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As we recognize Bryant's sesquicentennial and 150 years of continuous growth and innovation, we are pleased to celebrate our successful alumni. Through their personal and professional accomplishments, Bryant alumni enhance the University's reputation. Top universities such as Bryant thrive because of active and engaged alumni – those who interact regularly with us, feel a strong sense of loyalty and pride, and invest themselves in the advancement of our programs and core values. We strive to continue to develop, grow, and evolve to meet the changing demands of society and business, which are, increasingly, more interdependent, global, and socially conscious.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

"Family first, but bleed company blood," is the motto **Joseph F. Puishys '80** lives

by and, as CEO of Apogee Enterprises Inc., seeks the same drive in his employees. In August 2011, Puishys left a three-decade career at Fortune 100 manufacturer Honeywell International to take the reins at Apogee, a Minneapolis-based designer and manufacturer of value-added glass products and services.

The move, he told *USGlass Magazine* recently, was a "significant personal decision, but ultimately, I wanted to run the show. I had run three profitable, billion-dollar units, but I'd always wanted to drive my own agenda. And the prospect of running a public company appealed to me." He credits Bryant



Joseph F. Puishys '80

for helping him achieve success not only professionally, but personally as well.

"At Bryant, I not only received a balanced education for business management, but the campus life contributed to my education for life management." His fondest recollection of Bryant is that it's where he met his wife of 33 years, Kathi (Jurewicz) Puishys '81. As a member of the Bryant Leadership Council, Puishys continues to support the University.

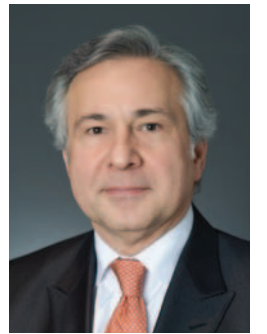
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Mirghavamaddin Bozorgmir '83 MBA, known professionally as Amir Lear, is chairman and CEO of Mutual of America Capital Management Corporation. He has been instrumental in strengthening and restructuring the \$12.5 billion investment house's equity management and quantitative research capabilities.

Bozorgmir began his career in 1984 at Mutual of America Life Insurance Company, rising through the ranks to senior vice president.

"I am passionate about managing brilliant people and keeping pensions safe for our more than 400,000 participants," he says.

Bozorgmir cites the late Professor of Economics William Sweeney as pivotal in guiding his career path. "Studying with Dr. Sweeney opened up a whole new world for me and my future in investments," says Bozorgmir.



Mirghavamaddin Bozorgmir '83 MBA

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Deepening the Pool for Shark Tank, Bryant-Style

After three years of growing interest and success, the New Venture Competition, Bryant's version of the popular television show *Shark Tank*, is ready to kick it up to the next level.

Aspiring entrepreneurs, mostly alumni, but some students as well, appear before a panel of alumni judges, all of whom have experience investing in startups. The entrepreneur-wannabes come armed with ability, bravura, charm, data, and energy – and sometimes tasty samples. They are all full of hope that they'll persuade these potential investors to stake their venture.

For the last three years, the finalists have made their pitches and left the room while judges such as **John Ayers '91**, **Eric Bertrand '94**, **Colby Butler '09**, **Brian Cowley '82**, **Scott DePasquale '94**, **David Pogorelc '85**, **Tyler Ray, Esq. '09 MBA**, and **Jay Weinberg '85**, dissected, debated, and decided what worked and what didn't. The contestants always got feedback, but it wasn't direct and immediate.

This year, **Daryl (David) Crockett '82** won the \$10,000 seed money prize with her business plan for Validus, software for the data migrating and data validation industry. Her 25-plus years in international systems implementation, her deep experience in life sciences, as well as her prior tenure as a CEO and history working in a public company impressed the panel.

"This is a business plan at a different level than we've seen before," DePasquale noted. "It's refreshing to have a mature professional come in and be able to say: 'I am the world renowned expert in this area.'"

That led to deeper discussion among the judges, Director of Alumni Relations Robin Torbron Warde, and Bryant's Entrepreneurship Program Coordinator **Sandra Potter '76 MBA, Ph.D.**, that the competition had matured and it is time to take it to the next level.

"When I made my first pitches for money, I remember to this day exactly where they went wrong because I got immediate feedback," recalled DePasquale.

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Scott DePasquale '94 and Daryl (David) Crockett '82 discuss her business plan.

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Applied analytics at heart of new center, undergrad concentration

Bryant University has established an Advanced Applied Analytics Center (AAAC). The innovative center supports the broadening of the relationship between

analytics, research, and solutions to real-world problems. It is designed to be “a regional beacon for analytics,” according to Richard Glass, Ph.D., professor of computer information systems. Glass and Alan Olinsky, Ph.D., professor of mathematics and computer information systems, are the center’s co-founding directors.



Richard Glass, Ph.D. (left), and Alan Olinsky, Ph.D., are co-founding directors of the Advanced Applied Analytics Center.

