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#### **150 YEARS OF CEREMONY** AND TRADITION

Celebratory rites and rituals enrich the dynamic Bryant experience.



#### **150 YEARS OF EDUCATING WOMEN**

Women have always played a vital role in Bryant's success.



#### **150 YEARS OF BRYANT VETERANS**

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CLARIFICATION The timeline of Bryant's history in the spring 2013 issue of Bryant magazine included an item from the 1950s about Bryant fraternities volunteering for 23 community projects. We apologize for incorrectly referring to this activity as charitable hazing instead of community service.

Bryant recently celebrated its landmark 150th commencement, capping a great academic year filled with many achievements and progress on the University's strategic initiatives. At graduation,

it was particularly fitting that we welcomed world-renowned historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jon Meacham as our speaker.

Meacham noted that although graduates leave Bryant as "citizens of the most powerful nation in the world... proud empires fade away." What our country now requires, he said, are citizens who provide "energy, innovation, and creativity." I am confident that the Class of 2013 will answer that call as our most recent graduates go on to make a difference in leading organizations and communities around the world.

The Bryant experience delivers exceptional preparation for success, and my wife Kati and I are so proud of all that our students and alumni achieve. In this issue of *Bryant* magazine you'll read about several aspects of Bryant history that contribute to our 150-year tradition of success.

Continuous growth and innovation are Bryant hallmarks that differentiate us. Bryant recognized the need for international education and greater integration of the liberal arts and business a decade before our peers. Today, our new program in Global Supply Chain Management is recognized in *The Wall Street Journal* and our curriculum is lauded by thought leaders throughout academia.

Bryant has also distinguished itself on the athletic fields. In this, our first full year of NCAA Division I eligibility, our baseball and men's lacrosse teams won their conference titles and secured berths in national playoffs. Other men's and women's teams performed admirably as well, with men's basketball achieving one of the most dramatic season-to-season turnarounds in decades.

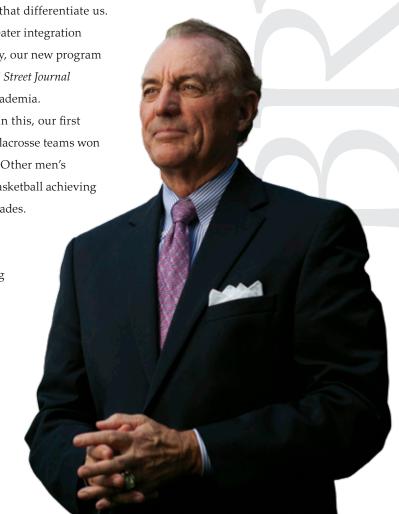
In and out of the classroom, Bryant's 150-year trajectory of excellence indicates that the best is yet to come. I hope that the stories that follow will fill you with pride in our outstanding educational institution. Here's to the next 150 years!

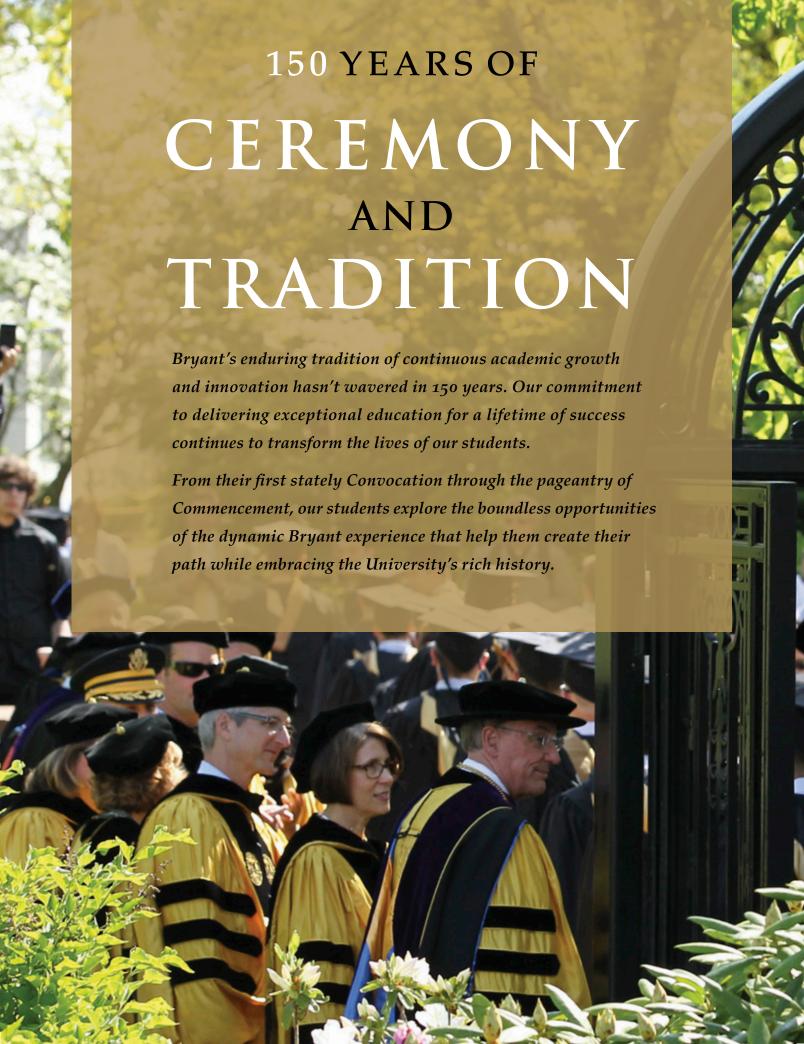
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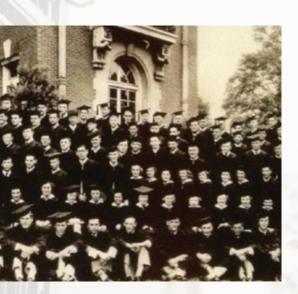
First-year students continue to read the Bryant Pledge, some while wearing a Bryant beanie. They collaborate with inspiring faculty on research and present their findings to the community during a day devoted to research and engagement. They turn out to celebrate athletic victories with their beloved mascot. And, as the young men and women of Bryant graduate, they proudly pass through the Archway gate that once stood on the East Side campus.



## Celebrating the First Gathering of the Academic Community

Convocation is one of the oldest of all academic traditions. It is rich in ceremony and meaning for the academic community. Each fall, Bryant's Convocation, which begins with a procession led by trumpeters, celebrates the first gathering of the entire Bryant community during the new academic year. This is an important time as we assemble to recognize and greet each other and to welcome new members. First-year students take the Bryant Pledge, but most significantly, the tradition behind Convocation calls for all of us to reaffirm our commitment to the shared values and purposes that set us apart as a community dedicated to the educational enterprise.





### Sidestepping the Archway: A Student's Perspective

"I am walking to class with my roommate, texting and not paying attention. Suddenly, my roommate shoves me and yells, "Dude, watch out!" Startled, I look up to realize I almost fell victim to Bryant's most feared legend—walking through the Archway before graduation. The rumor is that students who walk through the Archway will not graduate from Bryant, although there is no data to back it up.

"The Archway is a wrought-iron gate that was taken from Bryant's campus on the East Side of Providence to the Smithfield campus when it opened in 1971; this year, we're celebrating our 150th anniversary. The original Bryant College seal remains intact on the campus icon, even though we became a university in 2004. The Class of 2008 raised money to have the Archway refurbished, and a brick walkway has since replaced the deep ruts caused by students walking around the gate over the years.

"Every student's proudest moment is walking through the Archway to the Commencement ceremony. On May 18, I was excited to step through the Archway and into my future."

John "Jake" Meehan '13, a Finance major now working in The Travelers Insurance Financial Management Leadership Development Program, Hartford, CT.

## Research and Engagement Day: A Showcase of Academic Exploration

Research and Engagement Day, one of the newest Bryant traditions, showcases inspiring speakers, dynamic collaboration between faculty and students, and a rich sharing of academic explorations and investigations. More commonly known as REDay, this daylong symposium features faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students, as well as industry and community partners associated with Bryant who exhibit their research, creativity, and innovative academic accomplishments. REDay formalized, opened to the entire University community, and celebrates Bryant's long-standing tradition of faculty-student collaboration.

### Giving Back By Doing Good, Part of the Bryant DNA

Bryant students—and alumni—have always given back to the community, using the real-world skills they develop to make a difference in the world through their work as volunteers or employees of nonprofit agencies and cultural organizations.

At Bryant, service learning combines the ideals of volunteering, learning, and reflection. All students take an introductory management course that allows them to apply their management skills to help nonprofit organizations run more efficiently while they learn about issues affecting the community.

Students also volunteer approximately 11,000 hours of time each academic year for a gamut of worthy causes: providing training skills to incarcerated youth, raising awareness about adoption, volunteering at a soup kitchen in the District of Columbia, changing the tax status of an animal rescue farm, repairing New Orleans homes ravaged by Hurricane Katrina, and raising money for cancer research. International outreach ranges from a book drive for college students in Tanzania to teaching English and computer skills to local residents in a small fishing village in the Dominican Republic. In May, more than 200 students volunteered when the University opened its doors to 400 Special Olympic athletes for an event that Bryant students have organized for 30 years.



#### 150 YEARS OF

# Educating Women

Bryant has a rich history of educating women for success in life and in their chosen professions.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

- "The Status of Women in America," the 1963 Centennial Convocation, was organized by Gertrude Meth Hochberg, Bryant's vice president of public relations and an ardent advocate for women's equality from 1949–1977.
- The Bryant University Women's Summit\* was established in 1997 to inspire and empower women and men so that they may advance professionally, develop personally and provide leadership in their communities, the nation, and the world. Mrs. Kati C. Machtley has served as the Women's Summit director since its founding.
- Created in 2002, the Hochberg Women's Center is a vital hub that provides a University space devoted to women's issues and offers education about a wide variety of topics that affect women.
- In addition to nationally ranked programs in business and the liberal arts, Bryant offers academic programs that may be of particular interest to women. These include the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies concentration and the Women and Leadership: Strategies for Success course.
- A variety of annual events recognizes the diversity and contributions of women at Bryant and around the world, and provides a forum for exploring issues facing women in business and society.



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#### FROM THE BEGINNING

"We have had the privilege of according diplomas to young ladies whose thorough attainments in all the requisites of Accountantship would put to blush the pretensions of many a bearded competitor for like honors." So declared Bryant's founding father Ezra Mason in an 1865 circular. The original 11 faculty members included Miss C.J. Arnold, who taught bookkeeping as part of what was then called the "ladies department."

Mason especially wanted to inspire women to attend the college. The Civil War had drawn men away from civilian life and opened up jobs for women.

Mason commented, "It is now no unusual

thing for posts of great importance and responsibility to be filled by women." He believed that this was a harbinger of even better things to come — "the establishment of 'woman's rights' in a true and noble sense."

Reviewing Bryant's advertising history, the school's interest and sensibility toward female students is readily apparent. An 1878 brochure for the Providence absence of their male peers, women took on leadership positions at the school. The Bryant yearbook, The Ledger, had its first female co-editors in 1943.

Despite the advances made in the '40s, when the war ended, the student body returned to being predominantly male.

In the early 1970s, administrators at Bryant College were thinking of ways to encourage women to attend. Although the enrollment of women had increased since the '50s, they were still a minority in the student body. Gertrude Hochberg, then the director of public relations and

now they wanted business administration, business communications, or a specialized program designed to enable them to obtain executive positions.

#### THE "FIRST CLASS" OF WOMEN FACULTY

One of the ways Bryant sought to attract more female students was to hire more women as faculty in disciplines other than secretarial studies. But to be pioneers, these women faculty would have to be cut from a whole new cloth.

"I've always said what was on my mind...with a sense of humor. I've always felt incredibly comfortable here [at Bryant]," says Mary Lyons, Ph.D.,



Bryant & Stratton Business College included as one of its educational claims: "To afford Ladies equal advantages with Gentlemen in all departments of Business Education." Women interested in shorthand and typing began to enroll at Bryant in increasing numbers in the 1880s, and, by 1914, they represented 57 percent of all students enrolled in office work courses. Subject to strict dormitory rules, all outof-town single women who were under the age of 21 were required to live in the college's residence halls. The women were supervised by housemothers and were expected to learn proper etiquette.

During World War II, colleges across the nation were left with a predominately female student body. Men made up 7 and 8 percent of the graduating classes of 1944 and 1945, respectively. In the

an ardent advocate for women's equality from 1949 to 1977, had a tremendous impact on increasing opportunities for women at Bryant. She organized "The Status of Women in America," Bryant's Centennial Convocation in 1963, to attract the attention of women. Letters were sent to every high school within 50 miles, inviting a counselor and two female students interested in a business career. Many of the young women who attended the symposium later chose to attend Bryant.

As the decade went on, more and more women came to Bryant. No longer did they choose secretarial science courses; professor of communication and literary studies. "I've never had trouble controlling classes full of men or been shut out at a meeting."

"I've been on the last three Bryant presidential search committees and was one of the first women to chair an academic department," she adds.

Lyons was among the "first class" of women faculty (other than secretarial studies) Bryant hired in the 1970s, which included Gaytha Langlois, Ph.D., professor and chair of the science and technology department, and History Professor Judy Barrett Litoff, Ph.D.—all of whom teach at Bryant today.

Litoff developed the first American Women's History course at Bryant, which put the school "well ahead" of its peers, as most did not offer specialized courses in women's history.

Langlois and Lyons arrived in the fall of 1970, Bryant's last year on Providence's East Side, along with the late **Janice Smith**, **Ph.D.**, professor of accounting emeritus, and Norma **Jenckes Bains**, **Ph.D.**, who taught English. "Bryant was beginning to become enlightened, in terms of academics, and deliberately went out of its way to hire young [female]

a faculty member and dean, asked if she realized that most of her students would be men and if she was OK with that.

"At that stage, being 24 [years old], it sounded like a pretty good idea to me!" Langlois jokes, adding: "In reality, having just finished a Ph.D. in the sciences, most of my graduate classes had been largely populated by males, and it turned out to be the same in my classes at Bryant for many years, even after we moved to the Smithfield campus."

Lyons says she has felt completely at ease from the start. "What I've enjoyed

Today, in addition to nationally recognized academic programs in business and the liberal arts, Bryant offers academic programs that may be of particular interest to women. These include the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies concentration first introduced as a minor in 1998, and the Women and Leadership: Strategies for Success course.



faculty members," adds Lyons. As soon as Bryant moved to Smithfield, there were additional pioneers, including **Phyllis Schumacher**, **Ph.D.**, professor of mathematics, **Janet Morahan-Martin**, **Ph.D.**, professor of psychology, and the late self-proclaimed feminist sociology professor **Joan Marsella**, who founded the Women Educators at Bryant organization in 1974.

Lyons and Langlois remember that on the East Side campus, men and women faculty sat on separate sides of the dining hall and occupied offices in different buildings. She and Langlois were the first to cross the divide on both counts.

Langlois recalls that during her hiring interview, **Nelson Gulski '26, '72H, '92H**,

watching is the change among women students over the years, starting in the mid-70s when they began to self-select out of the secretarial program. They would come here as two-year students and transfer into four-year programs. You could see the women's movement happening literally in front of you," she says.

Anticipating major workplace changes brought on by the widespread use of personal computers and recognizing women's changing roles in business, Bryant officially closed the doors on the secretarial school program in 1982.

#### **MOVERS AND SHAKERS**

Professors, staff members, and mentors, women have played diverse and important roles throughout Bryant's history. Sisters **Dorothy and Alice Hines**, still remembered fondly today by their students, enrolled in the four-year teacher-training program at Bryant in 1937. The two eventually went on to teach at Bryant until 1983, when they both retired.

The Women's Summit<sup>®</sup>, established in 1997, continues the tradition established by Gertrude Hochberg of inspiring and empowering women and men so that they can advance professionally, develop personally, and provide leadership in their communities, the nation, and the world. Mrs. Kati C. Machtley is the Women's Summit founder and director. More than 1,000 people attend the daylong event, featuring inspiring keynote speakers and workshops, every year.

Hochberg became the first female vice president at Bryant, serving as vice president of public affairs from 1975 until she retired in 1977. She was the first woman to be inducted into the Rhode Island Hall of Fame in May 1977.

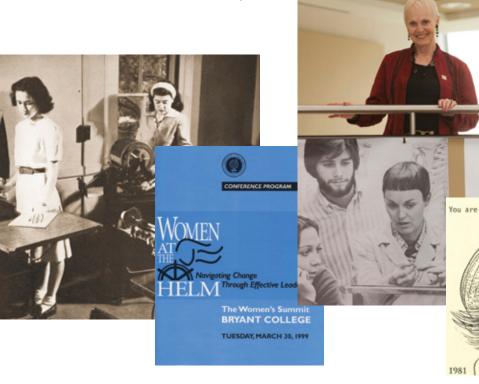
Hochberg is remembered fondly as a "cheerleader" for all of the Bryant

pins to graduation that cheekily read: "Ask me where the Women's Center is."

Another woman to make a longlasting impact on Bryant was **Clarissa Patterson**, who worked at Bryant from 1955 to 1994. From a secretarial studies teacher, Patterson became a professor of business administration, and later, a dean of undergraduate faculty the first woman to become a collegewide administrator. She worked with Pride in 1992 alongside **Rosanne Dana**, retired assistant director of counseling services, and students **Michael Chagros '92** and **Eric Albee '93**.

