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This fall marks the start of Bryant's 153rd academic year, and of my 20th year as Bryant's president. The Bryant community's years of dedication to excellence have positioned us to make history, and working together we are creating a new model for educating innovative leaders with character who will make a difference around the world. I have never been more excited or optimistic about our future.

We have an outstanding faculty, a talented staff, an incoming class of more than 900 students with unprecedented academic qualifications, and an ambitious set of **Bryant Builds** facilities projects. In the first 19 years of my presidency, we added 250,000-square-foot of facilities to enhance our Smithfield campus. In the next year alone, we will double that, adding more than 250,000-square-foot of academic and athletic facilities both at the Smithfield campus and in Zhuhai, China, where our inaugural Bryant Zhuhai class of 160 students began its studies in September. I hope you enjoy learning more about these projects in this issue of *Bryant* magazine.

Most importantly, the Bryant experience is delivering an exceptional education that allows our graduates to succeed at enviable rates. Bryant's academic programs consistently earn top rankings among institutions such as Harvard, Stanford, and Brown. *College Factual/USA Today* ranks the University's business program among the top three in the country, and *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Bryant No. 11 in our category.

Since moving to Division I, Bryant's Bulldog student-athletes have proven that we can compete against the nation's top champions. We have garnered national recognition for the strong academic and athletic performances of our student-athletes, earning more than 350 victories and receiving the NEC Commissioner's Cup for both of the last two years.

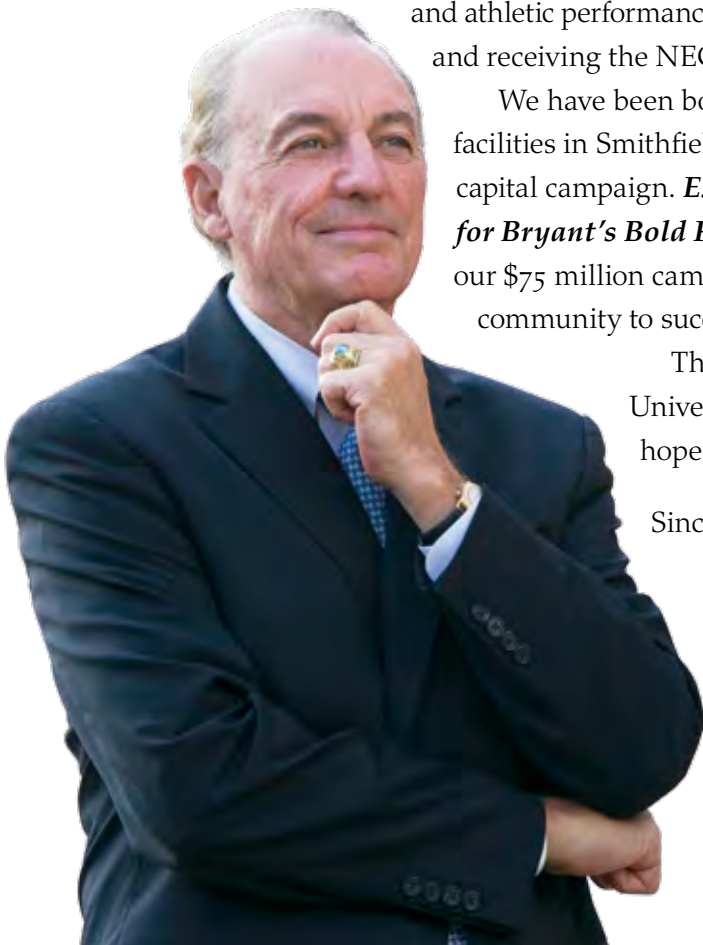
We have been bold in charting the course for Bryant's future. Our new facilities in Smithfield are made possible by generous investments in Bryant's capital campaign. ***Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future*** has already raised more than \$50 million toward our \$75 million campaign goal, but we need the support of the entire community to succeed.

This is an exciting time to engage with the life of Bryant University. I look forward to your active participation, and hope to see you on campus soon.