The AAAC is envisioned as a hub of professional collaboration and a strategic resource for businesses and organizations that increasingly rely on analysis of big data to make effective decisions.

Recognizing that analytics is used in virtually every organization, including business, the arts, humanities, social sciences, and physical sciences, Bryant has launched an Applied Analytics concentration that will provide graduates with a solid foundation in integrating technology and analytical methods to acquire, analyze, and apply information for research, decision-making, and

organizational effectiveness. Building on Bryant’s core strengths, the program is one of the very few in the nation offered at the undergraduate level.

“Analytics is a 21st century, Information-Age critical organizational function that can make or break any endeavor,” says Vice President for Academic Affairs and University Professor José-Marie Griffiths, Ph.D. “Bryant’s program of study in Applied Analytics will generate highly qualified professionals to meet the growing needs of enterprises around the world.”

Be a resource for Bryant students

With the increasing popularity of social media, you are easily able to stay in touch with other alumni and the University. In fact, the Bryant Alumni Relations Office has Facebook (facebook.com/bryantalum), Twitter (twitter.com/bryantalumni), Flickr (bryant.edu/alumniphotos), and LinkedIn accounts (see article p. 6 for specifics) to keep you informed of campus and off-campus alumni events. Those social media streams are monitored and updated regularly throughout the day by a full-time program officer for social media.



Your road to connecting with and advising Bryant students and other alumni interested in your field runs right through Alumni Relations.

The Alumni/Student Career Link is an online directory of Bryant alumni volunteers willing to assist students and alumni with their career exploration process. This is a collaborative effort between the Amica Center for Career Education and the Alumni Relations Office.

You need to be a member of Bryant’s online community to volunteer for the Alumni/Student Career Link. It’s easy to do!

First time users will need their Banner IDs. If you graduated before we implemented the Banner system, or you can’t remember the number, simply contact alumni@bryant.edu or call (401) 232-6040 for more information.

To get started, go to alumniconnect.bryant.edu, and click on the Career Resources tab, then choose Alumni/Student Career Link from the menu provided on the left to see the “How To’s” of using and signing up for the database, to search for a volunteer, or to contact the Amica Center for Career Education with questions.

If you would like to volunteer, use the link in the red box “Alumni – Update Your Preferences,” and check “Include my profile in the Alumni/Student Career Link Directory.” You may check all or any of the levels to volunteer (informational interviewing, job shadowing, and advice on job searches, internships, and/or graduate school).



Student-Alumni Networking Nights

Each January (during Winter Break), the Office of Alumni Relations and the Amica Center for Career Education collaborate to hold events in Boston, New York, and Hartford so that students interested in certain fields or industries can speak one-on-one with alumni about those careers. It’s tremendously helpful and informative for the students and requires a minimal amount of your time. The evenings begin with a short alumni-only networking session with hors d’oeuvres, then students join for a chance to gain

valuable advice and insight. For more information, e-mail alumni@bryant.edu or call (401) 232-6040 and reference “Student-Alumni Career Nights.”



Regional Alumni Network (RAN) and other alumni events



December 4 – Hartford, CT

Bryant 2U panel of alumni shared stories about jump-starting careers at the Hartford Club. The discussion was moderated by Professor Jim Segovis. Pictured (L-R) are **Maryann Burns '89**, **Michael Langlois '86**, **Carole LaRochelle '89**, **Dawn (May) Pello '89**, and **Paul Alderucci '89**.

December 5 – Boston, MA

Alumni brought a wonderful selection of warm winter layers and craft supplies for the Cradles to Crayons Charity drive at a holiday gathering at the Brahmin in December. Pictured are (back row, L-R) **Susan Cushing '03**, **Dawn Campbell '03**, **James Aikman '02**, and **Tom Hansen '12**; (front row, L-R) **Laura Koebler '03**, **Allison Salzberg '12**, and **Taryn Smith '12**.



CATCHING UP WITH...



Paula Welch '08
Program Manager, Cigna Sales Academy

"My mentors at Bryant encouraged me to be fearless in the face of adversity," says Paula Welch '08, program manager for the Cigna Sales Academy in Hartford, CT.

Those mentors included Toby Simon, director of Bryant's Gertrude Meth Hochberg Women's Center, and Judith McDonnell, Ph.D., professor of sociology.

"To me, Toby and Judy are the heartbeat of Bryant. They empowered me to demand change and remain resilient," says Welch. "They continue to be my advocates, even after graduation."

Welch returned to campus for the Women in Business panel, which took place March 21, along with fellow alumni Ann Marie Harrington '86, owner of digital communications firm Embolden, and Wilberte Paul '07, special events manager for the Northeast at Macy's.

The panelists discussed strategies for success, including communication techniques and work-life balance.

Welch manages a leadership development program for Cigna, a global health service company with more than 70 million customer relationships worldwide. She helps prepare college-recruited students for successful careers in sales. Her duties include campus recruitment, training development, and career coaching for the Academy's graduates.