Lyons and Langlois note that they've seen the dynamics between students change drastically over the years. As teachers, they've been able to effect change in their own small worlds of the classroom through purposeful role reversals.

Langlois adds that when she started, all female faculty would be called "Mrs." — irrespective of whether they held a Ph.D.—while male faculty would be called "Doctor," even if they held a master's degree. The Bryant culture has evolved to more gender-neutral terms,



Vice President **Lowell Smith** to bring qualified women teachers to Bryant.

The campus is more diverse and

The campus is more diverse and inclusive than ever, thanks to enthusiastic female activists and their male colleagues who supported their efforts. Roberta "Berta" Hysell, retired director of the Intercultural Center, was "extremely skilled" at making international and multicultural students feel welcome, Lyons remembers, while crediting Judith McDonnell, Ph.D., professor of sociology, with making LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning) students feel comfortable on campus. McDonnell co-founded Bryant

she notes, and women as students, administrators, and campus leaders are very much the "norm."

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Today, a variety of annual events celebrate the diversity and contributions of women at Bryant, and provide a forum for exploring issues facing women in business and society worldwide.

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Sources used for this story include: Bryant College: The First 125 Years; "Women at Bryant: a History 1863-present (2009)" by Jillian Emberg '12 and Jessica Komoroski '11.

professor of English and Cultural Studies, and Bryant Center Director **Rich Dankel**, says Simon. One of the ways they drew attention to their cause was by wearing

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Bryant's Women's Center renamed in

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#### **BRYANT'S UNIQUE 150-YEAR HISTORY**

of growth and innovation can be traced back to when Civil War veterans wisely sought to invest their "mustering out" pay in a Bryant education at the college's first home on Westminster Street in Providence. In 1863, veterans rarely met the rigid entrance requirements for liberal arts colleges, which included knowledge of Latin and Greek. Bryant welcomed them into a program that did not require a commitment of four years but of only several months.



#### **BRYANT GOES TO WAR**

Among its distinguished faculty, Bryant is fortunate to count accomplished historian and prolific author Professor Judy Barrett Litoff, Ph.D. Teaching at Bryant since 1975, Professor Litoff is the recipient of many prestigious awards and honors including recognition by Bryant alumni with the Distinguished Faculty Member Award and receipt of the Honorary Chairs Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Humanities from the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities.

Professor Litoff's areas of interest and scholarship include U.S. Women and World War II. Most recently, she delivered the Norton Institute Lecture at Wheaton College in May. Her lecture was titled: "One Women's War in China: An American Red Cross Club Director in World War II."

To add to her impressive body of previously published work, this autumn will see the publication of a new volume: *Bryant Goes to War.* Produced in concert with Bryant's 150th anniversary, *Bryant Goes to War* tells the rich stories of wartime correspondence.

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# VETERANS

#### **POST-WORLD WAR I BRYANT**

The post-World War I era brought in a flood of veterans to Bryant. World War II, however, changed the college dramatically. In 1942, a supplement to the college catalog described courses to prepare people to step into civilian jobs left by drafted men, as well as new jobs arising from war needs.

Later, a pamphlet, "Calling All G.I.s," informed veterans of educational opportunities for them. Vice President and Director of Admissions **E. Gardner**Jacobs '22 devised a "refresher program" for veterans that provided an intensive review of mathematics, English, and bookkeeping. Admissions counselors placed pamphlets in veterans' centers to inform them about this program and other advantages at Bryant. After 1945, enrollment rose, reaching 3,000 in 1949. Many veterans believed that, as older students, they had no time to waste; a two-year program Bryant offered was appealing.

#### **WWII AND THE BRYANT SERVICE CLUB**

During World War II, the Bryant Service Club boosted the morale of alumni and students serving by sending care packages and letters.

In 2009, a cache of 1,400 letters sent to students in the club by alumni and

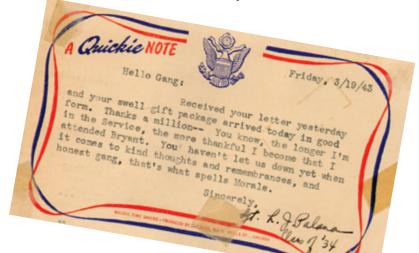
"The measure of respect that I have received as a veteran at Bryant has been overwhelming."

PHILIP SPARKS '15 U.S. Marine Corps

students fighting overseas was found in Bryant's library archives. The correspondence, which survived a move from the East Side campus to Smithfield, contained heartfelt thanks for the letters, candy, cigarettes, and handmade scarves and sweaters, and often included candid descriptions of day-to-day life in the war. Among the letters was one from **George Shenkman '38**, who, like many of that era, graduated early to report for duty. In his letter of August 1942, PFC Shenkman

wrote: "It sure was a swell feeling to receive your gift of cigarettes! Thank you ever so much." Shenkman was a proud member of the 5th Armored Division, serving in five European Campaigns. Before retiring to Florida, he was employed by Silktown Flyer, Inc. in East Hartford, CT.

The letters inspired an independent research project spearheaded by Professor of History **Judy Barrett Litoff, Ph.D.**, a world-renowned historian and an expert on women and World War II.



Here's a little gift from the Bryant Service Club to tell you that the students of Bryant think of you and are proud of the part you are taking in our country's defense. Good Luck to you always.

BRYANT SERVICE CLUB

Litoff's students interviewed and filmed a number of WWII veterans who were either Bryant students or alumni at the time they served in the war.

Katie Gorham '10 and Julien Dumont '12 talked with John S. Renza '43 and Marie (Teigue) Renza '43, who met at Bryant and were two of the first members of the Bryant Service Club. Renza was drafted into the Army when his deferment expired in 1943. As part of the Combat Engineers of the 158th Battalion, his business education made him valuable in the area of support services and kept him relatively safe during D-Day operations.

Renza was discharged in 1945, and he and Marie married two years later. John became a professor of accounting and mathematics from 1945 to 1968 and advisor to Phi Sigma Nu and Sigma Lambda Pi fraternities. Marie gave birth to their three children and later went on to a teaching career.

Litoff and her students presented their work at the 25th Annual Conference of the National Social Science Association and reprised their presentation for the



Bryant community in 2009. In the audience were John and Marie, who listened to their story titled, "Johnny Came to College to Get an Education—He Found Romance Anyway: The Unconventional Wartime Story of John and Marie Teigue Renza."

Litoff will never forget the couple's smiling faces as they watched. "Bringing students and alumni together for research projects of this type is a 'winwin' situation for everyone," she says.

Former football standout **Kurt Spear '10**, now an associate national bank examiner for the Office of the Comptroller of

Currency, Boston region, says the project was a highlight of his time at Bryant. "It was an amazing experience for me to tell the stories of heroes who served our country."

#### **POST-WORLD WAR II ERA**

Many Bryant alumni served the nation during the Korean War from 1950 to 1953, and later, during the war in Vietnam, which became the big issue on college campuses across the country in the late 1960s.

At Bryant, faculty and administrators were generally sensitive to students' feelings and respectful of their desire to educate themselves on U.S. foreign policy and the war. The Bryant community passed through the period with dignity and respect for all individuals involved.

Major General Robert "Bob" Dickerson '73, USMC (Retired), remembers that in 1969 he was looking for direction after graduating from high school in North Kingstown, RI. Shortly after being accepted at Rhode Island Junior College, he received the very low draft lottery number of 10. Resolving to have a hand in his own fate, Dickerson spoke with each recruiter at an Armed Forces Recruiting station, and the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) offered him the best option: to defer his entrance to active duty in the Officer Selection Program, as long as he remained in good academic standing and worked toward a bachelor's degree.

He applied to Bryant to finish his business administration degree. "Bryant was one of the strongest national programs available, and I could remain in Rhode Island," Dickerson recalls. "The campus was spectacular, the quality of education first-class, and many alumni offered accolades about how well prepared they were to enter the workforce."

At the height of the Vietnam War, Dickerson entered the USMC Platoon Leaders Corps, kept his GPA above 3.0, and attended boot camp between his junior and senior years at Bryant. On campus, he found many Vietnam veterans who were students under the G.I. Bill. Though it was a turbulent and anxious time to be on a college campus,

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Dickerson found his academic experience to be rewarding and enriching.

"My education helped me better understand the politics of government, industry, and where academia fit together," says Dickerson, who holds three master's degrees—two in national strategy and one in business—and is now executive vice president at Marine Federal Credit Union in Jacksonville, NC.

"Throughout my entire career, I have encouraged service members to continue their education in order to better position themselves for future growth and opportunities," he says. "Veterans come to the table with many years of experience and a sense of maturity that has been nurtured from their time spent in uniform. With the proper education, they can navigate most situations successfully.

"For me, Bryant was that multiplier that made my many successes possible."





#### RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS (ROTC)

Sean Connolly '96, who chose Bryant because of its strong reputation as a top business school, says a military science class during his sophomore year piqued his interest in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program. After accepting a ROTC scholarship, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, the same day he received his degree from Bryant.

"From the terrific professors and lifelong friendships to significant opportunities to develop and practice leadership skills and the chance to get involved in organizations of all sorts, I had an incredible experience at Bryant that I could not have gotten anywhere else," he says.

"While the number of students involved in ROTC at Bryant was relatively small, I found that everyone I encountered appreciated our military and those who serve."

"NEVER WAS SO MUCH OWED BY SO MANY TO SO FEW"

In his senior year, Connolly prepared for the Law School Admission Test, applied to law schools, and requested an educational delay in service so he could attend law school before active duty.

Connolly entered service in January 2000 as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. Next, he served with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), graduating from the Sabalauski Air Assault School and holding a variety of legal positions. "During my last several months with the 101st, I was honored to deploy with

the division to Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom."

Upon his return, Connolly served with the Office of Military Commissions in the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon. His last active duty position was as a trial attorney in the Army's Contract Appeals Division.

"I would urge any veterans returning to school at Bryant to be extremely proud of their service and to share their incredible experiences, stories, and skills with their fellow students so they can benefit as well," says Connolly, who is now assistant counsel for Pratt & Whitney Military Engines, in East Hartford, CT, and also serves as a major in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Bryant continues to offer students the opportunity to participate in the Patriot Battalion Army ROTC Program. "The resources and support that Bryant provides to the battalion are instrumental to the development of our cadets into the future leaders of our Army," says Lt. Col. Kevin Kugel, U.S. Army, and Professor of Military Science. "The University includes a commissioning ceremony for our graduating seniors as part of Bryant's Commencement. It is a public validation by the University of the importance of all our cadets' hard work over four years and recognition of how extraordinary their accomplishment truly is."

#### **SUPPORTING VETERANS TODAY**

In 2012, Bryant was named one of the country's Military Friendly Schools by *G.I. Jobs*, a magazine for military personnel transitioning into civilian life. As a Yellow Ribbon school, Bryant works closely with the Veterans Administration to ensure that qualified veterans obtain their maximum benefit to assist with tuition, housing, and miscellaneous costs. Over the course of the last academic year, 31 students at Bryant used veteran benefits.

A pioneer of the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill and Yellow Ribbon Program, **Amy Newkirk** '12, who served four years in the U.S. Air Force, joined the Air National Guard and enrolled at Bryant. She graduated with highest honors, earning a Marketing degree with minors in International Affairs and Sociology.

An account manager for the Seattle Regional Office of Amica Mutual



Insurance Company, she also serves in the Air National Guard as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Air Mobility Command, at Quonset Point, RI.

Newkirk says, "Bryant University was an amazing experience for me. The faculty and administrators impressed me beyond my expectations, and the education and support I received were unparalleled."

Philip Sparks '15, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps for five years, is currently enrolled at Bryant as an International Business: Computer Information Systems major. The G.I. Bill partially covers school expenses, but because Bryant is a Yellow Ribbon school, his tuition costs are relatively low.

"Most prior service members would appreciate the atmosphere at Bryant," he says. "The small classes and emphasis on socializing and networking allowed me to have a smooth transition from military to civilian life. The University has a similar sense of community—but in an academic environment that is dedicated to my personal success."

Adds Sparks, "The measure of respect that I have received as a veteran at Bryant has been overwhelming."



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#### 150 YEARS OF

# BRYANT ATHES

BY KIMBERLEY DONOGHUE

#### The Beginnings

Since its early history, the Bryant experience has featured the purposeful integration of academics and dynamic student life programs. Men's varsity sports teams, such as **BASKETBALL** and **BASEBALL**, sprang up at Bryant in the 1930s but were suspended during World War II and the Korean War. The teams, mainly a fraternity activity, were reinstated in the mid-1950s.

The **first women's basketball team** was formed in 1924, when the February edition of the *Bryant Booster* reported on the landmark event, noting "the whole school is behind them in their laudable intentions."

Phyllis (Zammiello) Cicchelli '51, who played women's basketball in the '50s as an intramural sport, remembers there was "a lot of respect between us [and the men's teams]. And the boys were often there to watch us," she says, noting that the team "wasn't tops. It was just to get you out of your studies, to interact with other people, and to have that time to exercise rather than sit at your desk."

The teams played in a multipurpose building in Providence, which served as the cafeteria and a stage, as well as a gymnasium.

Cicchelli commuted from Cranston, RI. Now living in Narragansett, RI, she was inducted into Bryant's Hall of Fame in November 2011.

Today's NCAA Division I Bryant Bulldogs are

THE LEGACY of the dedicated student-athletes
and coaches throughout Bryant history, all of
whom instilled spirit and pride in our community.

#### **Reviving Athletic Spirit**

The late **Wally Camper** is credited with reviving athletic spirit on campus after men's sports had become a casualty of war.

Camper, who taught economics, accounting, and management for more than 30 years, became head basketball coach in 1960. His biggest challenge was convincing Bryant's top players that playing varsity could be as much fun as intramural basketball.

Varsity sports won out, and its popularity led the administration to hire a head men's basketball coach in 1964— **Tom Duffy**.

In 1966–1967, Bryant's MEN'S
BASKETBALL team—then called the
Indians—had its first standout year,
finishing with a 22-2 season. Playing in
National Association of Intercollegiate
Athletics (NAIA) competition, the team
is credited with laying the foundation for
Bryant to join the National Collegiate
Athletic Association (NCAA) in 1977
as a Division II competitor.

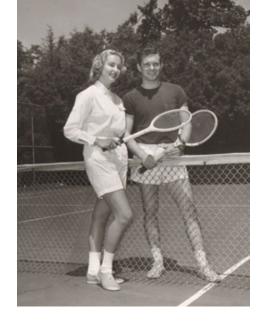


That year, **Tom Smile '68** led the Indians in a 22-0 start and still ranks as the all-time leading scorer in school history with 2,390 points—not an easy feat considering that the three-point line had not gone into effect yet, **Associate Athletic Director Jason Sullivan** observes.

"Playing those years was great. We played hard; we were proud to be part of Bryant and we are really proud of what's happened since then. We kind of feel like we were the ones who got it started," says Tony DeQuattro '67. He lives in Narragansett, RI, and returns to campus for games.

"All the students would come to support us and root us on," he says. "Every time we'd walk into the cafeteria, they'd get up and start clapping and yelling, especially when we'd gone undefeated," says DeQuattro.

The team was inducted into the Bryant University Hall of Fame in 2007 and established an endowed scholarship in honor of their now deceased coach, Tom Duffy, in 2009.



"If there were an intramural game the same night as a varsity game, I kept my fingers crossed my players would come to the varsity game."

Coach Wally Camper, 1960

#### **Women Pioneers**

"Women who came to Bryant [in the beginning] were pioneers. It was kind of a boys club," says Theresa Garlacy, head volleyball coach. Although women had been playing sports at Bryant since 1924, they didn't compete at a varsity level until 1976.

Lorraine Hudak, who joined Bryant in 1977 as the women's athletic coordinator and head coach for VOLLEYBALL, TENNIS, and **SOFTBALL**, is widely credited with blazing the trail for women's athletics at Bryant.

"At the time, I coached three of the four sports," recalls Hudak. Since tennis and volleyball were in the same season, Hudak would run from one practice to another in the same evening.

Title IX, federal legislation banning sex discrimination in schools, was a game-changer for women's athletics, Hudak says. Before the legislation passed, only men's basketball players were allotted scholarships. Many schools, she says, didn't want to play Bryant because the women's teams weren't "that good." But, with 12 women's scholarships in her war chest, Hudak was able to attract better female athletes.

Hudak says some thought all the scholarships should go to basketball players, but she chose to strategically divide them between softball, volleyball, and basketball.

we became more competitive," she says.

the volleyball team had turned around with an 18-2 record. "We beat schools that really shouldn't have been beaten. The next year, I didn't have to scramble to find people to play. They wanted to play us," she remembers.

"Because of the scholarships for women, By her second season at Bryant (1979),

> "Membership in the prestigious Division I **Northeast Conference** raises our academic and athletic profiles."

**Bill Smith, Director of Athletics** 

Hudak's 11 years of service to Bryant were recognized when she was inducted into the Hall of Fame in February 2003. "The biggest joy is seeing things grow not just the program, but all the kids who developed through the program and how it helped them," she says.

Head volleyball coach Theresa Garlacy, who joined Bryant in 1994 and celebrated her 400th career win in November 2012, remembers women's teams facing overt discrimination, such as recycled uniforms and less pay for female coaches.

She credits Title IX, as well as strict NCAA rules, with leveling the playing field.

