austin to Alyssa (Comiso) '97 and Brennan Davis on 12/14/10

Emilia Maria to Jennifer (D'Andrea) '97 and Patrick Doak on 12/15/10

## 1998

Lauren Juliana to Rosemarie (Laurenzano) '98 and Bryant Sumpter on 1/25/11

Alexander James to Cecila and Kenneth Wong '98 on 8/21/10

## 1999

Eleanor Margaret to Carol (Hutchinson) '99 and Kenneth Clark on 12/16/10

Jonathan Pierce to Kelly and Michael Drewnowski '99 on 1/31/11

Kayla Lillian to Susan (Chute) '99 and Michael Marino '99, '01 on 11/14/10

Caitlin to Pamela (Thompson) '99 and Brian Neely on 12/20/10

Ava Rebecca to Sarah and Jesse Shibley '99 on 9/16/10

## 2000

Dylan Jonathan to Sarah (Marder) '00 and Jason Gomes on 12/9/10

## 2003

Gavin Michael to Kaitlyn (Spinelli) '03, '09 MBA and Christopher Pintarich '02 on 1/10/11

## 2005

Mason Alexander to Kristen (Harmon) '05 and Clint Stonacek '04 on 12/26/10

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# Additions

Notices received between 12/9/10 and 3/14/11

## 1993

Ani Rose to Mara (Bazarian) '93 and Gregory Derderian '87 on 5/6/10.

## 1994

Emma Katherine to Suzanne (Caputo) '94 and Arlindo Santos on 10/8/10

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# Alumni Weddings



August 2010 – Several alumnae attended the wedding of Kathleen Eaton '00 and Thomas Barlow. L-R: Sandra (Davis) Marion '00, Marleen McCormick '00, Sarah (Marder) Gomes '00, Kathleen (Eaton) Barlow '00 (the bride), Meredith (Vachon) Kane '00, Julie (Muisse) Mullock '00 and Nicole Cormier '00.



January 2011 – Alumni and friends posed for the camera at the wedding of Mike Solari '06 and his bride Tracy. Back row, L-R: Matt Dignan, Jason DiFederico '06, Christine Markopoulos, Ryan Nolan '06, Andrew Soucy '06, Jonathan Rizzo '06, Gabe Marcarelli '06, Chris Rumul '06; Middle row: Diana Coelho, Beth Sweet '06, Lindsay Donnellan; Front row: Charlene March '06, Tracy Solari (the bride), Mike Solari '06.

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