Sincerely,



Ronald K. Machtley
President





Transformative Growth

Propelling Bryant to the Next Level of Excellence

BY MARIA CALIRI

“THIS GROUNDBREAKING MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A GREAT NEW ERA AT BRYANT.”

BRYANT UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT
RONALD K. MACHTLEY

As Bryant Builds, the largest and most transformative facilities initiative in Bryant history, was launched in May, President Ronald K. Machtley noted that “this groundbreaking marks the beginning of a great new era at Bryant, one that builds on all of our achievements of the past and takes the University to even greater prominence in higher education.”

In the last 19 years, Bryant has added 250,000 square feet of new facilities. Over the next 18 months, the University will double that, bringing the total square feet of academic, athletic, and student life facilities added to the Smithfield campus and in Zhuhai, China, to a half-million. The result will be an innovative and dynamic environment that both affirms and enhances Bryant’s global reputation for excellence.

To help provide financial resources for this multifaceted initiative, the University launched the most ambitious fundraising effort in Bryant’s 152-year history:

Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant’s Bold Future. \$50 million of the \$75 million campaign goal has already been raised, including



- Bryant Builds Initiatives**
- 1 School of Health Sciences Physician Assistant Learning Center
 - 2 Sports Medicine and Training Center addition to the Chace Athletic Center
 - 3 Academic Innovation Center
 - 4 Bulldog Strength and Conditioning Center
 - 5 Indoor Turf Practice Facility
 - 6 Track and Turf Complex
 - 7 Shu Fang Zhai Replica

\$15 million in leadership gifts from alumni. Many of the gifts have been designated for new and expanded facilities.

Projects currently under way include:

- **A redesigned entrance**, integrated landscape, and point of arrival designed to enhance access to facilities on Bryant’s now 435-acre contemporary campus in Smithfield;
- **The Academic Innovation Center**, where innovative learning will be fostered in a creative environment designed for a new generation of pedagogy in both Bryant’s College of Business and College of Arts and Sciences. Funded by donations from alumni, including a lead gift of \$5 million from an individual family, this landmark Center will open in fall 2016;
- **The Bulldog Strength and Conditioning Center**, completed in August 2015, to benefit the student-athletes on Bryant’s 22 NCAA Division I teams who compete and win at the highest level. This project has received more than \$5 million in philanthropic support from Bryant alumni;

- **The Indoor Practice Facility**, featuring a state-of-the-art 78,000-square-foot indoor turf field with a full 100 yards of turf. When the facility is completed, Bryant will become the only private DI school in New England with a similar facility. Support for this project includes a \$2 million gift from **William J. Conaty ‘67**, Chair of the Bryant University Board of Trustees;
- **The Sports Medicine and Training Center** is part of a major revitalization project that will double the size of current training facilities in the Elizabeth and Malcolm Chace Wellness and Athletic Center and upgrade the equipment that student-athletes and trainers use;
- **Bryant Zhuhai**, a joint venture with the Beijing Institute of Technology Zhuhai campus that establishes a Bryant campus in Zhuhai, a city of 45 million people across the South China Sea from Hong Kong. The University’s Chinese partners have invested 100 percent of the capital for this project, Bryant’s first campus in another country.

A PROUD HISTORY OF ANTICIPATING THE FUTURE IN A CHANGING WORLD

For more than 150 years, Bryant has been at the forefront of education, anticipating the future in a changing world, and preparing students so that they are ready to achieve success in their lives and chosen professions.

During the last decade, Bryant has introduced a number of innovations and significant enhancements that have transformed the institution. Bryant established its College of Business and College of Arts and Sciences and transitioned from college to university in 2004, completed full transition to NCAA Division I athletics in 2013, and established a School of Health Sciences and its first clinical program—the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies—in 2014.

Today, the University delivers a nationally recognized immersive curriculum that integrates business and the liberal arts. The University’s innovative academic programs are consistently ranked among the best in the country.