Garlacy says she faces those stereotypes, however unintended, today. As head coach, she wears suits to games—while her assistant coach (and husband) Ted Garlacy dresses in sport shirts and slacks. Visiting coaches assume that Ted is the head coach just because he is male, Garlacy says.

Nevertheless, during their 19-year tenure at Bryant, the Garlacys have created one of the top volleyball programs in the region.

Bryant now boasts 11 women's teams, including women's swimming and diving, led by four-time Northeast Conference Swimmer of the Year Casey Ostrander '13.

Other outstanding Bryant female athletes include Elizabeth Davies '96, remembered by many as the greatest women's player in the history of Bryant basketball. She still holds the Bryant record for career free throws.



#### **Decades Of Success**

Bryant dominated college **GOLF** in New England for five decades, thanks to legendary coach **Archie Boulet**, who retired in 2011.

Boulet began the varsity program in 1964 and his record speaks for itself: 23 Division II All-Americans, 7 New England Players of the Year, 10 national top-20 Division II finishes, 11 New England Division II titles, 31 NCAA tournament appearances, 1 ECAC all-divisions title, 4 New England all-divisions titles, and 24 players who have



become head or assistant pros at golf courses across the nation.

Since his retirement, Bryant has hosted the annual Archie Boulet Golf Tournament, a fundraiser for an endowed scholarship in his name.

James Hallet '83, the golf program's most recognizable player, became a New England hero in 1982 when he was the first regional player in 25 years to reach the semifinal round of the U.S. amateur golf tournament while still a student. He won a record-setting five consecutive New England Intercollegiate individual championships in addition to individual titles in virtually every major college tournament in the Northeast. Hallet, a four-time Division II All-American while at Bryant, is among a number of Bryant athletes who went on to careers in professional sports.

#### **Conference Play**

**Leon Drury**, then **Bryant's Director of Athletics**, was one of the four founding fathers of the now Northeast-10
Conference and was inducted into its
Hall of Fame in 2006 in appreciation of his "vision and influence."

Drury upgraded the Bryant athletic program, making it one of the most prestigious and successful Division II programs in the Northeast. The Bryant varsity sports program increased to 16 teams. He also spearheaded a drive that nearly doubled the college's oncampus athletic facilities in three years, with the addition of the Multipurpose Activities Center in 1980 and the opening of 10 acres of new varsity and intramural athletic fields.

Drury served as **BASKETBALL** coach from 1978–1989. In 1979–80, his team posted a 20-7 overall record and qualified for the NCAA tournament. That year, Bryant achieved a No. 1 ranking in Division II in New England, along with a number of national rankings. During this time, Bryant attracted many outstanding players, including All Americans **Paul Seymour '78** and **Ernie DeWitt '82**.

In 1979, American International, Assumption, Bentley, Bryant, Hartford, Springfield, and Stonehill colleges formed a new athletic conference, the Northeast-7. After a year of planning, the conference



was officially announced and recognized by the NCAA as an allied member.

Bryant officially left the Northeast-10 Conference at the conclusion of the 2007–2008 year to join the Division I ranks as a member of the Northeast Conference, an NCAA Division I athletic conference.

#### **BRYANT MASCOTS**

Mascots symbolize school and community spirit. Bryant's teams were known as the Indians throughout the Providence years. As times changed and a national debate about professional sports teams' names persevered, Bryant considered a mascot change. After a campus-wide vote, the bulldog became the official logo/mascot of our athletic teams by 1994. The bulldog was suggested by Protestant Chaplain Philip Devlin (aka Rev. Dev), whose own English bulldog, Lester, served as Bryant's unofficial mascot for many years. The bulldog is a popular mascot because it symbolizes an athletic team's tenacity and fierce dedication.

#### **BRYANT'S FIRST OFFICIAL LIVE MASCOT**

When the Class of 2010 surpassed their fundraising goals – 52 percent of the class donated, raising more than \$40,000 – President and Mrs. Machtley were so impressed that they purchased and donated to Bryant a white English bulldog in the class's honor. The bulldog, named Ironclad Tupper I, was born January 13, 2010, at Ironclad Kennels in Raynham, MA. As a full member of the Class of 2010, he received an honorary degree in "obedience and character" during their Commencement.

#### **Bryant Athletics Today**

Today Bryant—known as the Bulldogs since a 1994 community referendum—boasts first-class athletic facilities, 22 D-I varsity teams, 22 club sports and intramurals, and more than 500 student-athletes with above-average GPAs.

Thanks to the generosity of Bryant alumnus and trustee **Bill Conaty '67**, the baseball and softball complex was recently upgraded and refurbished; it has been renamed Conaty Park in his honor. Bulldog Stadium underwent extensive renovations thanks to former trustee and alumnus **David M. Beirne '85**.

Bryant University **President Ronald K. Machtley** considers the move to Division I athletic competition "consistent with our strategic plan to continually enhance Bryant's reputation as a superb educational institution."



**Director of Athletics Bill Smith** agrees, noting that membership in the prestigious Division I Northeast Conference "raises our academic and athletic profiles."

In September 2012, Bryant completed a five-year transition from NCAA Division II athletics to NCAA Division I—the highest level possible—as a member of the Northeast Conference, and all 22 teams were eligible for post-season tournament D-I play for the first time.

For a complete list of those inducted into Bryant's athletic Hall of Fame: Bryant.edu/150

From cross country to swimming and diving, from basketball and lacrosse to baseball, Bryant's remarkable student-athletes rewrote the record books as the Bulldogs continued a magical and memorable debut season as full-eligibility Division I participants.

Following one of the most impressive turnarounds in NCAA history, the "Cinderella season" of MEN'S BASKETBALL that packed the stands continued as the team finished second in the NEC standings and was selected to compete in the 2013 College Basketball Invitational.

In her 22nd season at the helm of **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, Coach Mary L. Burke** led her team to its first NEC postseason berth in its first season of D-I eligibility despite a season riddled with injuries and multiple setbacks. The team closed the regular season with wins in eight of its final 13 games, including a critical, 61-56, overtime win over Robert Morris in its regular-season finale at home to clinch a playoff spot in the NEC Tournament.

The MEN'S LACROSSE team ended the year with a historic trip to the famed Carrier Dome in Syracuse, NY. The team went on to reel off wins in eight of its final 12 games, including wins over Sacred Heart and Robert Morris to capture the NEC championship for the second-straight season, and advanced to the Division I NCAA tournament for the first time in school history.

The Bulldogs had the unenviable task of playing top-seeded Syracuse in the opening round. Despite a hard fight and holding the lead after the first quarter, the Bulldogs were bested 12-7. Coach Mike Pressler said, "To see busloads of our students come all the way from Rhode Island and to watch our crowd go crazy for us when we came out of the tunnel was just incredible."

This fabulous year of athletics was extended on Memorial Day with the news the Bulldogs **BASEBALL** team would play in one of 16 NCAA regional tournaments. The team, which won three of the last four league championships, won both the regular season and tournament titles in the Northeast Conference. Then, up against second-seeded Arkansas in their NCAA tournament debut, the Bulldogs, led by **Coach Steve Owens**, earned a 4-1

win over the Razorbacks for the school's first-ever NCAA Division I tournament victory. The team finished the year posting a school record of 45 wins against 16 losses.

"What's happened here this year shows the incredible effort our student-athletes and coaches have put forth."

**Bill Smith, Director of Athletics** 

"We didn't know what to expect," Smith told *The Providence Journal*. "We'd done all the preparations, and thought we'd put our resources in the right places to be successful, but you never know. What's happened here this year shows the incredible effort our student-athletes and coaches have put forth."

Through the years, Bryant has been fortunate to have been home to many inspiring coaches whose sacrifices are often only recognized fully by their mentees. They include:

**Pressler**, who also was head coach of the 2010 gold-winning U.S. Men's National Lacrosse Team, and is one of the most respected bench bosses in the lacrosse community.

**Burke**, who earned her 300th career-victory over LIU Brooklyn in January, won the Vin Cullen Award and was named Rhode Island Division I Women's Coach of the Year.

Track and Field Coach Stephanie Reilly, who represented her native country, Ireland, racing in the steeplechase at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

Men's basketball Coach Tim O'Shea, who was honored with the Joe Mullaney Award for Rhode Island Division I Men's Coach of the Year.

Today's NCAA Division I Bryant Bulldogs truly are the legacy of dedicated student-athletes and coaches throughout our history, all of whom instilled spirit and pride in the entire community.

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# PREPARING STUDENTS FOR REAL-WORLD SUGGES



"As the University has broadened its curriculum over the years to meet the ever-changing

demands of the international marketplace, Bryant students have successfully taken their place on this complex global stage, excelling in both technological and human leadership challenges, due in large part to the knowledge, experience, and support received from the Bryant community."

#### THOMAS F. HEWITT '68

Past Bryant University Trustee Chairman of the Board, Interstate Hotels & Resorts

RIGHT Alumni such as Todd G. Carey 'oo MBA, CIMA," a Bryant University Trustee and Executive Director of J.P. Morgan Private Bank (standing), put the real-world lessons from Bryant's rigorous academic programs to work for successful organizations around the globe. Photo courtesy of Durvin & Co. Photography.





"Bryant provided me with a strong foundation for being a clear communicator, a critical skill for business leaders. Throughout my career, strong

interpersonal skills have enabled me to tackle tough challenges in a very collaborative manner. And that's been a difference maker."

#### NANCY DEVINEY '75 Bryant University Trustee Vice President, Organizational Change Management, IBM



"As a 1983 Bryant graduate, I was well prepared to meet the challenges of the business world at that time. Today's challenges are very

different and require preparing a new kind of business leader. Students need a broad global perspective along with high ethical standards to make a difference in an ever-changing world. Students today are benefiting from Bryant's strong business curriculum infused with a liberal arts education to produce graduates who are making an impact in their chosen fields and turning their passions into success stories."

#### DONALD R. QUATTRUCCI '83 Bryant University Trustee Managing Director, Market Investment Director, U.S. Trust, Bank of America Wealth Management



"Bryant fosters a culture where best practices and business ethics are championed. Students are encouraged to take risks,

become subject matter experts for any area they will pursue, and work to create key solutions for the future."

CHRISTA BABCOCK '03 Senior Global Marketing Manager, Zinio, LCC, digital newsstand and bookstore s far back as the 1860s, Bryant focused on preparing students for real-world success, integrating theory and practice as part of the educational process.

In those early years students would order, stock, and ship goods, and keep inventories, accounts, and payrolls.

By 1867, the school began adding courses in the arts, humanities, and sciences. The concept of a "liberal business education" had begun and continues to be among the University's distinctive strengths.

Today, in addition to rigorous coursework, Bryant students participate in a variety of multicultural activities on campus, study abroad programs, and internships. This preparation contributes to their ability to step off Bryant's campus and immediately bring value to employers.

Impressively, 98 percent of the Class of 2012 obtained full-time employment or were enrolled in graduate school within six months of Commencement. The mean starting salary for the class was \$50,305.

#### **Exceptional Experiential Learning**

The Archway Investment Fund, one of Bryant's signature experiential learning programs, allows students to make investment decisions by managing a portfolio of \$700,000 in real money, while using state-of-the-art resources in the C.V. Starr Financial Markets Center. Students are accountable for their investments and prepare a report at the conclusion of each semester.

In Management 200 classes, sophomores in all majors work with local, regional, or international agencies to help them solve an organizational problem. Students learn how to negotiate the scope of a project with their professor and the agency, then execute and deliver a solution, refining their management, communication, and problem-solving skills throughout the course.

The International Business practicum engages seniors in working with local businesses looking to expand internationally. Students present their findings and deliver detailed written reports to business executives, an experience that sets them apart as they seek employment opportunities.

Complementing their coursework throughout their time at Bryant, students participate in many clubs and organizations, or Division I athletics. They learn which leadership and communication styles work best for them, how to build effective teams, and manage efforts for maximum impact.

#### **Developing Lifelong Career Skills**

Bryant's applied scholarship and purposeful career planning programs form a comprehensive and deliberate four-year plan attuned to the emerging needs of the marketplace. The Amica Center for Career Education provides students with an invaluable support system and a variety of programs and workshops they can tap into over the course of their education.

When the College of Arts and Sciences was established in 2004, **Judith Clare**, **the Amica Center director**, notes that the center's scope expanded. "In addition to a corporate recruiting

program that consisted of business opportunities, we sought professional positions in the not-for-profit world, as well as gap year programs. The center continues to evolve to meet the needs of students. Many of our students are now going on to graduate or law school full time, and we have developed programs to meet their needs and interests."

Accomplished faculty such as Associate Dean of the College of Business Madan Annavarjula, Ph.D., Professor of International Business and Coordinator of the BSIB (International Business) Program, enhance classroom learning with real-world experience and expertise.



The Amica Center offers *The Job Source*, a weekly enewsletter of employment opportunities to alumni who are beginning their careers or assessing their next professional move.

Among the most popular programs is one in which students spend a day with established alumni on the job. This experience provides students with knowledge about particular companies and industries, as well as opportunities, to network with influential and inspiring alumni.

"Our alumni are terrific advocates; their participation in our programs and events help to make the Amica Center the success that it is," says Clare.

#### The Differentiating Bryant Experience

The cumulative effect of Bryant's rigorous academics that connect the latest academic theory to real-world application, extracurricular activities, and career support makes a difference, says **Saddi Williams '06**, a former recent alumni trustee, who is now a technical recruiter in the greater Washington, D.C., metro



"As a participant in the New Venture Competition at Bryant, I have the opportunity to visit campus and engage with students at least once

a year. From my graduation to present day, I am most impressed with how Bryant's focus, education, and support remain highly relevant to current issues and technologies, locally and globally. This happens only with the highest level of passion, dedication, and leadership among faculty and students, attributes that I am proud to be associated with."

#### **BRIAN COWLEY '82**

Chief Executive Officer, CompareNetworks, Inc.



"Bryant builds confidence in students. The one-on-one conversations with professors. The faculty and administrators showing interest in you outside

the classroom. The President greeting you by name as you walk across campus. These daily personal encounters enhance the outstanding education and create confident future leaders."

JOY VOKE '88 Co-founder, RNK Telecom



"In the classroom and on the playing field, I gained experience in leadership, teamwork, entrepreneurship, multitasking, and public

speaking. Now, I'm doing what I love to do—and Bryant helped me get here."

ANN-MARIE HARRINGTON '86

President and Founder, Embolden Design area for the aerospace group at Wyle Laboratories, Inc.

"The Bryant culture builds an acute sensibility of how to deal with people, and how to present yourself. And that confidence and poise comes across," says Williams. "One of the realities I appreciate is that Bryant instills that leaders and thought changers, are the ones who understand people. What separates the technical experts from business leaders is the ability to personally connect with others, understand their motivations, and recognize the unique tools each person brings to the table."

"Bryant offered an opportunity to open my mind to not only the 'learning process,' but also to the discipline needed to pursue additional endeavors. I credit Bryant with my ability to follow instructions, evaluate every situation, research the pros and cons, and make decisions about career paths that propelled me to the next level. You can't build a house without a strong foundation, and Bryant gave me a foundation that was so strong that it still stands today, allowing me to build multi-levels in my career paths and in my personal life."

EILEEN CIOE '63, '69, CFP,® CFS,® CLTC Advanced Markets Consultant, Financial Services Representative, Cypress Financial Group, an office of MetLife

understanding of how to go from student to professional in o to 6o. With that Bryant pedigree and demeanor, graduates have the opportunity to make a better first impression than their contemporaries."

Bryant's emphasis on international experience helps students gain a broader world view and a deeper understanding of people, especially those with different backgrounds, Williams adds.

"Individuals who do well, who climb the corporate ladder and become team

The 24/7 experience available at Bryant, where learning extends beyond the classroom and into a vast array of co-curricular opportunities, is invaluable. "It's essential," Williams emphasizes. "It's not something I see everywhere I recruit."

Opportunities to collaborate with world-class faculty, such as Vice President of International Affairs Hong Yang, Ph.D., the Dr. Charles Jack Smiley Chair Professor of Science and Technology and Director of Bryant's U.S.-China Institute and Confucius Institute, set Bryant students apart.



Leah Atkins '05, '07 MBA, recruits Information Technology and Computer Information Systems majors at Bryant in her role as University Relations Manager with FM Global, a Rhode Island-based mutual insurance company.

"Bryant students are professional, have strong business acumen, and take a lot of initiative," she says. "Those three qualities give them an edge in the marketplace. I can tell a Bryant student from others because they come to interviews prepared, dress appropriately, and present a professional demeanor."

#### **Connecting With Successful Companies**

Part of Atkins's job involves building relationships with Amica Center personnel and faculty. "Bryant does a terrific job of connecting companies directly with students," she says.

"In the Computer Information Systems Department, Associate Professor and Chair Janet Prichard, Ph.D., and Associate Professor Richard Glass, Ph.D., have been phenomenal in enlisting my company's IT managers, in particular, Lisa Provost '86, has talked to students about what's new in the industry and the technologies and projects we work on," says Atkins.

"When I interview Bryant students," she continues, "I can tell that they have had exposure and are connected to what is going on in the IT industry."

In addition to all the preparation the University provides, connections remain important, notes Atkins.

"Networking is critical. Bryant has an incredible alumni base, and we are proud of that Bryant connection. In today's world, networking is the way that job openings and candidates are discovered."

Robin F. DeMattia '85 is a freelance writer who wrote Developing A Global Perspective for the spring 2013 issue of Bryant magazine.