"I grew up with Bryant in my DNA," she says. Her parents, Joseph Welch and Carol (Grills) Welch, both graduated from Bryant in 1978.

Welch's fondest memory of Bryant, however, was the first time she met her roommate and best friend Jamie (Shankman) Jensen '08.

"We bonded over liking the same bands. We lived 15 minutes from each other our entire childhood but didn't meet until Bryant. Eight years later, I would be the maid of honor at her wedding."

Welch was active on campus as a student worker at the Women's Center and on the e-board of the Bryant Players, where she met people "who would be my friends for the rest of my life, including my fiancé, Drew Green '10."

"Mom and Dad were right. Bryant was everything I wanted it to be and more," says Welch, adding that she has stayed in touch with Bryant because "We owe it to future generations to give our time and resources back to propel the world forward."



Michael F. Lynch, J.D., CPA
Professor of Accounting

Professor Mike Lynch, who joined Bryant in 1977, created the Master of Science in Taxation (MST) program and served as the coordinator of the MBA program for nearly 20 years. Today, as director of the MST program, he helps shape the University's evolving curriculum. He has trained some of the nation's leading taxation experts, many of whom remain in contact with their esteemed mentor and return to campus to share their expertise with students.

As a published author of research in his field and a peer reviewer, Lynch knows what's groundbreaking and what organizations will require. "Research and publication are how faculty members keep up with trends and even help set them," he says. "A former mentor likened it to the difference between students drinking from a polluted pond or a moving stream. They're more likely to thrive when they're taught by someone active in the field."

In 1977, the goal of a Bryant professor was to prepare students for a job after graduation, he says. Today, it's to educate students for careers beyond graduation. "Once upon a time, we taught processes that every person in business should know. Now, tools such as software applications can do those tasks. What we strive to teach instead is: How will you lead your organization to profitability and success?"

Lynch's undergraduate course on corporate tax – combining individual and corporate tax as well as personal financial planning – is one of the most difficult at the school, but, "Bryant students are not afraid of hard work," he says. "Recruiters say that our students don't mind getting their hands dirty and that they're ready for anything."

"At Bryant, when faculty combine liberal arts and business, it's like being Socrates in the morning, and Steve Jobs in the afternoon," says Lynch. "Using a baseball metaphor, graduates must be adept at working both sides of the plate, so they can be prepared for whatever is thrown at them."

Lynch received a Distinguished Faculty Award in 1993. He is the adviser to Bryant's xTAX team.

[View Lynch's video interview at bryant.edu/videos](http://bryant.edu/videos)



Dana Bradley '92
Principal and Co-founder, Performance Holdings

Bryant runs in Dana Bradley's DNA – both of his parents are alumni. So when the 1992 graduate went looking for a college in Rhode Island that awarded business degrees, Bryant was his first choice.

"When I drove onto campus the first day of my freshman year, I was struck by the fact that I was entering the next chapter of my life," he says. "I realized that the world was full of opportunity, and I wanted my Bryant experience to be educational, fun, and profitable."

And Bradley says that his time at Bryant was all of those things. He created several entrepreneurial ventures to pay for his education. "I ran a T-shirt sale and distribution business throughout my four years on campus, as well as a window and gutter cleaning business," he explains. "Both businesses helped pay my tuition."

In addition to what he learned that helped him become a better businessman, Bradley appreciates Bryant because it's where he met his best friend and business partner, Marlin Hershey '91, his freshman year. They are still best friends and business partners of Performance Holdings, a private equity firm based in North Carolina that specializes in "alternative investments in low risk/moderate return, debt or equity real estate projects that frequently outpace traditional Wall Street investments." Bradley and Hershey each received Bryant's "Young Alumnus Leader" award as part of the University's annual Alumni Achievement Awards.

Beyond business, Bradley gives back to his community through The Patriot Charities, which raises money to assist wounded warriors in North and South Carolina who are returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I've been on the Board for six years and am now president," says Bradley. "In my first year as president, we donated more than \$200,000, with a portion going to outfit a handicapped-accessible home for Sgt. Carlos Evans, a triple amputee Marine who served three tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan." Patriot Charities is now in the process of building six homes for service disabled veterans just outside Charlotte, NC. He continues, "Much of the freedom I have to be an entrepreneur is because of the sacrifices made by the men and women in our armed forces. I'm honored to be able to give back in some way to these heroes and their families."

View more pictures at www.bryant.edu/alumniphotos



December 7 – Providence, RI

Anne and Tyler Ray '09 MBA joined Rhode Island alumni for a holiday theatre party with a festive Pre-Show Reception at Bravo and then headed across the street to Trinity Rep to see the beloved New England holiday tradition, "A Christmas Carol."