1967

Bryant receives the first significant philanthropic gift in its history, the donation of a 220-acre farm by former Tupperware Corporation President Earl Tupper. Tupper's visionary investment provides the foundation for today's stunning Smithfield, RI, campus



1971

Bryant moves from Providence, RI, to the new campus in Smithfield, distinguished by the landmark Unistructure and domed Koffler Rotunda.



1982

Janikies Memorial Auditorium is dedicated.

1984

The Sarkisian Chair in Business Economics, Bryant's first endowed faculty chair, is established.

2001

Bryant launches **The Campaign for Bryant**, the institution's first comprehensive capital campaign.



2001

The state-of-the-art Elizabeth and Malcolm Chace Wellness and Athletic Center opens its doors.

2002

The George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology is the highlight of the physical transformation of Bryant's contemporary campus, providing a home for the Heidi and Walter Stepan Grand Hall, the Douglas and Judith Krupp Library, and the C.V. Starr Financial Markets Center.



In just over a decade, Bryant has moved up the ranks in *U.S. News & World Report* from No. 24 in 2003 to No. 11 in September 2014. *Money* magazine includes Bryant on its list of "50 Colleges That Add the Most Value," or schools that best help students exceed expectations. The University also ranked No. 68 in *Money's* assessment of 736 colleges that provide the best value for the tuition dollar. And Bryant's distinctive Applied Mathematics program is ranked #6 in the country by College Factual/USA Today.

In recent years, Bryant has established itself as a leader in international education. Nearly 50 percent of the University's students study abroad. *Bloomberg Businessweek* ranks Bryant's International Business program as 16th in the United States.

GENEROSITY FUELS GROWTH

Throughout its history, Bryant's success has depended on exceptional philanthropy.

The site of the current campus was a gift from businessman and philanthropist

Earl Tupper, who made his fortune selling Tupperware. Tupper, who received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Bryant in 1968 and posthumously was awarded an Honorary Master's Degree in 1992, donated his 220-acre farm in rural Smithfield, RI,

Congressman Machtley first arrived at Bryant College nearly 20 years ago, "he found a campus that did not match the ambitions of our institution.

"Though rich in intellectual vigor and institutional reputation, at that time

"BRYANT'S ACADEMIC INNOVATION CENTER WILL BE A CATALYST FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL EDUCATION, PREPARING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS WHETHER THEY SEEK TO MAKE THEIR MARK IN THE CORPORATE WORLD, IN LAW, OR IN THE ARTS AND SCIENCES."

GLENN M. SULMASY, J.D., L.L.M.
Bryant Provost and Chief Academic Officer

to Bryant, then a small business college on Providence's East Side.

At the Bryant Builds groundbreaking, **William J. Conaty '67**, Chair of the Bryant University Board of Trustees and Co-Chair of *Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future*, noted that when then-former

Bryant lacked the physical resources—great facilities—to fulfill its mission to develop the mind, body, and spirit of each student," said Conaty.

From 1996, Machtley says his objective as president was clear. "The general plan was to try to take everything to the next

2004

The Campaign for Bryant concludes with great success, exceeding its goal and raising more than \$40 million for scholarships, programs, and new facilities.



2005

The Communications Center and the Koffler Complex open to provide students with a state-of-the-art digital multimedia studio.

2010

The Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership at Bryant University is established.

2012

The first pitch at Conaty Park baseball and softball complex is thrown.



2013

The transformed and re-imagined Bryant Center is dedicated as the Michael E. '67 and Karen L. Fisher Student Center.



2014

Bryant launches **Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future.**

2018

Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future provides historic levels of philanthropic support that propel Bryant to even greater prominence.



level from Day One," he recalls. Fulfilling that goal has been the unwavering focus of the president and the Board of Trustees.

The tremendous generosity of alumni and friends during Bryant's first capital campaign, *The Campaign for Bryant*, is clear in the stunning buildings at the campus's center: **the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology, the Douglas and Judith Krupp Library, the Elizabeth and Malcolm Chace Wellness and Athletic Center**, and, in subsequent years, **the Ronald K. and Kati C. Machtley Interfaith Center**, and the **Michael E. '67 and Karen L. Fisher Student Center**.