## CAREER PLANNING FOR SUCCESS IN THE GLOBAL MARKETPLACE

When it's time to choose a major, discover career goals, learn about graduate school, or interview for a job, students and alumni turn to the awardwinning Amica Center for Career Education.

The career center's recently redesigned website (careers.bryant.edu) offers a hub specifically for alumni. Whether you are one of Bryant's newest graduates or a more seasoned alumnus, you now have quick access to a host of services and resources including:

- · online career assessments
- employment document critiques
- schedules and registration for career and graduate school fairs
- connections to top Bryant talent through the center's recruitment services
- downloadable guides for maximizing a job search
- the Bryant Alumni Career Link

Because alumni are Bryant's greatest resource, the site also offers ideas about partnering with the career center to share your knowledge and expertise with current Bryant students.

Be sure to bookmark this useful tool: career.bryant.edu/alumni



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ESTHER PETERSON (1963) • PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF

Inspiring students to learn, to think, to cultivate a global perspective, to be leaders of character—that has been a goal of Bryant for 150 years. Among the many ways the University has supported this effort is by bringing world-class speakers, artists, and performers to campus to share their unique stories of success and the challenges they faced, reinforcing the connection between learning and doing.

#### In 1930, CHARLES CURTIS,

Vice President of the United States serving under President Herbert Hoover, tells graduates that Bryant is "a school that has stood in the front ranks of the great educational institutions of the country for the last 67 years and is recognized today as one of the leading business schools of our country."





Internationally renowned historian JON MEACHAM, who received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, told the sesquicentennial class of 729 graduates that Bryant has uniquely prepared generations of students for the "experience of commerce and creation of wealth." But, he said, "We hope you recognize money as a means ... to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and educate the poor."

HER AT BRYANT, MAXIMILIAN BERLITZ (1878) • L. M. SHAW, SECRETARY OF

SOCIATE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES NICHOLAS ROOSEVELT (1927)

AIRMAN OF FORD MOTORS HENRY FORD



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IBM PRESIDENT THOMAS J. WATSON (1945) DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S



**OVETA CULP HOBBY** (1953) • ASSISTANT U.S. SECRETARY OF LABOR

UNITED STATES EDWIN NEILAN (1963) • PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Bryant has hosted notable political figures' from former Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton to the first female vice presidential candidate, Geraldine Ferraro. The University has also featured an impressive roster of acclaimed musicians who perform throughout the year at the President's Cultural Series, as well as renowned speakers who provide insight on economics, politics, and world events.

#### THOMAS J. WATSON,

president of IBM, addresses graduates at the 1945 Commencement, saying, "This college, entering the field of business education in 1863, is truly a pioneer institution and deserves great credit for the contributions it has made..."

EDWIN NEILAN, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, tells the Centennial Class in 1963 that while "Bryant has remained steadfast to the purpose of its founders...there has been a recognition that much more is demanded of today's business leader... that he must more closely approach the well-rounded man of the Renaissance if he is to cope successfully with these turbulent times..."

JIO John F. Kennedy courtesy White House Press Office.

President of the United States JOHN F. KENNEDY sends a telegram to Bryant congratulating the institution on its 100th anniversary, saying, "To educate men and women for social and professional responsibility has been the goal of Bryant College during its first century. Your sustained and effective pursuit of this goal has produced mature, intelligent, broadly trained graduates—well-prepared to serve their communities and their nation."

SUZE ORMAN, best-selling author, Personal Finance Editor for CNBC, and contributing editor to *0: The Oprah Magazine*, is the keynote speaker at The Women's Summit in 2002. She inspires and enchants the crowd, saying, "We (as women) have got to be strong!" Orman continued, "Think great thoughts, not only about yourself but about others. Speak words of kindness; do not be negative. Wish others success; their success will not diminish yours."

JOHN F. KENNEDY



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MAYA ANGELOU (1996) • CEO OF MONSTER.COM JEFF TAYLOR (1998)

OF BEN & JERRY'S **JERRY GREENFIELD** (2000) • POLAND'S FORMER PRESIDENT

FINANCE EXPERT AND BESTSELLING AUTHOR SUZE ORMAN



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THE UNITED STATES GEORGE H.W. BUSH (2008) • PRESIDENT OF THE UNIT

HISTORIAN, AND PULITZER-PRIZE WINNER DAVID MCCULLOUGH (2008)

FISHER (2009) / HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR AND NOBEL PEACE PRIZE RECIPIENT

DIRECTOR OF THE EARTH INSTITUTE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, JEFFREY SAC

Former President GEORGE H.W. BUSH, while at Bryant to deliver the Commencement address and receive an honorary degree, reviewed plans for the Shu Fang Zhai Forbidden City reconstruction that will serve as a prominent, public symbol of Bryant's commitment to cultivating a global perspective.

Award-winning documentary filmmaker KEN BURNS speaks to a crowd of 1,600 as part of the Trustee Speaker Series about documentary, "The War," which centered on World War II. Burns says, "I hope the program will help people share their own memories of war...memory allows us to have an authentic relationship with our national history."

Former President BILL CLINTON – the first U.S. president to visit campus – campaigns for his wife, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton.

LECH WALESA, the man who became the voice of democracy in 1980 communist Poland and whose stirring speech from atop a bulldozer started a social revolution in his country, speaks at Bryant in 2001. Part of the Trustee Speaker Series, which brings leading thinkers of the day to campus, Walesa, the Nobel Peace Prize recipient in 1983, spoke about advancing the ideas of democracy and free market reform.

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(2012)

Compiled by Tina Senecal '95, '08 MBA

JEFFREY SACHS, PH.D., director of The Earth Institute, Columbia University, tells 2012 graduates that "Bryant University's idea is very special: that every grad of the College of Business also has a minor in liberal arts, and that every grad of the College of Arts and Sciences also has a minor in business administration. This is truly path breaking, and just what's needed in today's society."

GERALDINE FERRARO, the first woman vice presidential candidate on a major party ticket, is the keynote speaker at the Women's Summit.

# PHILANTHROPY in action

## GENEROSITY THAT TRANSFORMS BRYANT'S BOLD VISION INTO REALITY

ryant prepares students to make a difference in the world, as leaders in their professions and communities. This requires the University to attract world-class faculty, embrace innovative technology, maintain its stunning facilities, and support deserving students through annual and endowed scholarships. These important and persistent needs could not be met without dedicated benefactors who recognize the vital importance of continuous giving in the life of the University.

Our leadership communities, including the men and women who have served Bryant so well as members of the board of trustees, have modeled an enviable culture of philanthropy.

Every single student on the Bryant campus experiences the impact of philanthropy.

KATIE COLTON '12

It is a culture that positions Bryant to achieve new levels of excellence and builds on our momentum of 150 years of continuous growth and innovation. Their significant and sustained financial support has transformed our campus and enriched lives, one student at a time. It also is inspiring philanthropy in new generations of the Bryant family and ensuring an ambitious and vibrant future.

#### A Lifetime of Opportunities

When the Bryant Center reopens this fall after a complete transformation, it will be renamed The Michael E. '67 and Karen L. Fisher Student Center—in honor of two



of the University's most generous philanthropists and their decades-long support of Bryant.

Built in 1986, the student center is evolving into a visually stunning facility that will become the hub

of student life and a welcoming destination for all who visit campus.

In addition to their philanthropic support, the Fishers have also enjoyed mentoring students and young alumni, a role that is especially meaningful to them. "I have never forgotten how Bryant once took care of us," says Fisher, whose education was interrupted when his money ran out in the early 1960s. Having married Karen in 1964, he returned to the East Side campus in 1966. While she worked at an insurance agency, Mike held several part-time jobs as he set out to complete his degree—one of which was Sports Information Director for Bryant. Their small East Side apartment contained furniture from the basement of Basketball Coach Tom Duffy, as well as The Salvation Army. "Life was hard, but it was a great time," Fisher recalls.

Currently chair of Bryant's board of trustees (formerly serving on the board from 1992 to 2001), Fisher is a retired managing director of Barclays Global Investors. Having supported Bryant financially for many years, during 2013 he and his wife further committed to a \$1 million leadership gift to fund the Karen L. and Michael E. Fisher Scholarship for Athletic and Academic Excellence. The endowed scholarship fund will support male and female varsity athletes with proven need who demonstrate leadership and

excellence in their chosen sports, as well as a high level of academic achievement. The Fishers also included the University in their estate plans, naming Bryant the beneficiary of an additional \$2 million.

#### I have never forgotten how Bryant once took care of us.

MICHAEL E. FISHER '67

The dedication of the student center will take place during the fall. It seems especially fitting to honor an alumnus and his wife who were enveloped by the warmth of the Bryant community more than 40 years ago—and who have provided unwavering support for our community ever since.

#### **Five Decades of Giving Back**

Like many alumni who credit Bryant for their professional success, Thomas A. Taylor '63 '98H and his wife, Carol J. (Marsh) Taylor '63, have remained involved with their alma mater where they dated 50 years ago when the campus

was on the East Side of Providence, RI.



his education because he believes it was the foundation for a successful 35-year career at Amica Mutual Insurance, where he rose to become president and CEO before retiring. His wife was formerly an administrative assistant at the USS Massachusetts Memorial, a nonprofit maritime and war memorial in Battle Ship Cove in Fall River, MA.

"Earning a degree from Bryant was a life-changing event for me," says Taylor. "I will forever be grateful to my professors for their dedication, assistance, and encouragement."

The Taylors regularly give back, assisting students to manage the cost of an exceptional education as contributors to the Trustees Scholarship Fund, which helped 60 students in the 2012–2013 academic year with an average award of \$21,800. The fund is one of the University's most prestigious financial award programs and enables the University to compete successfully for the most highly qualified students.

Four deserving students have also benefited from the endowed scholarship in Tom Taylor's name, established by Amica upon his retirement. Each annual award totaled \$10,000 or more and one student received funding throughout his entire undergraduate career.

In recognition of his professional achievement, Tom Taylor received an honorary degree from Bryant in 1998. He served as chairman of the Bryant

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THOMAS A. TAYLOR '63 '98H

University Board of Trustees from 2005 to 2008. After serving a total of nine years on the board, Taylor became an active honorary trustee. He received the Distinguished Alumnus award in 2009. In the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology, a study room is named in honor of this dedicated couple whose philanthropy and engagement with Bryant have positively influenced the lives of countless students.

#### **Embracing a Tradition of Philanthropy**

"Every single student on the Bryant campus experiences the impact of philanthropy when they step into the Stepan Grand Hall in the Bello Center, when they go to a baseball game... when they receive a scholarship," says Katie Colton '12, now programming and production assistant at New England Sports Network. "It is impossible not to be touched by philanthropy at Bryant. "Whenever I am successful, it somehow traces back to Bryant.

Whether it is a friend I met there, a professor, a class, an opportunity I was given—Bryant had something to do with my success," says Colton.
The Communication

The Communication major served as Honors Council

president, head resident assistant, Media Production Club chair, and Senior Class Gift Committee co-chair, as well as on the WJMF board of directors and as a member of the Leadership Council that facilitated all aspects of the Linked Through Leadership Program.

"Giving a gift to Bryant was an easy decision. I knew I wanted to give back before I graduated," says Colton, who is currently serving as a Recent Alumni Trustee, an honor she considers "the best graduation present I could have asked for."

Says Colton, "Bryant changed my life and made me who I am today." Following in the footsteps of admirable philanthropic leaders such as Mike Fisher and Tom Taylor she adds, "I want to be sure that those opportunities are available for students in the future."

Kimberley Donoghue and Janet Proulx are writers/editors in the Office of University Relations at Bryant.



A 150-YEAR TRAJECTORY OF SUCCESS

# SPOTLIGHT ON: FACULTY

Outstanding faculty have played a critical role in Bryant's trajectory of success. Throughout this 150th anniversary year, we will feature remembrances from some of those dedicated, inspiring educators.

#### **PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE**

Bryant faculty members **Hong Yang, Ph.D.,** Charles J. Smiley
chair professor and vice president
of international affairs, and **Neal S. Gupta, Ph.D.,** research
scientist and adjunct professor
of geochemistry, were part of
an international research team

studying the preservation and degradation of structural colors in insect fossils.

The team used elevated pressure and temperature on modern insects to simulate the effects of burial during fossilization. The experiment identified, for the first time, that burial temperature

is the primary control on the preservation of fossils. The Bryant team, using state-of-the-art analytical equipment that was recently installed in the Department of Science and Technology, contributed to the critical data on lipid analysis. The results of their study were published in the April issue of the scientific journal *Geology*.

Alex Perullo, Ph.D., professor of English and Cultural Studies, recently published a book, Artistic Rights: Copyright Law for East African Musicians, Artists, Writers, and Other Authors, with support from the U.S. Department of State. Written in both English and Swahili, the book covers the basics of copyright law, contracts, and technology;

1,500 copies will be distributed to artists throughout East Africa during the next year.

Perullo also presented at three universities overseas and in the U.S. in 2013. At the University of Oxford, he gave a talk on music, technology, and copyright law in January, as part of the school's research initiative "examining the wide-ranging changes to music and musical practices afforded by digitization and digital media." At Brandeis University, Perullo lectured on the methods of conducting field recordings of music and sound in February, and, in March, he was invited to Middlebury College as the keynote speaker for the "Politics and Popular Song" initiative.

#### AN EYE TOWARD THE FUTURE

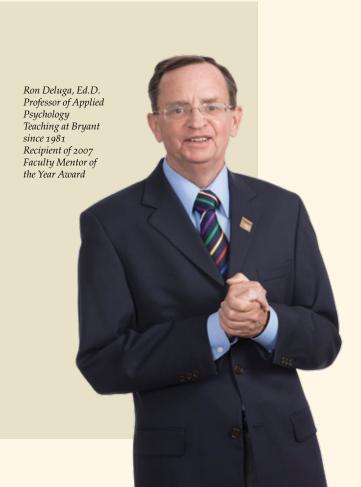
"I remember occasionally being late to class because runaway cows would be blocking the entrance to Bryant," recalls Psychology Professor **Ron Deluga, Ed.D.**, who moved from Cincinnati in 1981 to teach psychology courses at Bryant, which, at the time, were limited in number.

In the mid-1990s, Deluga, along with Professors Janet Morahan-Martin, Ph.D., and Nanci Weinberger, Ph.D., introduced the Psychology minor. Substantial student interest led to the development of the Applied Psychology major. The trio co-founded the Department of Psychology, which continues to evolve, he says, with the addition of supremely talented colleagues. "The future of the department is very bright indeed," says Deluga.

He cites the complementary business minor as a key and unique program component. "Having the knowledge of business and knowing the language of business provides our Psychology majors with a clear, competitive advantage," he says.

After 32 years, Deluga is still "psyched" to be part of the fabric that is Bryant, though his routine never wavers. "First thing every morning, I run outside around campus, interacting with a wide variety of Bryant students and colleagues along the way. Then I take the stage in a classroom filled with bright young people, work with devoted colleagues, and enjoy the intellectual stimulation of the professorial life.

"I am looking forward to the next 32 years, at which time I will hopefully be approved for a sabbatical. Then, I'll come back for more!" — Janet Proulx





Mary E. Prescott, Ph.D. Professor of Literary and Cultural Studies Teaching at Bryant since 1979 Recipient of 2012 Distinguished Faculty Award



#### A NEW WAY OF THINKING

To keep pace with an ever-changing world, Bryant reinvented itself from a commuter college to an internationally renowned University.

Evidence of its academic advances is apparent in the College of Arts and Sciences. "The English and Humanities Department was a collection of disciplines," says Professor of Literary and Cultural Studies **Mary Prescott, Ph.D.** "In the first few years of the 21st century, we redefined ourselves." The department integrated those disciplines as a program, Literary and Cultural Studies, which became an undergraduate major.

"Students in this program critically examine everything that a culture produces—from high art to pop culture. We ask them to view the world in new ways."

Prescott also cites the nationally recognized First-Year Gateway program as distinctive. This interdisciplinary curriculum features scholarly opportunities that explore global foundations for character and leadership, as well as global perspectives on business and other organizations. The 13-credit Gateway is designed to improve students' writing proficiency, critical thinking, diversity awareness, ethical reasoning, and information literacy. The program includes a 72-hour immersion into teamwork and creative problem-solving.

The Gateway, Prescott notes, helps students to "frame problems from multiple perspectives" and relate their classroom experience to the broader Bryant community and beyond. This holistic view is essential to preparing students for success during their tenure at Bryant—and as they claim their places as tomorrow's decision-makers.

—Maria Caliri

The second edition of *Why Great Leaders Don't Take Yes for An Answer* by **Michael A. Roberto, DBA**, Bryant trustee professor of management, was released May 11. The book, first printed in June 2005, "draws on powerful decision-making case studies from every walk of life, showing how to promote honest, constructive dissent and skepticism; use it to improve decisions; and align organizations behind those decisions."

Robert F. Conti, Ph.D., emeritus professor of operations management, authored the chapter about Frederick W. Taylor, founder of Scientific Management, for the recently published Oxford University Handbook of Management Theorists. Conti is currently researching operations management breakthroughs in the design and production of the Chinese Terracotta Army in 221 B.C.

#### A LIVELY EXPERIMENT

For 150 years, Bryant's College of Business has served as a hotbed of innovation. These initiatives often evolve into premier programs, such as Finance.