January 19, 2013

Four decades of Bryant men's basketball alumni gathered on campus from as far away as Georgia – **Derek Higgs '89**. Also pictured are: 1960's **Tony DeQuattro**; 1980's **Thomas Laranaga, Chris O'Connell, Darren Andrade, and Manny Barrows**; 1990's **Frank Hill, Jeremy O'Connor, David Turner, Noel Watson and Jerome Grier**; 2000's **Chris Burns, John Fogarty, Cullen McCarthy, Barry Latham, Chris Birrell and Andrew Lyell**. It looks like some future Bryant hoopsters are getting ready to play for the Black and Gold.



January 24, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
 Director of Athletics Bill Smith was the guest speaker at our East Coast alumni reception for an update on Division I athletics at Bryant. Enjoying the evening are Chi Gamma Iota brothers with their sorority sisters from Phi Upsilon: **Charlie German '70, Steve Hamill '70, Dave Marques '68, Jim Grzybowski '60, Eileen Cioe '69, Bill Martin '69, Mary (Thornton) Reis '69, Frank Reis '69, and Ron Cioe '67.**



January 29, Tampa, FL
 The Westin Hotel on Harbour Island is where alumni gathered in the Tampa – St. Pete area for an evening networking reception. In the photo are seated: **Ed LaBrecque '58, Nancy LaBrecque, and Cici Mccauley.** Standing are **Francis Mccauley '61 and Phil Botana '68.**



January 27, The Villages, FL
 Marlyn and **Greg Zullig '81** joined alumni in The Villages for a Sunday afternoon reception overlooking beautiful Lake Sumter at The Waterfront Inn. Vice President for University Advancement Jim Damron spoke to the alumni gathered about the new and exciting plans for Bryant and the 150th Anniversary Celebration.



March 16, Naples, Florida
 Our Naples St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee posed for a photo with our mascot just before the parade started. This is the 5th year that Bryant has participated in the parade. Pictured in the photo are Joan and **Tom Burke '61, Peg and Ray Melillo '64, Pete Castelli '65, Ron Cioe '67, and Pat (Long) Castelli '65.**



March 15, Ft. Myers, Florida
 Our annual BBQ and Red Sox game at JetBlue Park, the spring training facility for the Boston Red Sox, had over 120 in attendance. Enjoying the BBQ are **Caryl (Whitcher) Bingham '61, '71, Sarah and Ed Shea '70, '74 MBA, and retired Bryant Professor Frank Bingham '61, '72 MBA.**



January 30, Naples, FL
 Tarpon Cove Yacht and Racquet Club in Naples was the setting for the first cocktail reception for the Southwest Coast of Florida. Enjoying the wonderful warm evening were **Pat (Long) Castelli '65, Rose Marie (Maculan) Powell '59, and Connie (Bartkiewicz) Rainone '57.**



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January 19, 2013
 Supporting coach Mary Burke and her current Bulldogs pictured with Bill Smith are **Kelsey O'Keefe '10, Brittany Stahura '12, Courtney Schermerhorn '10, Adrienne Mayshar '10, Kristin Mraz '10, Lindsey Hermann-Lacey '05, Jennifer MacDonald-Mariani '00, and Beth (Connealy) Wandyes '96.**

February 5 – Beverly Hills, CA

Bryant's Los Angeles alumni gathered at McCormick and Schmick's to network. Pictured here are **Kim Proctor '95, Marie Kane '99, and Don Macaulay '71.**



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Underscoring Bozorgmir's leadership is a global perspective and understanding of international politics and events that impact global and domestic economies. He has studied in Iran and the United Kingdom, participated in the international Ambrosetti Economic Forum, held annually in Italy, and traveled extensively throughout Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and, to a lesser extent, South America and Africa.

A member of the Bryant Leadership Council, Bozorgmir stays involved with Bryant students.

YOUNG ALUMNUS LEADERSHIP AWARD

Eric R. Handa '97 was a world traveler by the age of 20. Two semesters abroad in college gave him an edge over the competition, and he was recruited to work overseas by a global company after graduation. Despite living abroad, he remains actively involved with the University by volunteering on the Regional and Global Economic Advisory Committee at Bryant, traveling to campus to speak with students, and last year, by making his largest gift to date, \$10,000, in support of Bryant's distinctive Sophomore International Experience program.



Eric R. Handa '97

Handa is proficient in Mandarin. Prior to branching out with his own telecom consulting venture, APTelecom, Handa worked for AT&T, Tyco Telecommunications, Tata Communications, and Bharti Airtel in a number of senior operations, research, and sales assignments covering the primary and emerging markets of Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. "The key to global success is in the foundation built at Bryant and then applied in the field be that in Boston, Beijing, or Brisbane," says Handa. As a leading industry expert, Handa is often featured in publications such as the *Wall Street Journal*, *Telecom Asia*, and *Fox Business*.

NELSON J. GULSKI SERVICE AWARD

In recognition of their exemplary contributions to Bryant, **Diane (Zordan) Wardyga '77** and **Alan Wardyga '77, '84 MBA**, are the recipients of this year's Gulski Service Award. Alan and Diane, who started working toward their bachelor's degrees in 1973, remember the campus when the only facilities were the Unistructure and several dormitories. The couple met in 1974, married four years later, and will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary this year. Their continued involvement at Bryant has allowed them to see the University grow physically, and academically, over the course of 40 years.