Siro DeGasperi '57 and his family made a six-figure gift to support the Interfaith Center, a nondenominational facility that provides the University and its visitors a place to worship, reflect, and gather. Together, the Bello, Chace, and Interfaith centers create an arc of striking buildings that symbolize the education of the whole person in mind, body, and spirit.

Maintaining a laser-sharp focus on this holistic approach to education, Machtley is shepherding a historic \$75 million campaign, *Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future*.

BRYANT: THE NEXT GENERATION

Standing at the redesigned entrance to campus will be the landmark Academic Innovation Center that will feature expansive, curving glass, reflecting Bryant's open, inviting, and very welcoming feel.

The Innovation Center "will be a pinnacle of arrival, the physical embodiment of the sense of tomorrow that's really all about the entrepreneurial and innovative spirit of Bryant," says Lead Designer Kip Ellis, AIA, LEED AO BD+C, who has earned a reputation for designing sophisticated academic buildings that promote learning while celebrating an institution's unique culture.

Ellis, of the nationally acclaimed EYP Architecture and Engineering, notes, "It's an entirely new type of building. The ambi-

tions were very high, and the appetite for innovation was right up there at the stars."

The Innovation Center, which seeks to bring the West Coast high-tech vibrancy and experimentation into the structure and richness of the Northeast academic history, Ellis notes, "is a new prototype in academia, not only for Bryant, one that's at the forefront of creating a truly great environment that will encourage innovation, and will encourage new ways of learning."

These latest projects not only continue Bryant's trajectory of success but also help the University keep the promise it embraces as its mission: to educate and inspire students to discover their passion and become innovative leaders with character around the world.

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THE ACADEMIC INNOVATION CENTER:

A Living Example of Bryant's
Entrepreneurial and Innovative Spirit

BY NANCY KIRSCH

Landmark new facility on the Smithfield
campus embodies Bryant's commitment
to innovative teaching and learning



Bryant took a bold step into its future in mid-May, breaking ground on the Smithfield campus for the Academic Innovation Center—a facility that President **Ronald K. Machtley** heralded as “a dynamic and creative environment that will foster innovative learning for a new generation of pedagogy.”

A key component of the **Bryant Builds** plan, the Innovation Center is among the initiatives that will advance new models of experiential and experimental teaching and learning. The entrance to the Smithfield campus will be elegantly reoriented, so that when it is completed in August 2016, the Academic Innovation Center will be a primary point of arrival for all visitors. The landmark structure, designed to

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KIP ELLIS, AIA, LEED AO BD+C
EYP Architecture and Engineering

integrate seamlessly with the beautiful New England landscape, will be the University’s academic centerpiece, serving as a central gathering space for students’ academic engagement on campus.

“This showpiece,” says the building’s architect, Kip Ellis, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, “is really a living example of Bryant’s entrepreneurial and innovative spirit.” As lead designer with nationally acclaimed EYP Architecture and Engineering, Ellis has earned a reputation for designing sophisticated academic buildings that promote learning while celebrating an institution’s unique culture.



At Bryant, Ellis was struck by the University’s open and welcoming facilities set in a serene and spacious environment. He designed the Innovation Center to be equally inviting to students, faculty, and visitors. Ellis envisioned the light-filled and open spaces for instruction as a blank canvas, where faculty and students can configure resources to support intellectual inquiry and collaboration.

“We visited Stanford, MIT, Harvard, and many other schools with innovative facilities before selecting EYP Architects,” President Machtley notes. “I am awed by the design that was developed through collaboration with our faculty committee.” The project was featured at a recent North Atlantic regional conference of the Society for College and University Planning, attended by architects, builders, and other university facility planners.

A PREMIER ENVIRONMENT FOR APPLIED LEARNING

The Innovation Center will create an environment with flexible and interactive options that support collaborative team-based learning. The building has been

designed to anticipate different learning modalities of future generations of faculty and students.

This facility, and the pedagogy that it supports, will ready our students for success at Bryant and beyond by enhancing their skills in critical thinking, effective communication, and teamwork.