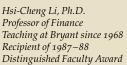
"Initially, we taught Finance courses as an experiment by combining accounting and economics topics," says Finance Professor **Hsi-Cheng Li, Ph.D.** "Economic changes during the 1970s spurred the need for change. Demand for investment bankers increased sharply, so we altered programs and courses in response."

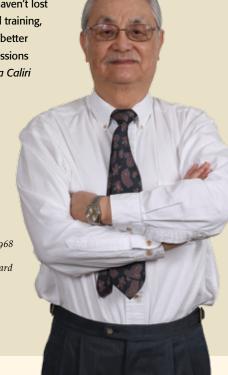
Bryant remains attuned to the marketplace to ensure that its curricula are topical. Among many scholarly works, Professor Li has published on topics ranging from economic security and moral hazard—lessons from the Asian financial crisis—to the transfer of arms technology and economic growth to advances in investment analysis and portfolio management.

Professor Li notes that the Finance Department offers concentrations in finance and in financial services as well as a finance minor. Those students studying investments manage actual funds to gain trading experience, something that sets them apart from graduates of other schools when they enter the marketplace.

"Since 1968, I've witnessed tremendous change—from the program emphasis on technical training to

one emphasizing a broad education. At the same time, we haven't lost touch with professional training, so Bryant students are better prepared for their professions and their lives." —Maria Caliri





## around and about BRYANT

Stanley J. Kozikowski, Ph.D. Professor of English and Cultural Studies Teaching at Bryant since 1975

#### AN ENTERPRISE OF LEARNING

"Nothing's been read, nothing's been written, and nothing's been thought through" is how **Stanley J. Kozikowski, Ph.D.**, professor of English and Cultural Studies, initiates his classes at Bryant, where he has worked for 38 years. "And I end up defending that proposition for the remainder of the semester. It's a lot of fun."

"I like to treat students as if they're co-learners. I like to think they are joining me on an enterprise of learning—that we are trying to see things in new and different ways."

Kozikowski is a prolific author, having published about 40 articles in refereed journals on English literature. He is currently working on a book, with the provisional title of *What Really Happened in Hamlet*, which he describes as a topical study of Shakespeare's play with "some interesting discoveries."

"The tenor of the classroom has changed [over the years]. People are more self-conscious in a healthy way: socially, intellectually, and even politically. I'm impressed by that kind of change."

"To see a student whose diligence you admired go out in the world and become a genuine contributing member of the community—like Ernie Almonte—has been a source of special satisfaction to me," he says. Almonte '78, '85 MST, '09H, served as the Auditor General for the State of Rhode Island for 15 years, and currently is the CEO and "chief visionary officer" of his own accounting and consulting firm, Almonte Group LLC. A 2009 honorary degree recipient, Almonte recently announced his intention to run for state treasurer in 2014.

One of Kozikowski's major accomplishments as dean of undergraduate faculty was applying for, and winning, a federal grant in 1982 to start a Small Business Development Center—earning Bryant the prestige of being the first private college in the nation to oversee such a center. Although the Rhode Island SBDC is no longer housed at Bryant, it helped hundreds of small businesses throughout the state and enhanced Bryant's relationship with the local business community for many years. —*Kimberley Donoghue* 

#### SPOTLIGHT ON: FACULTY (CONTINUED)

#### **NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS**

"Opportunity will rarely come to your door. You need to get out of your office and your home and go out into the world. Don't cocoon yourself; instead, put yourself in places of possibility," recommends Mark Sanborn, author of Fred 2.0: New Ideas on How to Keep Delivering Extraordinary Results. He goes on to cite the example of Ken Sousa, Ph.D., Bryant professor of Computer Information Systems, who went out of his way to help tutor a student who was struggling with Microsoft Excel. That student went on to get one of the highest scores on a reexamination and has since become a campus leader with a résumé full of activities, leadership skills, and competitive business experience.

"Little efforts can create big ripples. Getting out and engaging people, whether customers, colleagues, or students, is essential to being the best Fred you can be. The results can be life changing, as they were for this student," Sanborn writes.

James "Jim" Bishop, Ph.D., professor of mathematics, has achieved his associateship in the Society of Actuaries—a significant career milestone.

Radio personality Garrison Keillor read "Hard Music," a poem by **Tom Chandler, MFA**, Bryant professor of creative writing and Rhode Island's Poet Laureate Emeritus, on *A Writer's Almanac*, a nationally broadcast National Public Radio show on April 20.

#### CENTER FOR GLOBAL AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC STUDIES

Bryant's Center for Global and Regional Economic Studies has awarded Aziz Berdiev, Ph.D., assistant professor of Economics, one of two 2013 summer research grants; the second award is pending. In his proposal, Berdiev says he will evaluate the comovement and synchronization of growth cycles in Asia at different frequency levels and over specific time periods using the wavelet methodology. Berdiev is expected to have a working paper by the end of the summer, which will be featured at the center's Working Paper Series, presenting the results of his project at a center-sponsored event during the academic year.

Bryant professors **Edinaldo** Tebaldi, Ph.D., and Ramesh Mohan, Ph.D., were invited to a conference on the importance of modern housing for rural areas by the Consul General of Uzbekistan in New York. In their presentation, they discussed the major policies implemented by the Malaysian (Mohan) and Brazilian (Tebaldi) governments to promote rural development. The discussion, held April 16–17 in the capital Tashkent, offered alternative rural development approaches and was used as a case point for opportunities to be considered in Uzbekistan.

Mohan and Tebaldi, who are part of Bryant's Center for Global and Regional Economic Studies, said the event drew participants from all over the world, and was a success, covered by the country's television stations and newspapers.

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#### **INSPIRING GENERATIONS OF MENTORS**

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 Lynch's current students.

Lynch's undergraduate course on corporate tax—combining individual and corporate tax, as well as personal financial planning—is one of the school's most difficult, 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."

Lynch also devotes his time, knowledge, and energy coaching accounting majors on Bryant's xTAX team. A new team competes each year in a national taxation case competition that is part of the annual xTREME Games sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers, one of the Big Four accounting firms.

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

applications can do those tasks.

What we strive to teach instead is:

How will you lead your organization
to profitability and success?"

should know. Now, tools such as software

-Janet Proulx

Michael F. Lynch, J.D., CPA Professor of Accounting Teaching at Bryant since 1977 Distinguished Faculty Award Recipient 1993

To learn more about Professor Lynch and other Bryant faculty, visit



Elaine Notarantonio '74, Ph.D. Professor of Marketing Teaching at Bryant since 1979 Recipient of 2000 Distinguished Faculty Award



#### **GROWTH MODEL**

"I grew up with Bryant," says Marketing Professor **Elaine Notarantonio** '74, Ph.D., who joined the faculty in 1979 with a master's degree. "President O'Hara offered fellowships to faculty members who wanted to earn a Ph.D., and I took advantage of it. That was 34 years ago, and I can't imagine leaving."

Her passion is a testament to the transformational change Bryant has inspired in students for 150 years. She notes that the institution itself has been transformed. "We've morphed from a commuter college to a global university.

"Active learning helps drive our reputation. We try new ways of teaching, such as 'flipping the classroom.' This model provides students with resources, such as video podcasts, to absorb outside of class. That allows class time to be reserved for dynamic discussion. This methodology emphasizes robust interaction."

This learning environment, enriched by internships and real-world projects, helps develop Bryant students so that they are attractive to employers.

"We maintain a good pulse on our constituents—alumni, industry and community leaders. That allows us to ensure that Bryant graduates add value to any organization." —Maria Caliri

#### **AWARDS OF DISTINCTION**

The winners of this year's Faculty Development Mentor of the Year award are **Harold A. Records, Ph.D.**, professor of computer information systems, and **Alan Olinsky, Ph.D.**, professor of mathematics. The award, announced May 15, recognizes faculty members who have gone above and beyond to assist their colleagues in teaching or research endeavors.

**Can Inci, Ph.D.**, associate professor of finance, earned the Best Paper Award at the 19th Annual Global Finance Conference in Chicago. His work, titled "Insider" insider-trading activity become more relevant the Security and Exchance Commission's implement of Rule 10b5-1 in 2000.

Trading Activity, Tenure Length, and Managerial Compensation," looked at how insider-trading activity is used as part of a managerial compensation structure. "Managers with shorter tenure rely more on insider profits as part of their compensation [while those with] longer tenure execute insider transactions with lower profits," his abstract states. Inci notes that the design of a wage schedule incorporating insider-trading activity has become more relevant following the Security and Exchange Commission's implementation

## SPOTLIGHT ON: CAMPUS

Highlights of the spring semester included several exciting announcements and events that build on the University's dedication to excellence and innovation.



President Ronald K. Machtley with Dr. Ping Hao, vice minister of education for the People's Republic of China.

#### BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH CHINESE UNIVERSITIES

As part of its Vision 2020 Strategic Plan and continued emergence as a leader in international education, Bryant University is strengthening its unique educational joint partnerships between Bryant and both the China University of Geosciences (Wuhan) and the Beijing Institute of Technology Zhuhai. Led by Dr. Ping Hao, the vice minister of education for the People's Republic of China, representatives from each institution visited Bryant in the spring to execute new partnership agreements.

Bryant is now among an elite few U.S. universities that have

significant alliances in China. For the past 15 years, the University has pioneered several China-related initiatives. These activities include the joint venture agreement among Beijing Institute of Technology in Zhuhai, the U.S.-China Institute at Bryant, the Confucius Institute, and plans for the unprecedented reconstruction of an iconic replica of the Shu Fang Zhai on campus.

International education is a strategic initiative of Bryant University, which more than a decade ago made a commitment to establish strong ties and relationships with universities and cultural organizations in China.

#### WOMEN'S SUMMMIT 2013: ASPIRE. ACHIEVE. ADVANCE.

On March 14, Bryant University welcomed more than 1,000 women and men to the 16th Women's Summit<sup>®</sup>, "Aspire. Achieve. Advance." The conference, which is directed by **Kati Machtley**, is the largest and longest-running educational conference for women in Rhode Island, selling out every year since its inception in 1997.

Twenty breakout sessions explored topics on financial planning, leadership, entrepreneurship, creative thinking, diversity, and personal development. Keynote speakers offered strategies for professional and personal success. They were:

- Kay Koplovitz, founder of USA Network and the first woman network president in television history. She created the business model for cable networks by introducing the revenue streams of licensing and advertising. She is chairman and CEO of Koplovitz & Company, LLC.
- Ariana Huffington, president and editor-in-chief of the Huffington Post Media Group, a national syndicated columnist, and the author of 13 books.

In May 2005, she launched *The Huffington Post*, a news and blog site that quickly became one of the most widely-read, linked-to, and frequently-cited media brands on the Internet.

• Marshawn Evans, a reinvention strategist and president of ME Unlimited, a leadership development, branding, and identity discovery company. She has appeared on *The Apprentice* with Donald Trump, and was Miss District of Columbia and third runner-up in the Miss America competition.

After the morning discussions and a "Power Plenary" session by Heidi Hanna, Ph.D., CEO and founder of SYNERGY, participants gathered for lunch and the presentation of the 2013 Bryant University New England Businesswoman of the Year award. This year's recipient was Karen Kaplan, president of Hill Holliday, Boston.

Amica Insurance was this year's Platinum Sponsor, joined by a host of prominent organizations whose support makes the conference such a great value.

To join the Women's Summit mailing list, go to wsummit. bryant.edu.



Women's Summit Director Kati C. Machtley and Bryant President Ronald K. Machtley with Ariana Huffington, president and editor-in-chief of the Huffington Post Media Group.



An artist's rendering of the Bryant Center that will be rededicated as the Michael E. '67 and Karen L. Fisher Student Center in the fall.

#### **BRYANT CENTER RENOVATION**

Beginning in May, the Bryant Center, the University's student union with the 1970s vibe, will change identity—transforming from a place to eat, meet, check snail mail, and buy books, to a visually stunning facility that will become the hub of student life and a welcoming destination for returning alumni and all who visit campus.

Construction on the \$10 million project began the day after Commencement. The facility will be rededicated in the fall as the Michael E. '67 and Karen L. Fisher Student Center in honor of two of the University's most generous benefactors. a welldefined main entrance and an information center. The first floor will boast an inviting fireplace, a mix of lounge and café seating, guest computers, and a variety of meeting and programming spaces, as well as skylights and windows that will bring in plenty of natural light. Food

concessions and a new student dining hall will create a distinctive dining experience.

The second floor will be home to the Campus Engagement Office, Intercultural Center, Commuter Connection, Women's Center, Bryant Pride, and campus ministry offices, and offer an array of seating areas. Meeting and work spaces for Bryant's many clubs and organizations will be located on the third floor.

The Bryant Center is scheduled to open on September 27— just in time for Fall Open House. Alumni and guests can tour the building during Reunion@ Homecoming in October.

#### JAMES W. PATTI NAMED EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

Following a national search, James "Jim" Patti has been appointed executive assistant to the president and associate vice president for strategic initiatives. He succeeds **Roger Anderson**, **Ph.D.**, currently on a year-long sabbatical that includes a semester as a Fulbright Scholar in Warsaw,



James Patti

recently was
associate dean
for finance
and planning in
of Biology and
Brown University,

Poland, his sec-

ond Fulbright.

Patti most

the Division of Biology and Medicine at Brown University, where he oversaw of a \$150 million budget encompassing the Alpert Medical School and its related programs. Previously, he was the founding chief financial officer of Georgetown University's new international campus in Doha, Qatar.

Prior to his work in academia, Patti held positions in the financial sector for America Online, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Marriott International.

Patti received an MBA from Georgetown University and a bachelor's degree from Seton Hall University. He also holds a certificate in Economics/Asian Studies from Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan.

## PRESENTATION BY SERGEI KHRUSHCHEV

Dr. Sergei N. Khrushchev, the son of former Soviet Prime Minister Nikita Khrushchev, gave a special presentation on "Russia in the 21st Century."

A senior fellow at Brown
University since 1996,
Khrushchev is a prolific author
and the recipient of numerous
awards and honors in the United
States and internationally. His
research focuses on Soviet and
Russian political and economic
development, Soviet history,
and international security.

The lecture was sponsored by the Center for Regional and Global Economic Studies, the Department of Economics, and the College of Arts and Sciences.

## SPOTLIGHT ON: CAMPUS (CONTINUED)

# RESEARCH AND ENGAGEMENT DAY CONNECTS THEORY TO PRACTICE

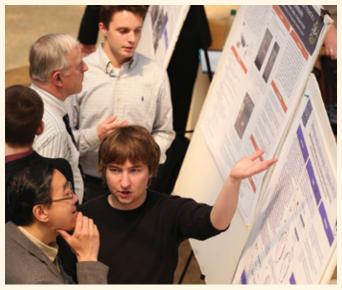
Bryant's 3rd Annual Research and Engagement Day (REDay) on April 24 featured more than 100 presentations involving over 85 faculty and staff members, as well as 330 students. The day-long event reflected the exciting academic and creative work being done by members of the Bryant community—often a collaboration of faculty and student research.

Included were roundtable discussions, best practices sessions, showcases of creative expression, and poster presentations. Topics ranged from online bullying behavior to the economic effects of Hurricane Sandy, sustainability marketing to personal financial planning for same-sex couples.

The agenda also featured: the 5th Annual Bryant Economic and Undergraduate Symposium; the Bryant Literary Review
Reading; keynote addresses by Jean Twenge, Ph.D., a widely published associate professor of psychology at San Diego State University and Bryant alumnus **Kurt Last '78**, president of Specialty Operations Solutions, Inc.; and the presentation of 2013 Commencement Awards.

#### BRYANT NOW OFFERS FIVE ONE-YEAR GRADUATE PROGRAMS

When it comes to earning a Bryant graduate degree, a year can last a lifetime when you consider potential professional success and return on investment.



Research and Engagement Day encourages Bryant students, faculty, and staff to exhibit their research, creativity, and innovative academic accomplishments.

The University now offers five accelerated graduate degree programs in business, communication, teaching, and science, designed specifically for recent graduates. They include:

• The Bryant MBA One-Year Program, appropriate for students from every academic background—the arts and sciences to technology to business.

• The Master of Professional Accountancy (MPAc), a full-time day program created by accomplished, experienced academics in collaboration with leaders from top accounting firms of all sizes.

# • The Master of Arts in Communication (MACOM),

which offers three concentrations or the opportunity to develop one with the guidance of graduate faculty.

• The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT), which incorporates professional subject standards, the Rhode Island Professional Teacher Standards, the Rhode Island Code of Professional Responsibilities, and the Common Core State Standards.

• The Master of Science in Global Environmental Studies

(MSGES), a program primarily for Bryant Environmental Science majors, prepares students to work in settings ranging from multinational corporations to organizations grappling with global environmental challenges. To learn more, go to http://www.bryant.edu/academics/graduate/

## KATI MACHTLEY RECEIVES BUSINESS MENTOR AWARD

Providence Business News named **Kati Machtley** its Outstanding Mentor at its 5th Business Women Awards Luncheon.

Machtley was honored for helping to empower and educate more than 16,000 women from all walks of life through the Women's Summit<sup>®</sup> at Bryant, which she established 16 years ago and has directed since its inception.

For the last 17 years at Bryant, she has served as a mentor and advisor to numerous campus organizations and thousands of individual students, helping them to develop their ideas and

potential and creating several programs that advance young women in business including the annual SHE (Student Herstory Event) Conference and the Young Women's Colloquium.