Diane (Zordan) Wardyga '77

Alan describes one of his most rewarding commitments to Bryant as a judge for student business plans for Professor Jack Keigwin's entrepreneurship class in the early '90s. He recalls that one group of students even had an idea to create movie-dispensing kiosks at shopping malls – akin to today's Redbox. "That's the type of creative thinking a Bryant education develops," says Alan, who is CEO and president of the registered investment advisor firm he founded in 1994, Wealth Management Resources Inc.

In 1999, Alan helped Bryant's Executive Development Center establish a Certified Financial Planners certificate class, in which he taught for 12 years. "Hundreds of future CFPs sat in my course and, in my networking activities today, I still see my students who thank me for their educational experience," says Alan.

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DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

"Bryant offered me opportunities I just couldn't pass up," says **Wendy Samter, Ph.D.**, professor and chair of the Com-

munication Department. "From helping develop our nationally recognized Communication program to establishing a graduate degree in Communication at the University to bringing an international conference of relationship researchers to Providence, I would never have been able to explore these opportunities anywhere else."

In addition to her leadership role in the Communication Department, Samter serves as associate editor of two important journals in her field and is the past editor of *Communication Research Reports*. The 10-year Bryant faculty member is the recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award. "I am humbled to receive this award," she says. "The mere fact that alumni are thinking about me – even after the course is over – is extremely gratifying."

Her admiration of the material she teaches is what helps Samter inspire her students. "I'm sure my love for the subject is apparent," she says. "I hope that some of my enthusiasm – and belief in the importance of the work we examine – affects and excites the students."



Wendy Samter, Ph.D.

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The news of where his bid went off the tracks wasn't easy to hear, but he used the information to improve his future appeals for capital to fund enterprises. "That's one reason I suggest we give feedback right away," he said.

Cowley agreed, adding: "It's time to kick the \$10,000 prize up to the next level and embrace the format of providing immediate feedback."

"If this program is about driving a center of excellence in entrepreneurship, the contestants need to bring big, scary audacious plans," said DePasquale. "They should be exceptional to win."

Crockett, whose bold plan won the 2013 competition, said she was "quite impressed with the expertise of the judges – many of whom were working in or connected with venture capital firms.

"The panel asked many insightful and thoughtful questions, which will help us improve our business strategy and presentation. I received a detailed feedback on my written plan and oral presentation. The most notable aspect of the competition has been the business connections I have been making through the panel. Having a solid business plan is a good start, but access to knowledge-

able and influential people is key to ultimate success."

To be involved in the 2014 New Venture Competition, interested investors should contact Robin Warde at rwarde@bryant.edu or Entrepreneurship Program Coordinator Sandra Potter, Ph.D., at spotter@bryant.edu.

View more pictures at www.bryant.edu/alumniphotos



February 7 – San Francisco, CA

Enjoying an evening at the Press Club wine bar are Bay area alumni **Luke Bornheimer '10**, **Sebastien DuBois '93**, **Brendan Hayes '99**, and **Brenda Kahler '00**.



February 28 – Boston, MA

Bryant was the center of a great comedy sketch at Improv Asylum in Boston much to the enjoyment of the alumni in attendance. Pictured (L-R) are **Jeffrey Wade '07** and **Derek Vallerand '07** with guest Jill Gardner.

Get LinkedIn with the real Bryant University Alumni Association

Did you know that you can have direct access to more than 6,500 alumni? If you have a LinkedIn account, all you have to do is join the *official* Bryant University Alumni Association group. This group is monitored by a member of the Office of Alumni Relations on a daily basis. Since it is a private group, anyone wanting to join must send a request. The Office of Alumni Relations then references its alumni database to make sure that the person

If you want to make sure that you join the official group, perform a group search for "Bryant University Alumni Association."