Five tiered classrooms, designed in a horseshoe shape, allow faculty and students to see everyone in the room, explains Professor of Political Science **John W. Dietrich, Ph.D.**, who also coordinates the Politics and Law and the Global Studies programs and serves as one of eight faculty members on that planning committee. “Those good sight lines allow students to debate one another and lead class discussions much more effectively,” he says. “Faculty members can easily move around these tiered rooms to observe student projects or assign a group to a team problem.”

Five open-space classrooms will evoke cutting-edge employers’ workspaces, rather than traditional classrooms or lecture halls. Modeled after a prototype classroom in the George E. Bello Center for Informa-

tion and Technology (Bello 102), that was made possible through an anonymous six-figure gift from an alumnus, these spaces will feature modular pods on wheels with wireless monitors and other movable furniture, writable whiteboards and glass walls, and wireless technology.

“Bryant students don’t sit and listen to a lecture. They work on projects and team tasks,” says Trustee Professor of Management **Michael Roberto, D.B.A.**, who

“Tiered classrooms allow every student to see all other students. They are well suited for wide discussion and debate. Flat classrooms work best for collaborative work and teaching styles that need flexibility. When students design role plays as a small group being able to cluster tables together encourages dialogue. The students can then rearrange the furniture to perform their role plays for their peers.”

KRISTEN M. BERKOS, PH.D.
Associate Professor of Communication

also serves as director of the Center for Program Innovation and chair of the faculty planning committee for the Academic Innovation Center. “The faculty member then becomes a facilitator, coach, and guide. We can engage in applied learning, not textbook learning.”

By facilitating applied learning, Roberto says, Bryant effectively prepares its students for the “real world” of careers. In Bello 102, students experience interac-

tive, applied learning every day, he notes, as they will in the Academic Innovation Center. “We’ve received a lot of positive feedback from employers who like that our students are experiencing this applied learning,” says Roberto.

ACTIVE LEARNING DEMANDS DOING

Faculty who teach in Bello 102 and the Ideation Lab in the Unistrukture, another innovative teaching and learning prototype room, use a different approach to pedagogy, presenting students with questions or problems, then coaching them through the process of seeking solutions and encouraging students to be more engaged and interactive, rather than lecturing. Students bring their own experience and then research and learn new material, so they can collaborate and present recommended solutions. That builds critical thinking and communication skills and develops leadership.

Independent research also supports the benefit of such flexible, informal work spaces and their impact on learning, according to Ellis. “The National Science

about how to solve problems.” Active, engaged learning demands participants do something—make a difference, be a leader, solve a problem, initiate an idea, or discuss the idea, Ellis says.

Bello 102 and the Ideation Lab, Ellis notes, are excellent examples of Bryant’s innovative spirit and willingness to embrace new approaches. “They were definitely part of the inspiration... for what we were trying to accomplish in the Academic Innovation Center.” With one dramatic curved exterior glass wall, several interior glass walls and diffuse, comfortable light, the new academic building will offer a luminous and open atmosphere, aesthetically reminiscent of the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology.

The middle of the Academic Innovation Center is a large open atrium, the Innovation Forum—an ideal gathering space for 250 or so individuals to listen to a lecture or attend a presentation. Consistent with Bryant’s focus on flexibility and innovation, that same space can be easily reconfigured to enable several small groups to convene for study sessions and



Foundation, the National Academy for the Sciences, and a number of educational groups... believe that co-factors to learning, which include encouraging students to want to work on problems, to really dive deep into subject matter—the physical environment can encourage that,” says Ellis. “We’re creating the environment where students can really be excited about the things they’re investigating and about sharing ideas and their theories

practicing team projects or presentations. By nimbly adapting state-of-the-art soundproofing, acoustics, and lighting to their specific needs, both large and intimate gatherings will find the atrium a highly desirable environment for engaged learning.

Variety—in furniture, technology, writing surfaces, and in the rooms themselves—is endemic to the Innovation Center, which “doesn’t take a cookie-cutter approach,” says Ellis. “It’s an entirely



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Trustee Professor of Management
Director, Bryant Center for Program Innovation
Chair, AIC Faculty Planning Committee



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new type of building because its primary genesis is the idea of collaboration.”