From 2003 to 2007, she and President Ronald K. Machtley co-taught in Bryant's transformational "Foundations for Learning" course, serving as faculty members, advisers, and mentors to hundreds of first-year students. Her previous teaching experience includes positions as a faculty member in nursing at three universities.

As an advisor for the Big Sisters of Bryant, and a member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ocean State, Machtley has created programs that partner Bryant students with children facing adversity. She has also served on the boards of Girl Scouts of Rhode Island and Meeting Street School.

# LIFE AFTER DEATH AUTHOR SHARES GRIPPING STORY

Damien Echols, one of the "West Memphis Three" wrongfully convicted of the murder of three Arkansas boys in 1993, spent 18 years in prison—most of them on death row—before new evidence proved his innocence and he was released. The author of the memoir *Life After Death* spoke on campus as part of the Students Arts and Speaker Series (SASS).

The case has been the subject of various documentaries, including "West of Memphis," which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival and will be released to theaters in December. HBO also created three documentaries about Echols's story titled, "Paradise Lost."

# The New

#### **WORLD TRADE DAY**

More than 500 businesspeople attended Bryant's 28th Annual World Trade Day on May 22. Titled "Made in the USA: Globalization Starts Here," the day-long conference featured seminars and presentations that inspired, educated, and motivated business leaders seeking to increase global sales, find new markets, or begin exporting.

The morning keynote speaker was Jill Schlesinger, CFP®, editorat-large for CBS MoneyWatch. com, who shared an overview of the current state of the global economy.



Jill Schlesinger shares her overview of the global economy at World Trade Day.

Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Chafee offered remarks at the luncheon prior to a C-Suite Panel Discussion: "Making It in the USA," featuring Giovanni Feroce, CEO of Alex and Ani; Cheryl Merchant, president and CEO of Hope Global; and John Hazen White Jr., president of Taco.

Participants were encouraged to take advantage of an array of services available at agencies such as the John H. Chafee Center for International Business at Bryant, which offers ongoing programs to assist local and regional companies to expand their international business efforts.

### V.K. UNNI NAMED INTERIM DEAN

**V.K. Unni, D.B.A.**, has been appointed Interim Dean of the College of Business.

During his 13-year tenure as Bryant's vice president for academic affairs, he is credited with providing guidance and leadership for many new programs, faculty appointments, and projects. He stepped down from that role in May 2010. After a year-long sabbatical, he returned to Bryant, joining the faculty as Distinguished Professor of Business.

Unni, who has extensive experience in academic administration, provided focused leadership during the transition from Bryant College to Bryant University, including the creation of the College of Arts and Sciences and the integration of its curriculum with the College of Business.

The University is currently involved in a number of accreditation-related activities including preparation of the AACSB Maintenance of Accreditation study. Unni has been at the forefront of the current reaccreditation process since August 2012, and has chaired or been a member of the site visit accreditation teams to numerous other universities since the 1980s. He has also chaired AACSB committees, and served as an AACSBappointed mentor to several universities in the USA, Europe, Middle East, Asia and Latin American countries. He was highly successful in leading Bryant through laudatory NEASC and AACSB reaccreditation efforts during his tenure as vice president for academic affairs.

#### BRYANT'S HOT NEW GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Wall Street Journal notes that select universities, including Bryant, have recently introduced global supply chain management programs, and that employers are noticing.

Bryant's global supply chain management program is cited

and innovation, Bryant also has recently added two concentrations to its diverse selection of academic programs: Creative and Applied Arts; and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

#### • Creative and Applied Arts:

This concentration provides a valuable means for students to expand their creative skills, while learning the practical and



Teresa McCarthy, Ph.D., director of Bryant's global supply chain management program (second from the left), meets with students.

in the article headlined "The Hot New MBA: Supply-Chain Management." The story appeared in the newspaper's June 6 U.S. edition and online.

These universities "have recently introduced undergraduate majors, MBA concentrations and even entire degree programs dedicated to procurement, inventory management and global supply-chain strategy," the article states.

Associate Professor Teresa
McCarthy, Ph.D., director of
Bryant's global supply chain management program, told the paper
that employers "don't want cobbled-together courses, they want
a real, content-laden supply-chain
program," and added that "Bryant
has nearly 150 undergraduate
and MBA students pursuing a
major or concentration in the field,
and employers are taking note."

Building on its 150-year history of continuous growth

applied skills needed to merge creative processes with current technologies. Students can draw upon a range of creative and critical skills required for work in design companies, museums, nonprofit and community arts organizations, and more.

• Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies: This concentration, offered for some time as a minor, analyzes how gender and sexuality continue to shape society. Students develop the ability to think critically about privilege, power, stereotypes, and discrimination, skills that are valuable in the marketplace as organizations address issues of globalization and diversity. This course of study prepares students for careers in education, law, public policy, human resources, and more. To learn more, visit www.bryant.edu/courseofstudy

# SPOTLIGHT ON: **ATHLETICS**

An exciting season on many sports fronts caps Bryant's first year with full Division I eligibility.



Exciting Division I competition packed the stands. Cheering students, faculty, staff, alumni, and fans sported blackout (or whiteout) attire signaling fan support for the Bulldogs.

#### WHAT A SEASON

This fabulous year of athletics the first year that Bryant teams were eligible for postseason play at the Division I level—ended with some impressive statistics:

- 1 Rhode Island Team of the Year
- 1 NEC Offensive Player of the Year
- 2 NEC Tournament MVPs
- 2 Rhode Island Coaches of the Year
- 3 All-NEC Third Team selections
- · 4 NEC Coaches of the Year
- · 4 NEC Players of the Year
- 5 All-NEC Rookie Team selections
- . 5 NEC Rookies of the Year
- 6 All-Americans
- 29 All-NEC Second Team selections
- 41 All-NEC First Team selections

Bryant's remarkable studentathletes in baseball, basketball, cross country, lacrosse, and swimming and diving set new records in the Bulldog's memorable debut season as fulleligibility Division I participants.

Men's basketball's "Cinderella season" that ended with the team finishing second in the NEC standings and selected to compete in the 2013 College Basketball Invitational was capped with the news that Coach

Tim O'Shea was named NEC



Tim O'Shea

Coach of the Year, while junior forward Alex Francis'14 (Harlem, NY), sophomore

Dyami Starks '16

(Duluth, MN) and fifth-year senior Frankie Dobbs (Berea, OH) earned All-League honors.

Francis, a First Team All-NEC selection—the first player in school history to earn that distinction—finished among the top five in the league in four categories, including scoring (5th with 17.1 points per game), rebounding (3rd with 8.7 per game), field-goal percentage (3rd at .574) and doubledoubles (tied for 1st with 10).

Dobbs, a senior captain, earned Third Team All-NEC honors by averaging 13.6 points per game and 5.1 assists, qualifying for fifth in the NEC.

O'Shea also won the Joe Mullaney Award for the Rhode Island Division I Coach of the Year at the 2013 Cox Sports Rhode Island Basketball Media Awards while the men's program was named the Dave Gavitt Rhode Island Basketball Team of the Year in addition to winning the NEC Team Sportmanship Award for its impeccable character on and off the court.

#### **WOMEN'S HOOPS SUCCESS**

Women's basketball also enjoyed a successful season under the guidance of 2013 Rhode Island Division I Coach of the Year Mary Burke.

In her 22nd season at the helm,



Burke led Bryant to its first NEC postseason berth in its first season of D-I eligibility

Mary Burke despite a season riddled with injuries and multiple setbacks.

Led by junior forward Naana Ankoma-Mensa '14 (Brampton, Ontario), who earned Second Team All-NEC honors, Bryant closed the regular season with wins in eight of its final 13 games, including a critical, 61-56, overtime win over Robert Morris in its season finale at home to clinch the 8th and final playoff spot in the NEC Tournament.

Bryant finished the season 12-18 overall and 8-11 in conference play.

"I was extremely proud of the effort every night from our team," Burke said. "Despite all the adversity, we remained focused on our long-term goal, which was reaching the postseason."

Bryant also received strong contributions from juniors Jenniqua Bailey '14 (Bloomfield, CT) and Courtney Schissler '14 (Branford, CT), averaging 8.7 and 8.6 points per game, respectively. Senior Danielle Douglas '13 (Silver Springs, MD) reached an impressive milestone of her own in February by eclipsing Bryant's 1,000-point club and finished her career as the school's all-time Division I leader in points (1,054), games played (115), games started (100), steals (216), minutes (3,259) and free throws made (428).

#### **NOT TO BE OUTDONE**

Bryant's men's lacrosse ended the year with a historic trip to the famed Carrier Dome in Syracuse, NY. Head coach Mike Pressler's team went on to win eight of its final 12 games, including wins over Sacred Heart and Robert Morris to capture the NEC championship for the second-straight season and advanced to the Division I NCAA tournament for the first time in school history.

The Bulldogs played top-seeded Syracuse in the opening round. Despite holding the lead after the first, the team eventually succumbed in a 12-7 loss. Pressler took pride in the team's impressive turnaround and what it means for the future of Bryant lacrosse.

Sophomore faceoff specialist and NEC Player of the Year Kevin Massa '15 (Huntington, NY), set an NCAA single-season record with 231 ground balls, breaking the previous record of 194 by more than 30 ground balls. Massa also set a single-game



Men's lacrosse landed the NEC championship for the second-straight season and advanced to the Division INCAA tournament for the first time in school history.

record against Syracuse with 22 faceoff wins and finished the regular season with more faceoff victories (312) than any player in NCCA history.

Massa was named the Division I New England Player of the Year while teammates Mason Poli '13 (Downingtown, PA) and Colin Dunster '15 (Cos Cobb, CT) were First-Team All-New England selections by the New England Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (NEILA).

#### HISTORIC BASEBALL SEASON

The baseball team set a school record and a Northeast Conference record for wins and became the first team in school history to win an NCAA Division I tournament game.

The team, which won three of the last four league championships, won both the regular season and tournament titles in the Northeast Conference.

Then, in their NCAA tournament debut, the third-seeded Bulldogs earned a 4-1 win over the second-seeded Arkansas Razorbacks in Bryant's first-ever NCAA Division I tournament victory. A 12-3 loss to the Razorbacks then ended one of the most historic seasons in Bulldogs (45-18-1) history.

"It was a great season and I am very proud of them," head coach **Steve Owens** said. "When we look back on this it's going to be an amazing accomplishment."

#### **CLEAN SWEEP**

Senior swimmer **Casey Ostrander '13** (Yarmouthport, MA) finished her career in style, earning NEC Swimmer of the Year honors in 2013, becoming the first swimmer in school history to win the award four times.

Ostrander culminated her historic career at Bryant by winning the 200-meter backstroke and anchoring the 400-meter freestyle relay team at the NEC Championships; Bryant finished third overall with a school-record 669.5 points.

Bryant also received a first-

place finish from Molly Smith '13 (Belmont, MA) in the 200-meter breaststroke with a school-record time of 2:19.29, while Kristie Chan '16 (San Francisco, CA), Taylor DeBever '15 (Denver, CO) and Kaitlin Buckley '15 (Duxbury, MA) teamed with Ostrander to set a conference and school record in the relay. DeBever also captured gold in the 200-meter freestyle; likewise, Ostrander, DeBever and Buckley teamed with Dana Yu '16

(Bridgewater, NJ) to set the conference record in the 200-meter freestyle relay.

The Bulldogs set 14 school records in swimming and won three individual gold medals and two relay gold medals at the annual NEC Championships. Including the aforementioned winners, 11 Bryant swimmers earned All-Conference honors.

Competing for a postseason championship for the first time in school history in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC), Bryant's men's swimming team placed fifth at the conference tournament with graduate student **Alex Kosenski** '12 (Lavallette, NJ) becoming the first Bulldog to win a gold medal with a victory in the 200-meter freestyle.

Kosenski, the most accomplished swimmer in school history, led a team that broke 13 school records at the MAAC Championships.

Kosenski joined **Michael Doran '15** (Westborough, MA) and **Jerry Gargano '15** (Branford, CT)
on the MAAC All-Academic Team.

#### ON THE RIGHT TRACK

The men's and women's indoor track and field teams achieved significant milestones in 2013.

Annmarie Tuxbury '16 (New Hartford, CT) earned NEC All-Rookie Team honors in the 3,000 meters while fellow freshman Erin Svensen '16 (Medway, MA) qualified in the 5,000 meters.

Junior **Eimear Black '14** (Glengormley, Ireland), the 2012 NEC Cross Country Athlete of the Year, set a school record in the 5,000, earning third. Two weeks later, Black broke the school record in the 3,000 at the New England Championships,

beating the record set by Tuxbury earlier in the season, and also shattered the school record in the 1,000, becoming the first runner in school history to finish the 1,000 in under three minutes.

#### **JOIN THE CLUB**

Success extended to the club sports circuit as the men's hockey team finished 18-7 and won 10 consecutive games from late November to early January.

**Jerry Theiler '14** (Waterford, CT) led the team with 36 points (20 goals, 16 assists) while goalie **Jay San Antonio '15** (Burrillville, RI) won 11 of his 18 starts with a goalsagainst average of 2.87 per game.

Led by captains **Stephanie Niland '13** (Totowa, NJ), **Taylor McCarthy '14** (Webster, MA) and **Christine Forte '14** (Hanson, MA),
Bryant's cheer team qualified for the finals and placed in the top half of its division in the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA)
Collegiate Cheer and Dance
Championships in Daytona
Beach, FL, in April.

#### **HONOR ROLL**

Bryant placed 47 student-athletes on this winter's NEC Academic Honor Roll. The total list included 577 student-athletes from throughout the conference, all of whom finished with a grade-point average of 3.20 or higher, which was an increase of eight percent from the previous academic year.

An additional eight Bryant student-athletes qualified for the NEC Commissioner's Honor Roll, which is reserved for those who finish with a GPA of 3.75 or higher.

For the complete Winter Academic Honor Roll, visit www.bryantbulldogs.com/sports.

# SPOTLIGHT ON: STUDENTS

Bryant students participate in a myriad of learning experiences that reach far beyond campus.



Bryant students placed second in the CFA Institute Investment Research Challenge in Washington, D.C.

# STUDENTS FINISH SECOND IN INVESTMENT RESEARCH CHALLENGE

A group of Bryant students placed second in the CFA Institute Investment Research Challenge in Washington, D.C., this spring. Bryant competed against American University, Johns Hopkins University, Loyola University, Towson University and the University of Maryland, which captured the top prize.

The competition, a stock pitch, challenged the students to study Marriott International, Inc., and present their findings to a panel of judges.

The students included
Tim Drechsler-Martell '13
of Middletown, CT, Cristina
Destefanis '13 of South

Weymouth, MA, **Tyler Smith '13** of West Boylston, MA, **Thomas Burke '13** of Franklin, MA, and **Trevor DeVitto '13** of Atkinson, NH, who was unable to attend the event.

"This was a great learning opportunity for our students, said A. Can Inci, Ph.D., associate professor of finance.

All of the participants were current or former members of the University's Archway Investment Fund, a student-run portfolio of more than \$700,000.

## TWO STUDENTS NAMED GREEK LEADERS OF DISTINCTION

Justin Brown '13 and Maggie Keane '14 were named Greek Leaders of Distinction at the Northeast Greek Leadership Association annual conference in Hartford. The students were recognized for their leadership, service to the University and their fraternity or sorority, and academic excellence.

Brown, who majored in Marketing, was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. Keane, a marketing major, is active with the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority.

"He is one of the unsung heroes of Greek Life," a nominator wrote about Brown. "His continued commitment to the growth and development of Greek Life at Bryant and his collaborative attitude have united the men's chapters more now than ever before."

"It is so rare to see a student who is preceded so strongly by her reputation," wrote one of Keane's nominators. "Her confidence and dedication receive such high respect from her peers, faculty, and staff, while maintaining an excellent academic record."

# BRYANT HOSTS "RUN AS ONE" TO HONOR VICTIMS OF BOSTON MARATHON BOMBING

After the bombings at the finish line of the Boston Marathon killed three and injured more than 260, **Ashley Cardona '16** of Peabody, MA, took to social media to organize a "Run as One" event the next day to honor the victims and support the residents of Boston, her hometown.

More than 200 members of the Bryant community participated in a one-mile walk/run around the campus.

"I felt very helpless being away from Boston," said Cardona, who grew up in the city's East Boston neighborhood. "We are all a community. We have to be strong and we can get through this."

President Ronald K. Machtley said: "I am so proud of Ashley for thinking about how we could unify as a community and show our support for people who lost their lives and were injured." To view the Bryant Stands with Boston video, visit www.bryant. edu/videos.



More than 200 students, faculty, and staff participated in a one-mile walk/run in a student-organized event to honor the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing and to stand with Boston.

# THE NEW

### GENERATING GOOD WILL FOR GOODWILL

Mark Feinstein's Management 200 class worked on an advertising project for Goodwill and created an ad for the nonprofit agency that appeared in RIPTA buses for three months earlier this year. David Catapano '15 of Holden, MA, led a team of his fellow students, Kelly Dahlberg '15 of Clinton, CT; Jaclyn Gioffre '15 of Riverside, CT; Thomas Keenan '15 of Swampscott, MA; and Kanhai Parekh '15 of Mumbai, India.



This Goodwill ad, created by a Management 200 class for the nonprofit agency, appeared in RIPTA buses throughout Rhode Island.