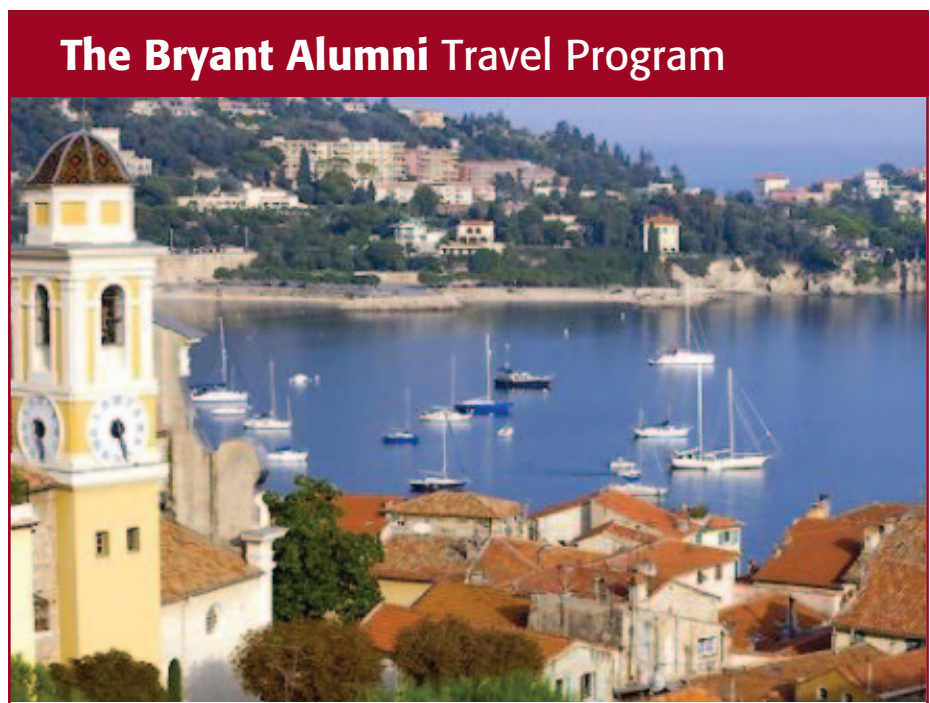
joining the group attended Bryant. This process typically takes less than 24 hours and ensures that the group consists of only alumni and several Bryant University staff members. Once approved, you will be able to benefit from alumni job postings, industry discussions, and official

Regional Alumni Network event information. You will also have access to the group's subgroups for specialized segments of alumni based on geographic location and special interests.

When searching for this group, you may come across several others for general Bryant University alumni. These other groups were created by well-meaning alumni as a way to network online. Although they provide valuable information and additional networking opportunities, the Office of Alumni Relations does not provide oversight of any of them. Some are open to the public while others are private and require approval by the group's owner.

If you want to make sure that you join the official group, perform a group search for "Bryant University Alumni Association." This should yield just one result and should have the Archway logo of the Alumni Association to the left of the description. Simply click the "join" button to send your request to join.

We look forward to having you join our vibrant LinkedIn community!



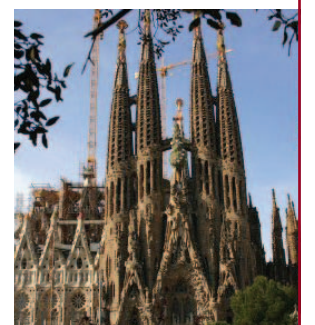
The Bryant Alumni Travel Program

French River Cruise | July 15-27, 2013

On this European River Cruise vacation, Bryant alumni are invited to experience the glittering lights of Paris and verdant landscapes of wine country. In the Burgundy region, we'll board a 46-passenger cruiser in Macon on our way to cobblestoned villages and the world's best vineyards. In our ports of call in Lyon, Tournon, Avignon, and Arles (beloved by Vincent Van Gogh), we'll experience the gustatory pleasures of local wine, cheese, sausage, and bread. Along the way, we'll visit ornate papal palaces, Gothic cathedrals, medieval fortifications, and Roman ruins, culminating with an optional extended visit to the alluring city of Nice in sunny Cote d'Azur.

Barcelona, Spain | November 1-8, 2013

The diversity of culture, architecture, history and cuisine Barcelona offers will appeal to a variety of travelers! Explore on your own or sign up for optional tours led by a local guide. We are still working out the details, but anticipate an eight-day/six-night tour including round-trip flights from Boston and other key points, six nights' accommodations, welcome dinner, daily buffet breakfast and a half-day orientation sightseeing tour.



SAVE THE DATE:

Australia/New Zealand | February 13 – March 4, 2014

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March 7 – Chicago, IL
Bryant alumni from the greater Chicago area gathered at SushiSamba for networking. Pictured here are **Lauren Rubinoff '07**, **Diana Rostkowski '09** and **Abigail Lesneski '07**.



March 14 – Petion-Ville, Haiti
Former Intercultural Center Director Berta Hysell was the special guest at a reception in Haiti for alumni and current students who were completing a business development project in Jacmel, Haiti. Pictured here with Berta are **Michel Apollon '86** and **Gaetan Barrau '94**.

Bryant's Seventh Annual Alumni Leadership Weekend went according to (financial) plan!

Alumni Leadership Weekend began Friday morning with a Fixed Income and Alternative Investments Panel, moderated by **Erica (Johnson) Vaters '91**, Vice President, Advisor Compliance, Fidelity, with panelists **Howard Jones '85** of Blackrock; **Joseph Fazzino '02** of United Technologies; and **Tom Tzitzouris '99** of Strategas Research Partners followed by the Market Trends Panel moderated by **Nicholas Bohnsack '00**, Strategas Research Partners with panelists **Adam Joffe '93, '95 MBA** of The Boston Company Asset Management; **Ed Fasano '94** of Seawolf Capital; **Henry Becker '94** of Goldman Sachs; and Bryant Trustee, **Donald Quattrucci '83** of U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management.