The Innovation Center’s classrooms and other spaces will be open around the clock, and a dramatic, glass-walled, two-story café will be open late into the night. These gathering spaces will serve as attractive, appealing, and highly functional venues where students can meet to study, work on team projects, rehearse presentations, and socialize.

“When completed in fall 2016, this facility will feature some of the most flexible and engaging educational architecture in the country, for students in both our College of Business and College of Arts and Sciences,” says President Machtley.

“It will be unbelievable, as we will not only teach in a world-class facility that is very innovative but also teach innovatively.”

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PLAYING AT A WHOLE NEW LEVEL

Since joining NCAA Division I, Bryant's Bulldogs have achieved more than anyone could have predicted. New athletic facilities will accelerate their ascent.

BY RICHARD BADER



“Since moving to Division I, Bryant has proven that we can compete. We have earned national recognition for the strong academic and athletic performances of our student-athletes, and we have received the NEC Commissioner’s Cup for both of the last two years.”

Ronald K. Machtley, Bryant University President



Any lingering doubts about whether Bryant University truly belonged in NCAA Division I—college sports’ grandest stage—were put to rest on May 14, 2014. On that day, the Bulldog men’s lacrosse team shocked the sports world by beating #2 seed and 11-time national champion Syracuse University 10-9, in Syracuse’s fabled Carrier Dome in the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament. By pulling off what many have called the biggest upset in tournament history, Bryant sent a resounding message: The Bulldogs have arrived.

They have indeed. The past two seasons alone, Bryant’s athletic teams have earned more than 350 victories and appeared in 10 NCAA Division I Championships. Bryant’s student-athletes and coaches were rewarded two years in a row with the Northeast Conference Brenda Weare Commission’s Cup trophy, awarded to the top institution in the conference based on athletic success.

And it’s not just on the field where Bryant student-athletes excel. More than 200 have been named to the NEC academic honor roll.

The young men and women wearing Black and Gold have done their part, demonstrating that Bryant belongs at the NCAA’s highest level. Now it’s time for the campus sports facilities to do the same.

A RICH HISTORY, A BRIGHT FUTURE

Through nearly a century of athletics dating back to the first men’s and women’s basketball teams of the 1920s and 1930s, Bryant has never lacked competitive spirit. Or memorable moments.

There was the 1966-67 men’s basketball team that went 22-0 in the regular season. Because Bryant’s own gym was too small, the team played home games in Providence in the gym of a school that could not have been more appropriately named: Hope High. There was the leadership of women’s athletic coordinator Lorraine Hudak, who coached three sports while blazing a trail for women’s athletics. There were the men’s basketball teams of the early 2000s that reached the DII Sweet Sixteen four years in a row and played in the championship game in 2005. There was the decision to join NCAA Division I. And then there was that 2014 Carrier Dome lacrosse win over Syracuse.

FIRST-RATE FACILITIES FOR A FIRST-RATE PROGRAM

While student-athletes have been thrilling Bryant fans with their performances, the University has taken major steps toward transforming the places where these athletes practice and play. A generous gift from **William J. Conaty ’67** created Conaty Park, a first-class venue for softball and baseball. Leadership giving from **David Beirne ’85, P’19** has supported key upgrades to Bulldog Stadium.

WILLIAM J. CONATY ’67

To the list of investments that yield rapid and satisfying returns, add the \$1.5 million gift William J. Conaty ’67 gave Bryant in 2012 to create Conaty Park, the University’s splendid new baseball and softball complex. The baseball team responded with a trip to the NCAA tournament in 2013, where it delivered Bryant’s first-ever DI tournament win in any sport, and repeated it in 2014. “Two tournaments for the men and one for the women in the last two years,” says Conaty, a retired senior vice president at General Electric who was a star shortstop during his Bryant student years. “That’s a better investment than GE stock.”