### MBA STUDENTS PLACE IN CASE WRITING COMPETITION

Facing stiff competition from universities including Stanford, Baylor, and Loyola Marymount, the MBA team placed third in the case writing competition at the U.S. Association for Small Business Entrepreneurship Conference in San Francisco. The students, Megan Lemoi, Jessica Helfrich '11, and Geena Albury '11, were accompanied by Marketing Professor Elaine Notarantonio, Ph.D.

## STUDENTS PITCH BUSINESS IDEAS

More than 350 first-year students shared business ideas as part of the 22nd semi-annual elevator pitch competition. The program, part of Bryant's Global Foundations for Organizational Business course, challenges students to present a business idea — in 60 seconds or less to a panel of professors and local business executives. The event, which simulates an entrepreneur seeking financial support from investors, is organized by Bryant's chapter of the Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization.

"I am always extremely proud to see these future entrepreneurs display their professionalism in front of such a large audience and before such a distinguished team of judges," said David Greenan '73, MBA '04, a management lecturer who teaches the Global Foundations of Organizations and Business course. The judges included business professionals, faculty, and previous student winners. Among them were alumni Steven Berman '68, founder of Berman Sales and Marketing, and Bakhtiyar Baidaralin '12, who just returned from a ninemonth stint with a start-up in India to work for a start-up in Providence, RI.

The winning idea was a white-board laptop skin, which would allow users to draw, write, and erase ideas during a class or meeting. Other ideas included a device to measure individual salad dressing portions, a mobile app to organize a closet and plan outfits, and a smoothie business operating out of a van.

This year, the Hanover Insurance Group facilitated

### RELAY FOR LIFE RAISES \$42,000 FOR CANCER RESEARCH



Rain didn't dampen spirits at the 2013 Bryant Relay for Life event held in April. Nearly 45 teams and more than 500 participants took part in the annual event that is one of the most popular on campus. More than \$42,000 was raised to support research being conducted by the American Cancer Society.

**Kelly McFarlin '14** of Norwalk, CT, a Communication major, was the lead fundraiser, raising more than \$3,700.

sessions in which company representatives worked with students, coaching them about how to effectively present their business ideas.

# RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION FINALIST

Melissa Ellard '13 (Foxboro, MA) Ellard, a marketing major with a communication minor, was a finalist in the Rhode Island Business Plan Competition. Her business, Fashion Force, will provide an online trade show alternative to connect fashion industry manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers. According to GoLocalProv.com, "judges awarded Fashion Force a 'catalyst bonus' of \$5,000 cash and \$6,500 in services in recognition of the potential impact that the additional awards will have on the company's ability to achieve near-term market

traction." Her plan emerged from nearly 80 business ideas.

"We received many good business proposals across a broad range of industries and markets that have the potential to develop into strong companies in Rhode Island," said competition co-chair Peggy Farrell, partner in the law firm of Hinckley, Allen and Snyder.

### PRESENTING RESEARCH PROJECTS AT HARVARD

Four biology students of Christopher Reid, Ph.D., and Julia Crowley Parmentier, Ph.D., presented their research projects at the New England Biology Symposium, held earlier this year at Harvard Medical School. The students are: Joshua Jones `13 of Barnstable, MA, Lauren Manfredi '15 of Andover, MA; Ryan Miller '13 of Branford, CT; and Ishan Shah '14 of Mumbai, India.

# SPOTLIGHT ON: ALUMNI

Bryant alumni are making an impact, in their communities, and as active participants in University programs and events.

## NATIONAL ALUMNI COUNCIL OFFICERS ELECTED

Bryant's National Alumni Council (NAC) is the governing arm of the Alumni Association and represents the University's powerful network of over 40,000 alumni—one of the University's most treasured resources. The NAC strives to strengthen the alumni network by reinforcing the relationships alumni form with each other and with Bryant.

At its recent biennial elections for new officers, the NAC appointed a leadership team including: W. Dustin Goldstein '95, president; Glen Martin '81, '87 MBA, vice president (membership); and Jay Weinberg '85, vice president (regional alumni networks). Jennifer Parkhurst '97,'06 MBA will serve as immediate past president.

Incoming National Alumni Council President Dustin Goldstein has served as the NAC vice president, membership, for the past two years. He has also been involved with the New York RAN, shortly after graduating from college, and more recently has helped to build the RAN in Chicago.

Goldstein, who received Bryant's Young Alumni Leadership Award in 2008, is Senior Vice President, Regional Head of Sales for RBS/



W. Dustin Goldstein '95



Glen Martin '81, '87 MBA



Jay Weinberg '85



Jennifer Parkhurst ′97,′06 MBA

his work often brings him to Citizens headquarters in the Ocean State, he has been able to arrange time to speak with and mentor students in the International Business program. Goldstein looks forward to spending time cultivating additional regional alumni engagement, both in Rhode Island and in the Midwest.

Citizens in

Chicago. Because

"A leader is someone who has strong beliefs, is able to articulate and act on those beliefs, and is held

accountable for the results," he says. After graduating from Bryant in 1995, Goldstein spent several years in Spain, as senior sales manager for HSBC Bank,

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## CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AWARDS

Providence Business News recently selected winners of its third annual Chief Financial Officer Awards program, and two of the nine winners are Bryant alumni.

James P. Loring '87, chief financial officer for Amica Mutual Insurance Co., is the winner in the Large Private Company category. After graduating from Bryant, Loring began working at the Hartford office of PricewaterhouseCoopers. From there, he moved to Sun Financial and then on to The Hanover Group before settling in at Amica. As reasons for his success, the Providence Business News cites his ability to view a business holistically, conceptualize solutions to problems, and explain financial data to non-accountants in a way that helps them do their jobs better.

Christopher J. Ready '98, chief financial officer for DiPrete Engineering Associates, Inc., is the winner in the Small Private Company category. Ready has been with DiPrete for six years, and, according to Providence Business News, he quickly developed in his team an understanding for both strategic planning, and more tactical financial management. PBN editor Mark Murphy cites Ready for "taking the time to educate the engineers of the firm... turning them into true stakeholders in the operation and not just the technical talent."

# YOU HAVE MANY BENEFITS THROUGH THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

When you walk through the Archway for the first time at Commencement, you automatically become a member of Bryant's 40,000-strong Alumni Association, with access to a wide range of exclusive benefits and services.

These privileges include:

- Access to the Douglas and Judith Krupp Library on campus with its impressive array of electronic resources, the latest fiction and nonfiction titles, and e-reader technologies. Located in the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology, the Krupp Library houses more than 150,000 items, and current print and electronic journal subscriptions totaling more than 20,000 titles. Alumni can access an extensive database of business resources off campus as well, through an arrangement with EBSCOhost.
- High quality insurance through a partnership with Amica Insurance. As an added bonus, Amica supports the University's alumni programming based on the number of alumni who are Amica customers.
- Information and access to Long Term Care Insurance.
- A 10 percent discount for programs at Bryant's Executive Development Center.
- A 20 percent discount on services at the University's John H. Chafee Center for International Business.
- Membership in the Downtown Harvard Club in Boston, MA. Explore these and many other Alumni Association benefits online at www.bryant.edu/alumni.



#### **NEGOTIATION SECRETS**

Recently **Jim Hopkinson '91**, an entrepreneur, speaker, blogger, and author of Salary Tutor: Learn the Negotiation Secrets No One Ever Taught You, spoke to 120 alumni and students at the Student Alumni Association annual networking night. His message was clear: Network, work hard, and do something amazing with your life and career. He says we're entering into a "gig economy," where many people work project-to-project freelance careers, not 9 to 5 jobs at the same company for years.

Future careers will be fluid, he says. Full-time work will mesh with passion projects, strong networks built through social media and personal brands, and new technology around mobile, video, and online learning.

And, of course, Hopkinson also spoke to students about preparing for that heart-racing moment when HR asks that all-important question, "So, what were you looking for in terms of salary?"

He says, "While it's impossible to fully predict what the next trend will be, a Bryant education can help you prepare for it."

Negotiating a new job offer or asking for a raise? Hopkinson has set up a special page with free resources and online courses for Bryant alumni at *SalaryTutor. com/Bryant.* 

#### THREE GENERATIONS OF BRYANT





With his 2013 graduation, **Tyler Davis** (Montrose, NY) (left) became the third generation of his family to call Bryant alma mater. Davis's grandparents, **Jeanne** (**Martin**) **Wienkoop '59** (far right) and **Herbert Wienkoop '58** (center) met at Bryant. His mother **Jill** (**Wienkoop**) **Davis** (center left) graduated in 1989. When it came time for Tyler to make his college choice, his family urged him to make his own decision. "But he had already seen firsthand what to me is the most important part of college—the relationships that last and last," says his mother. To read the full "Three Generations of Bryant" story, visit *www.bryant.edu/3generations*.

#### FINDING HER VOICE AT BRYANT: WILBERTE PAUL '07



"I was very involved at Bryant and, as a part of my experience, I was able to find my voice and build a level of confidence that helped me network and establish strong, beneficial relationships," says Wilberte Paul '07.

While at Bryant, Paul was president of the Multicultural Student Union, founder of Student Diversity Advocates, host of a Bryant radio show, and a member of: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Omicron Delta Kappa business fraternity, and the Alliance for Women's Awareness.

"Employers look for leaders. It's important for students to be involved," she says, adding: "Students should learn how to network and establish relationships because those skills will be useful in the workforce.

"I have some of my best friendships from my involvement in extracurricular activities. It has truly helped my career because I have been able to find common ground with some of my bosses and clients. It also taught me how to multitask at work and balance my professional and social lives."

Paul returned to Bryant for the Women In Business panel on March 21. As a senior special events manager for Macy's in the Northeast, Paul offered a unique perspective to the conversation.

"I love the creative process of my job. I have worked hard and reaped the rewards with several promotions," she says. Paul is also on the board of directors of The Haitian Roundtable, a professional organization.

Paul earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, with a minor in Marketing. Her favorite class was the Communication Senior Seminar.

"It was the first time I felt like everything I learned in the classroom came full circle. I had an educated opinion that was respected by peers and professors. It was a relief to know that everything was paying off," says Paul, who received the senior Communication Award.

At Bryant, she found mentors in all areas of the campus: Toby Simon at the Women's Center, her academic advisor, and Professors and Ph.D.s Kristen Berkos, Traci Anderson, and

Wendy Samter. "I had an amazing support system," she says.

"Dr. Samter was my favorite professor—she watched me grow from a scared freshman to graduating at the top of my class. She taught me more than just what was in the textbooks."

Her fondest memory of Bryant, however, was the very first weekend on campus taking part in the multicultural student orientation 4MILE.

"Participating was the best decision I made as part of the college orientation. I formed amazing friendships with students who were like me. It prepared me to make the most of my Bryant experience."

Paul stays active as a Bryant alumna by attending recruiting and networking events, and participating in the job shadow program.

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#### 1964

**EDWIN ZIEMINSKI**, of Somers, CT, retired after managing and owning the Winsor Court Apartments in Chicopee, MA, for 25 years. He was president of Colton Associates, Inc., the company that owned Windsor Court Apartments, for the past two years.

#### 1972

ALAN CICCHETTI, of West Hartford, CT, was appointed director of agency relations for the Long Beach, NY-based Lenders Compliance Group. He also was named executive director of Brokers Compliance Group, the company's new mortgage compliance firm. Previously, he was the deputy commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Banking. During that time, he also served as acting

director of the consumer credit division. He earned an MBA from the University of Connecticut and has served as a faculty member at the University of Hartford's Barney School of Business.

#### RICHARD KAPLAN, CIA, CFE,

of Montgomery Village, MD, has retired after a 40-year career in government auditing. He worked for the federal government, primarily with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of Inspector General in Washington, D.C, as an auditor, audit manager, and audit director for 35 years. He then worked for five years as internal audit director for Frederick (MD) County.

#### 1974

**KEN CORSON**, of Hingham, MA, president/owner of Corson Corporation dba GlassHouse, has announced that the GlassHouse has closed after nearly six decades. The store, which was started by his father, sold china, crystal, home furnishings, accessories, and giftware.

#### **STEPHEN SIDORUK**, of

Cheshire, CT, was appointed to a four-year term on the Town of Cheshire's Economic Development Commission. He is a retired Cheshire deputy police chief.

#### 1976

#### MICHAEL DECATALDO '83 MST, CPA, PFS, CFP, of Cranston, RI,



has been appointed to a 10-year term as a corporator at Bristol County Saving Bank. He is managing partner

at the accounting firm of Sansiveri, Kimball & Co., where he has worked for 30 years. He has more than 37 years of tax, accounting, and financial planning expertise. He started his career working for the Internal Revenue Service. He is a graduate of Leadership Rhode Island, a program designed to educate leaders to serve as catalysts for positive change in Rhode Island.

#### **JEROME WILLIAMS '86 MBA,**

of Barrington, RI, has been nominated by Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Chafee for reappointment to the board of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority. He is senior vice president for finance and administration at Roger Williams University. Previously, he served as director of Rhode Island's Department of Administration and director of Rhode Island's Department of Transportation.

#### 1978

ROBERT WESTERVELT, of Montvale, NJ, has been named senior vice president of business and partner development at Broadview Networks, a leading provider of hosted voice, data, and cloud computing solutions. He joined the company in 2005 and has more than 19 years of experience in the telecommunications industry. Prior to joining Broadview, he was president of indirect channel and agent sales at XO Communications.

#### 1979

**NANCY KOZAK**, of Hopkinton, MA, has been named an accountant at Rodman & Rodman, P.C. She previously owned and operated a professional bookkeeping business in the greater Boston area.

#### LEVERAGING 40-PLUS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE: STEVE BERMAN '68



### STEVE BERMAN '68,

of Hamden, CT, has retired as national food service sales manager at Tribe Mediterranean Foods to launch his own sales and

marketing agency.

"My goal is to represent a few key brands where I can leverage my 40-plus years of experience in the food service and grocery channels," he says.

With a BSBA in accounting in hand, Berman began his career as a general ledger accountant at the Pepsi-Cola Company. When the company was looking for young people to learn the consumer packaged goods industry, he left accounting behind and took a chance on a new direction in the company. That decision led to a 40-plus year career in marketing and sales with a variety of organizations, primarily in the food services industry, including Tennessee Pride Sausage, Inc., and ConAgra Poultry.

A member of the National Alumni Council (NAC), which represents Bryant's nearly 40,000 alumni and is the governing arm of the Alumni Association, Berman is the 2011 recipient of the Nelson J. Gulski Service Award. He recently served as an alumni mentor for Bryant's inaugural Innovation Design Experience for All (IDEA) program, the intensive 72-hour capstone to Bryant's nationally recognized First-Year Gateway Experience.

As a skilled professional whose career has taken him through positions in finance, sales, and marketing for small, family-owned, and multinational businesses, he is often asked to speak to students about the "real world." Says Berman: "My involvement allows me to add to the practical nature of students' learning."



**KEITH TUCKER**, of Smithfield, RI, was named casino operations and compliance manager at the Rhode Island Lottery. A member of the Providence Police Department since 1980, Tucker has been the commander of the city's investigative division since 2012. He oversaw the detective bureau, special victims unit, youth services bureau, gang unit, narcotics unit, license bureau, and gun task force. He has a master's degree in criminal justice from Boston University.

#### 1980

JOSEPH PUISHYS, of Huntington Beach, CA, was featured in a Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal story about the top CEOs in the state. He is president, CEO, and director of the board of Apogee Enterprises, a manufacturer of value-added glass solutions for the commercial and framing markets.

#### 1983

#### GREGORY CABRAL '89 MST,

of Westport, MA, a partner at BlumShapiro, the largest regional accounting, tax, and business consulting firm based in New England, was featured in a *Providence Business News* story that examined the recent merger between Sullivan and Company and BlumShapiro.

#### JODIE (FLICKINGER) TULLY,

of Logansport, IN, has joined Huth Thompson, LLP as a tax administrator. She has extensive business administrative experience in accounting, sales, and marketing for both private and community-based organizations.

#### 1984

#### PATRICIA ALLEN, CPA, of

Andover, MA, was named chief financial officer at Zafgen, Inc., a leading biopharmaceutical company dedicated to addressing the unmet needs of severely obese patients. She has 20 years of financial leadership experience in the biotechnology industry at both publicly traded and private companies. Previously, she served as vice president of finance, treasurer, and principal financial officer at Alnylam Pharmaceuticals and as an auditor at Deloitte & Touche

#### **RODNEY HUEBBERS, MBA,**

of Boerne, TX, has been named president and chief operating officer of the Detroit Medical Center. He comes from Vanguard's Baptist Health System in San Antonio, where he served as chief operating officer since 2010. Previously, he completed a community health fellowship at the Health Care Forum Leadership Institute in San Diego.

#### **SHANNON SCHIESSER**, of

Madison, CT, was named a Person of the Week by the *New London* (*CT*) *Day*. She was recognized for her volunteer work with the Menunkatuck Audubon Society, Friends of Hammonasset, and Mystic Aquarium.

#### 1985

**JIM PENDER, JR.**, of Hampton, NH, president and chief operating officer of Rockingham Electric Supply Company, was featured in a story in *The New Hampshire*. The company was founded more than 60 years ago.

#### 1986

JOHN DURKIN, of Pipersville, PA, has been named vice president of sales at Manitoba Harvest Hemp Foods. He is the former vice president of sales and marketing for Boiron Inc., a U.S. subsidiary of the Boiron Group. He brings decades of experience within consumer packaged goods, including roles in sales, marketing, public relations, education, and pharmacy development.