After a keynote titled "Short Sales and Financial Chacaney" by alumnus and author **John Del Vecchio '98**, co-founder of The Active Bear ETE,



and a networking luncheon for alumni and students, the afternoon Personal Planning and Asset Protection seminars were moderated by **Glen Martin, CFP®, '81, '87 MBA** of U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management with panelists **Matthew Carbray, CFP®, '02** of Carbray Staunton Financial Partners LLC.; Linda Thalheimer, CLTC; **Ron Ware, JD, '90**, and **Nancy Micheletti '89, '98 MBA**, both of Wealth Impact Partners.

Alumna **Daryl (David) Crockett '82** took the \$10,000 prize in the New Venture Competition for her data migrating/data validation software company. She competed with five other alumni or student teams for top honors. As we go to print, Crockett is one of several Entrepreneur-Track finalists in the 2013 Rhode Island Business Plan Competition. See story page one for more information.

The weekend was capped with the presentation of the Alumni Achievement Awards to five alumni and one faculty member at the recognition dinner. Read about the honorees on page one.



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Celebrate Bryant's 150th anniversary with us

A variety of special activities and events are planned throughout Bryant's 150th anniversary celebration year.

Upcoming events include Bryant's 150th Commencement on May 18, with all members of the Class of 1963 invited to lead the procession of the Class of 2013 through Bryant's historic Archway; an Independence Day celebration with

music and fireworks on July 5; and an alumni celebration on the East Side of Providence – on the former South Hall Lawn – to be held in conjunction with Waterfire on September 21. And make plans now to attend a special anniversary Reunion @ Homecoming October 11-13. This year, we're sponsoring a Reunion contest where alumni are asked to create an

online "dream team." Points will be awarded for various factors, and the alumnus/a with the most points wins an iPad 3, Bryant swag, and two tickets to Reunion Dinner. Check alumni.connect.bryant.edu for details; contest begins June 1.

Visit www/bryant.edu/150 to explore Bryant's online timeline and find event details.

View more pictures at www.bryant.edu/alumniphotos

March 15 – Boston, MA

Jim Roberts '84 and his wife Ruth were among the 50 alumni who toured historic Boston Symphony Hall and attended a performance of the Handel and Haydn Society Orchestra.



March 27 – New York, NY

A record number of alumni – 75 in total – came down to SoHo for a great wine tasting and networking reception. Shown here enjoying the event are (L-R) **Tyler Fishback '09, Michael Carabellese '09, Paul Costabile '09, Vincent Cholewa '09, and Michael Burstin '09.**

Calendar

May

Stonington, CT
May 9, 5:30-8 PM
Saltwater Farm Vineyard

Bloomfield, CT
May 15, 6-8:30 PM
Thomas Hooker Brewery

Smithfield, RI
May 18, 9 AM-Noon
Loyal Guard 150th Brunch
Commencement

Boston, MA
May 21, 6-8:30 PM
Bryant 2U: Social Media Panel
Baystate Financial

Portland, ME
May 22, 6-8 PM
Street & Company

New York, NY
May 29, 6-8 PM
Speed Networking
Latitude

June

Philadelphia, PA
June TBD, 6-8 PM
Union League

Washington, DC
June TBD, 6-8 PM
TBD

Norton, MA
June 13, 5:30-7:30 PM
EMC After Work
The Marathon

New York, NY
June 22, 12:30 PM
Yankees Game

Smithfield, RI
June 23, 10:30 AM
Motorcycle Run

Charleston, SC
June 25, 5:30-7:30 PM
Circa 1886

Raleigh, NC
June 26, 5:30-7:30 PM
TBD

Charlotte, NC
June 27, 5:30-7:30 PM
Fig Tree

July/August

Bristol, CT
July 20
Lake Compounce

Portsmouth, RI
July 27, 4-7 PM
Newport Polo

New Orleans, LA
August 8, 6-8 PM
TBD

October

Smithfield, RI
October 11-13
Reunion @ Homecoming

New alumni events are added weekly. Check alumniconnect.bryant.edu/events for the updated calendar and to register. Check www.bryantbulldogs.com for athletic contests in your area.

Alumni Weddings



June 16, 2012 | Sturbridge, MA | **Julie Anne (Collins) Capuzziello '04** and Mark Capuzziello
Front row (L-R): **Jan Thibault '04, Julie Anne (Collins) Capuzziello '04 (bride), Jennifer (Pires) Muzerall '04, and Mariah (Glynn) Medeiros '03**; back row (L-R): **Morgan (McQuesten) Lewis '04, Isabella (Kostka) O'Brien '03, Laura (Velardi) Manchester '05, Nicole (Gentile) Degnan '03, Melissa (Trevino) Reis '04, Melissa (Meakim) Courtney '04, Lauren (Jean) Santagate '04, Krista (Grillo) Korinis '03, and Jodi (Aubin) Brock '03**. Other alumni in attendance but not in photo were **James Lewis '05, John Manchester '05, Dan O'Brien '03, Justin Medeiros '04, Halaree (Min) Monnerat '04, Karen (Chute) Brown '04, Jeremy Brown '04, Maria (Francis) McManus '04, and Jimmy McManus '04**.