#### 1987

#### **MELISSA (MURPHY) LAFIURA**,



of Fort Edward, NY, has been promoted to vice president of employee development at Glens Falls National

Bank. In her expanded role, she oversees recruitment, training, succession planning, employee relations and recognition, mentoring, and retention. She joined the bank in 1999.

#### 1988

# **BRUCE WEINFELD (A.K.A. BUD REBEL)**, of New York, NY, has announced that his 2009 comedy "All Screwed Up" is now available on Netflix. He is the president and filmmaker at BudRebel Productions.

#### 1989

#### JONATHAN DUNCKLEE, of Mystic, CT, received the 2012 Edward O. McCabe Employer of the Year Award from the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce. He is vice president of Duncklee Cooling and Heating in Stonington, CT.

#### 1990

#### MELISSA FOWLER, of

Southborough, MA, was promoted to senior vice president of sales and client management at GlobalFit, the leading provider of physical activity programs for American businesses. She previously served as vice president of business development for the company's Northeast territory. She has more than 20 years of sales and account management experience.

#### JASON MACARI, MBA,

of Cumberland, RI, CEO of Woonsocket, RI-based Summer Infant, announced a donation of SwaddleMe blankets to Women & Infants Hospital. Since taking over, he has grown the company to \$250 million in annual sales, up from just over \$1 million in 2001.

ANDREW BLUM, of Trumbull, CT, was named an adjunct professor of marketing at the University of Connecticut. He also is a consultant for the Green Seed Group, a consulting firm that spearheads marketing campaigns for global food and beverage companies. He has an MBA from Fairfield University and nearly 20 years of experience working in market research.

**DAVID GOLDSTEIN**, of New York, NY, has been named director of business development at the Conifer Group, a leading provider of fund administration, middle office, trading, and prime brokerage services to the hedge fund industry. He previously worked for seven years in the fund administration unit at HSBC Securities Services, first as an assistant vice president of sales and later as a vice president. He also spent nine years in senior

sales and relationship management roles for fund administrator Trident Trust

NICOLE (ALLAIRE) DELOS, of

Chepachet, RI, co-owner of J&D Family Restaurant in Johnston, RI, recently celebrated the restaurant's 45th anniversary. The restaurant was started by her father.

JAY FARLAND, of Attleboro, MA, has been named vice president and senior business lender at BankRI. Previously, he was vice president of commercial lending at the Washington Trust Company and also has worked for Citizens Bank and Fleet Bank during his 20-year banking career.

#### CHARLES GREENWALD, JR.

of Ramsey, NJ, was inducted into the Worldwide Who's Who for excellence in business and technical security solutions. He is founder and CEO of Newgate Security, a security technology company that specializes in helping companies and individuals monitor, manage, and protect their mobile resources and valuable assets. He started Newgate Security two years ago and has 20 years of professional experience.

AL SADOWSKI, of Wayne, NJ, has joined the analyst team at 451 Research, a company focused on the business of enterprise IT innovation. He is a senior analyst at Internet Infrastructure Services. During his nearly 20-year career, he has held management positions in software development, network operations, product development, and product management at AT&T, Global Crossing, and Level 3 Communications. He has a master's degree from Stevens Institute of Technology.

**CURTIS HIGHSMITH, JR.**, of Riverhead, NY, has been appointed the director of the Southampton Town Housing Authority Board of Directors. He also is the chairman of the Southampton Village Board of Historical Preservation and Architectural Review and is a mortgage banker at JPMorgan Chase.

#### 1998

STEPHANIE OLBRYCH, of Norton, MA, has joined CAL Business Solutions as a Dynamics GP implementation and support specialist. She works with the implementation and support of Microsoft Dynamics GP 2013, as well as in support and training for existing customers on older versions. She has more than 15 years of experience implementing, supporting, and training in the Microsoft Dynamics GP financial and distribution series.

JOHN PRATT, of Lowell, MA, has been promoted to assistant vice president at Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank. He has seven years of banking experience, six with Lowell Five. He manages the bank's collections and commercial credit functions

JAY VAGNINI, of Plymouth, MA, was promoted to senior vice president of Bank America / Merrill Lynch. He has worked as a senior wealth management banker in the company's global wealth investment management division for seven years. He assists high net-worth clients with their banking, lending, and retirement planning needs.

#### ON THE PATH TO BECOMING A REMARKABLE EDUCATOR: VERONICA SANTERRE '11,'14 MAT



As an undergraduate, VERONICA SANTERRE **11.14 MAT** of North Grosvenordale, CT, found Bryant's faculty to be "absolutely amazing,"helping to

shape her into the person she is today.

The applied psychology major worked closely with Assistant Professor of Applied Psychology Allison Butler, Ph.D. Butler played an active role in the Psychology Association, of which Santerre was president, and she was advisor on Santerre's senior year independent study.

When it came time for Santerre to make

plans for life after Bryant, Butler, now a mentor, was there for her."I was constantly changing my mind," says Santerre. "She listened and gave honest feedback."

Santerre had always intended to teach and, after graduating from Bryant in 2011, she worked as a substitute teacher for grades K-12 in two districts. When the time came to begin her graduate education, she enrolled in Bryant's Master of Arts in Teaching program."The University has such an excellent reputation," she says. "I felt an advanced degree from Bryant would be an exceptional addition to my résumé when applying for teaching positions."

Her undergraduate business minor, she adds, has helped her become more well rounded."When I am faced with a problem in my professional or personal life, I find myself looking at the issue from a business perspective — which allows me to make a more informed decision."

Today, Santerre works closely with her faculty mentor, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Donald Holder, Ed.D., who she says is a great resource."He offers me real examples from his own life experience, and I share unique insights with him and my classmates about my daily substitute teaching.

"I truly believe this graduate program is preparing me to become a remarkable educator."

#### 2000

BRIAN FEENEY, of North



Providence, RI, has been named finance manager at FM Global. He is responsible for managing a team

that performs financial analysis related to the company's special projects and corporate initiatives. He joined FM Global in 2007 as an accountant. Previously, he was the financial controller at Brown Broadcasting Service.

BRION KIRSCH, of Cheshire, CT,



has been named an attorney at Pullman & Comley. He practices real estate law and represents businesses, business

owners, financial institutions, and other types of lenders, investors, landlords, tenants, corporations, franchisees, and developers on local, regional, and national levels. He completed his J.D. at Roger Williams University School of Law and joined the firm in 2006.

#### 2003

JAMES NICHOLAS, of Waterford, CT, has published his first book, Small Business Marketing, Your Ulltimate Guide. Within the first week of being released, the book was ranked number one best seller in direct marketing for Kindle, number one in direct marketing for books, and number one in small business marketing. Nicholas is the owner of Jimmy Marketing, which started as a web design company when he was a teenager.

KAITLYN (SPINELLI) PINTARICH,

**'09 MBA**, of Uxbridge, MA, has been promoted to president of Berry Insurance in Franklin, MA. She has worked at Berry Insurance since 2003 in a variety of positions. She is a licensed property and casualty insurance broker, an accredited advisor in insurance (AAI), and an associate in insurance account management (AIAM).

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#### 2004

#### NORMAN LEBLANC, MST, CPA,

of West Warwick, RI, a shareholder at Kahn, Litwin, Renza & Co., Ltd. (KLR), an accounting and business consulting firm with offices in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, was profiled in a *Providence Business News* feature story.

**NEELU MEHROTRA, MST**, of Cumberland, RI, has been



appointed director of international tax at Kahn, Litwin, Renza & Co., Ltd. (KLR). She is responsible for business

development, client-relationship management, and overseeing all engagements pertaining to international tax matters. She has a master's degree in professional accounting from the University of Hartford.

#### 2005

#### BRYAN REGO, '09 MBA, CPA, of

Somerset, MA, has been promoted to accounting supervisor at Yarlas, Kaplan, Santilli, Moran, Ltd. (YKSM), a Providence, RI-based certified public accountant and business consultant firm. He had

been serving as a senior staff accountant and has been with the firm since 2005. He serves on the new young professional network committee of the Rhode Island Society of CPAs.

#### MELISSA WHITTIER, CIC, of



Pittsburgh, PA, has joined the commercial lines division at Henderson Brothers, Inc. as an account

analyst. Previously, she spent six years at Taggart & Associates Insurance of Boulder, CO, as a lead account manager. She also worked as an assistant Small Business Administration account manager at Hickok & Boardman, Inc. in Burlington, VT.

#### 2008

MARK DONDERO, of Medfield, MA, has been hired as a sports anchor and reporter at WPRI in Providence. Previously, he was sports director and principal sports anchor and reporter at WCBI in Columbus, MS. As a student at Bryant, he was a member of the baseball team and hosted a campus television and radio show.

#### 2009

JARET GROSSMAN, of Mill Neck, NY, co-founder of Muscle Prodigy, a premier digital fitness brand, announced the creation of MP45 a new workout and diet program aimed at getting users in shape in 45 days. A certified personal trainer, he was an All-American collegiate wrestler at Bryant.

#### 2010

#### JESSICA DAVID, MBA, of

Providence, RI, has been named vice president of strategy and public affairs at The Rhode Island Foundation. She will lead the newly formed department, which combines the staff and responsibilities of the foundation's communications and marketing department with the planning, strategy, and special projects department.

#### 2012

JORDAN MCKEE, of Slatersville, RI, was named an analyst for the Yankee Group's mobile marketing and commerce team. Previously, he served as a market research analyst at OnProcess Technology. He also held a market research analyst internship at FM Global.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

PAUL J. BORDONARO '49 EUGENE C. IRVINE '56 VICTOR P. BOUCHER '73 FLORENCE (CROOK) TAYLOR '30 March 14, 2013 March 18, 2010 February 4, 2013 September 6, 2011 HARRY L. NORTEMAN '34 JUDITH (ABLEMAN) GOODMAN '49 JOHN F. TAAFFE '56 DAVID L. D'AIELLO '73 February 10, 2013 September 10, 2012 March 4, 2012 March 1, 2013 RUTH (HENRY) STAMP '34 CARMINE F. IASIELLO '49 JOHN W. CORBISHLEY, SR. '58 ENRICO C. MACCARONE '73 December 14, 2012 January 31, 2013 April 5, 2013 June 10, 2008 DOROTHY (KELLIHER) TAPSELL '35 JAMES M. RUSHTON JR. '49 DORIS (KING) GIBSON '58 DONALD J. CHARBONNEAU '81 February 22, 2012 February 12, 2010 January 11, 2013 January 24, 2013 JACK A. MORESCHI '36 ALFRED H. HARTLEY SR. '50 STANLEY A. SCRABA '58 JOHN R. CHAPPELL '82 February 5, 2013 March 1, 2011 February 12, 2013 February 7, 2009 ESTHER (ENRICO) MALLON '37 ROBERT P. HEATON '50 GEORGE L. CADUTO '59 JOHN F. LAVENDER JR. '82 November 30, 2011 January 19, 2013 March 9, 2013 October 9, 2010 NORMA (JUST) WISMAR '38 I. RICHARD KLEIN '50 LOUIS F. PELTZ '59 JODIE ANN (CIANCI) SEWARD '84 March 6, 2013 May 28, 2012 January 24, 2013 September 8, 2012 RITA (LAVALLEE) BEAUDETTE '40 LOIS (KATZ) REINER '50 PAUL D. PICARD '59 VIRGINIA M. HEBERT '86 March 16, 2013 April 5, 2011 February 15, 2013 February 21, 2013 SYLVIA GLASSMAN '41 EDWARD N. SACCOCCIA '50 VIRGINIA (LAMKIN) HINGHER '60 DEBORAH (GUERETTE) CALABRETTI February 4, 2013 January 11, 2011 January 19, 2013 '89 MBA January 17, 2013 HELEN (ANDERSON) WILLIAMS '41 WALTER M. SETERA '50 RONALD K. MORRILL '60 NEAL E. FEIERSTEIN '89 April 18, 2011 January 18, 2011 April 7, 2008 October 17, 2011 WILLIAM L. BUCHANEN '61 HASMIG (APOSHIAN) SIMONIAN '42 ROBERT G. STOKES '50 EDWARD J. COONEY '91 MST June 13, 2011 January 25, 2013 February 16, 2013 March 20, 2013 THOMAS J. DUNN '43 RICHARD K. UPHAM '50 HOWARD H. LINDENBAUM '61 February 24, 2013 July 16, 2010 November 11, 2008 EDWARD J. ZENHYE, JR. '07 March 13, 2013 HUMBERTO BORGES '51 ROBERT G. ANDOSCIA '62 DORA GIANNINI '43 February 4, 2013 February 24, 2013 January 12, 2013 GLORIA (TIROCCHI) D'AMBRA '44 AVEDIS MAHDESIAN '51 DONNA (MUNN) CROSSMAN '62 February 16, 2013 March 20, 2013 January 17, 2012 PEGGY (CHYTILO) WHALEN '44 CHARLES M. MENGE '51 ROBERT E. FONTAINE '63 January 8, 2013 January 20, 2013 January 15, 2013 MATILDA (ANDRES) MICHAUD '46 DOROTHY (KUZMA) SEMANEK '51 LAWRENCE B. POPKIN '63 September 7, 2011 March 6, 2013 April 27, 2012 MARILYN (SLATER) AMOROSO '47 MARSHALL P. MARTIN '52 WILLARD S. WATERHOUSE '65 March 19, 2013 January 16, 2013 May 8, 2009 ELIZABETH (LATHROP) BLAKE '47 JOHN RECUPERO '52 MARSHALL Z. JACOBS '66 June 4, 2012 October 31, 2010 March 24, 2008 ROLAND E. PARIS '47 ARLAND D. SCHONHER '52 RICHARD L. GILBERT '67 March 17, 2013 January 26, 2013 April 29, 2011 ETHEL (MURPHY) ROSEMAN '47 LOUIS N. FOGELMAN '68 THEODORE R. SHERMAN '52 January 10, 2009 January 7, 2012 March 1, 2009 THEODORE J. KRAMPITZ '48 ALEXANDER STEPHENS '52 ROBERT J. BUCCI '70 November 28, 2010 August 14, 2012 March 22, 2013 RUDOLPH R. TRAHAN '48 MARGUERITE (RICHARD) ANDERSON '53 PHILIP S. KAHN '72 February 19, 2010 December 3, 2011 April 5, 2010

HARRY A. LEFRANCOIS '72

December 29, 2011

JOSEPH BACCHIERI JR. '49

June 23, 2012

ALLEN S. CHANSKY '56

August 25, 2010



# SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI NATIONAL ALUMNI COUNCIL OFFICERS ELECTED (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 42)

and held leadership roles at ABN Amro Bank in Spain and in Chicago. Today Goldstein guides a team of sales officers responsible for marketing services to companies in the greater Chicago area.

Vice President (Membership) **Glen Martin '81, '87 MBA**,

has served for the past two years as vice president for Bryant's regional alumni networks. In this capacity Martin put into place several new initiatives to facilitate enhanced communication among the RAN chairs in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York. He also worked to help boost alumni participation in the Bryant Fund, served as the host for an alumni breakfast series in Boston, and recently chaired Bryant's Leadership Weekend alumni panel on financial planning.

Most recently Senior Vice President and Market Executive in Upper New England for U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management, Martin led a team focused on developing strategies aimed at building, transitioning, and protecting client wealth. Previously Martin was the Strategic Marketing Executive for Columbia Management and Bank of America's Institutional Retirement and Philanthropic Management Group. Martin earned his BS and MBA degrees from Bryant, achieved his Certified Financial Planning

(CFP®) certification, and holds NASD Series 7, 24, 26 and 63 licenses.

Vice President (Alumni Networks) Jay Weinberg '85, based in Chicago, is completing his first three-year term on the National Alumni Council. In that time Weinberg has taken a leadership role in developing Bryant's Alumni New Venture competition. He is also a frequent contributor to Bryant's social media, and has been active in working with Goldstein to steer the Midwest Regional Alumni Network. "I became involved to help Bryant grow and thrive, just like it did for me," he says. "I had a very rewarding and memorable experience there, and I want to introduce future generations to that same experience."

Possessing an entrepreneurial spirit from the start of his career, Weinberg founded The JAY Group, a database marketing services company, more than 10 years ago. "Database marketing fuses the disciplines of business and technology, so my Bryant education was tailor-made for this career," he says. He previously worked as a programmer, then marketing specialist, for EDS, and as database marketing manager for Leo Burnett. Weinberg has helped to build business for many highly successful companies, including Disney and Reebok.

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# Special activities and events for bryant alumni throughout bryant's 150th anniversary

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- Journey to the former East Side campus for a 150th reception and WaterFire event. Head to what was the Bryant College South Lawn in Providence. Beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, enjoy hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and live music. Then take the free shuttle to Downcity Providence to view the renowned WaterFire celebration sponsored by Bryant's U.S.-China Institute. To register, go to bryant.edu/alumnievents.
- Celebrate the University's 150th anniversary at the 2013 Reunion @ Homecoming, October 11–12, 2013. Enjoy a full schedule of fun—including the Bulldog Fun Zone, the Bryant Bulldogs vs. Brown Bears football game, and the post-game celebration featuring a live band and lobster bake. Alumni receive a special Bryant 150th commemorative gift with registration. To register, go to bryant.edu/reunion.

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