October 27, 2012 | Hartford, CT | **Julie Manzone '07** and **Jeff St. George '08**
Back row (L-R): **Ashley (DiBenedetto) O'Rourke '08 '09 MPAC, Chris O'Rourke '08 '09 MPAC, Corrie (Martin) Peck '07, Dan Peck '08, Jessica (Valentini) Richard '08, Roman Ward '08, Julie Manzone (bride) '07, Jeff St. George (groom) '08, Rob Larochelle '08, Kat Mitchell '07, David Ward '82, Carol (Johnston) Ward '82**; front row (L-R): **Jeff Richard '10, Matt Richard '08, Taryn Beaudoin '08, Sean Authier '08, and Pat Breen '07**.



July 21, 2012 | Smithfield, RI | **Charlene March '06** and **Andrew Soucy '06**
(L-R) **Jonathan Rizzo '06, Justin Kix '06, Chris Rumul '06, Andrew Nolan '06, Elizabeth Sweet '06, Trevor Henney '06, Rebecca Kix '06, Chris Barclay '06, Charlene (March) Soucy '06, (bride), Andrew Soucy '06, (groom), Eric Labo '06, Chris Mahoney '06, Jenny Baldassarre '06, Gabe Marcarelli '06, Sarah Giuliano '06, Ryan Nolan '06, Kyle Ferrare '06, and Jason DiFederico '06**.



September 15, 2012 | Wrentham, MA | **Clifford Bowyer '97** and Susan Vecoli
The alumnus groom and his wife were married at Pearl Lake Luciano in Wrentham, MA. The wedding party includes (top row, L-R) David Benevides, Tommy Karner (best man), **Clifford Bowyer '97** (groom), Deeon Smith (Maid of Honor), **David LaPointe '96**; (bottom row, L-R) Laura Vecoli, Susan Vecoli (bride), and Jessie Karner. The couple lives in a house that they built in Bellingham, where Clifford is an author and Managing Director of Silver Leaf Books, and Susan is a professional photographer.

Partnerships

Notices received from 12/26/12 to 3/19/13

1997

Clifford Bowyer '97 to Susan Vecoli on 9/15/12

2001

Michelle (Eichengreen) '01 to Jaime Carvajal on 11/3/12

2004

Julie Anne (Collins) '04 to Mark Capuzziello on 6/16/12

2006

Charlene (March) '06 to Andrew Soucy '06 on 7/21/12

2007

Julianne (Manzone) '07 to Jeffrey St. George '08 on 10/27/12

2008

Ashley DiBenedetto '08, '09 MPAC to Christopher O'Rourke '08, '09 MPAC on 9/22/12

Additions

Notices received from 1/4/13 to 3/19/13

1993

John Robert to Darby (Turner) '93 and Michael Muia on 10/21/12

Bevan Colleen to Shannon Dunnigan '93, '97 MBA on 3/15/13

1999

Aubrey Ella to Lindsay (Germano) and William Matthews on 4/3/11

2000

Gavin (1/7/11) and Ella (1/9/12) adopted by Steven Naldi '90 and Ray Cooper on 12/19/12

Victoria L. to Elissa (Burke) Tracey '00, '03 MBA and Patrick Tracey on 8/11/09

2003

Anna Violet to Kathleen (Matta) '03 and David Tanguay '03 on 12/22/2012

Submit your "Partnerships" and "Additions" to the Office of Alumni Relations by e-mailing alumni@bryant.edu or by entering a class note via our online directory at alumniconnect.bryant.edu. Send wedding photos that feature a group of Bryant alumni to alumni@bryant.edu. Resolution of photos should be "print-quality" (generally 300 pixels/inch).

August 20, 2011 | Southington, CT | **Gina (Mannello) Calabrese '04** and **Robert Calabrese '04**



The alumni couple was married at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington, CT. Alumni appearing at their wedding were (top (L-R), going down photo) Jeff Schepps, Mike Almeida, **Mike Cecere '03, Brian Pekera, Jess Julius '04, Kristy (Flaherty) Mead '04, Melanie (Owens) Guiney '04, Sheri Bradford '04, Chris Mastrangelo, Lauren Jean Santagate '04, Tom Cook, Michelle Whalen '02, Jenn Pires '04, Jacqueline Belanger '04, Jordan Dean '04, Adam Yorzinski '04, Meredith (Field) Fioretti '02, Jennifer (Jones) Bartolotta '02, Jennifer (Crisafi) Liggett '03, Elizabeth (DiRenzo) Murphy '03, Abigail Morris '03, Michelle (Ford) Dabrowski '04, Daniel Dabrowski, Marcy (Spada) Bryan '03, and Sean Bryan '02**.

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