Buoyed by the return on investment of that gift, Conaty and his wife, Sue, have given an additional \$2 million to help build the new Indoor Practice Facility and to support scholarships for student-athletes. “Bryant has developed a national reputation for academic and athletic excellence,” says Conaty, chair of Bryant’s Board of Trustees and co-chair of the University’s historic capital campaign, **Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant’s Bold Future**. “Now is the perfect time to give back and propel the University to the next level.”

“With the expansion of the athletic training room, our student-athletes can expect the highest quality of care when it comes to both the treatment and prevention of injuries. This additional space, complete with the latest in equipment and technology for rehabilitation and therapy, will enhance service to Bryant’s more than 550 student-athletes.”

Patrick O’Sullivan, ATC, Head Athletic Trainer



The Bulldog Strength and Conditioning Center

This state-of-the-art Strength and Conditioning Center more than doubles the space and resources where Bryant’s 22 teams of 550 student-athletes work out. This will result in a tremendous improvement in both productivity and training quality for student-athletes, who for years have had to deal with insufficient space, poor ventilation, and long lines to get access to limited equipment in the basement of the Elizabeth and Malcolm Chace Wellness and Athletic Center. The Strength and Conditioning Center will enable more student-athletes to train with better equipment in far less time, resulting in stronger, faster athletes; fewer injuries; and better on-field performance. The center is scheduled to be completed in August 2015.

The Indoor Practice Facility

The Indoor Practice Facility will help level the playing field for Bulldog sports, adding a venue that’s ideal for practice 365 days a year. The 78,000-square-foot facility will have a full 100-yard turf field, enabling student-athletes and coaches to overcome the challenges caused by harsh winters and unpredictable spring and fall conditions. When it’s completed in winter 2016, Bryant will become the first DI team in New England to have a permanent, state-of-the-art, indoor turf practice facility.

DAVID BEIRNE ’85, P’19

“Go big or go home.” That was the philosophy David Beirne ’85 took with him onto the field when he was a Bryant lacrosse player, and it remains his approach to Bulldog athletics today. Beirne, chairman and cofounder of Fantex, and his wife, Terry, recently donated \$5 million toward Bryant’s new Indoor Practice Facility and the Bulldog Strength and Conditioning Center. That donation follows a \$1 million gift, made in 2009 to enhance the University’s locker rooms.



“Bryant attracts student-athletes of the highest character, work ethic, drive, toughness, and leadership,” Beirne says, and he invites others to join him in supporting Bulldog sports. “I encourage everyone to give whatever they can afford.”

But many of Bryant’s athletics facilities were built in a different time and a very different era for Bulldog sports. Now, as the University’s reputation for having a first-rate DI program grows, it deserves first-rate DI facilities across the board. And thanks to Bryant’s new capital campaign—*Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant’s Bold Future*—the University has the opportunity to create three of them.





“We believe that we have to work hard to get better every single day. These beautiful new facilities demonstrate our commitment to that standard and to giving our student-athletes everything they need to be successful.”

Bill Smith, Director of Athletics

Sports Medicine and Training Center

A major revitalization project will double the size of current training facilities in the Elizabeth and Malcolm Chace Wellness and Athletic Center and modernize the equipment that student-athletes and trainers use, including a Sports Medicine and Training Center. With its emphasis on the prevention of and recovery from injuries, the new training center focuses squarely on one of Bryant’s highest sports priorities: the health and well-being of its student-athletes. Enhancements to the Elizabeth and Malcolm Chace Wellness and Athletic Center will also include improvements to the office spaces of all team coaches.

A BOOST FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE RECRUITING

These new facilities have multiple benefits. First and foremost, they benefit today’s Bryant student-athletes, providing invaluable support for a growing program. And the new facilities give Bryant a decided competitive edge in recruiting, now and well into the future. Better training and practice facilities translate directly into better personal and team performance, and top athletes understand that.

These facilities are one more way Bryant is signaling to the college sports world that the Bulldogs have not only arrived—they belong. It’s exactly the same

message men’s lacrosse coach Mike Pressler gave his team in the lead-up to that historic win over Syracuse.

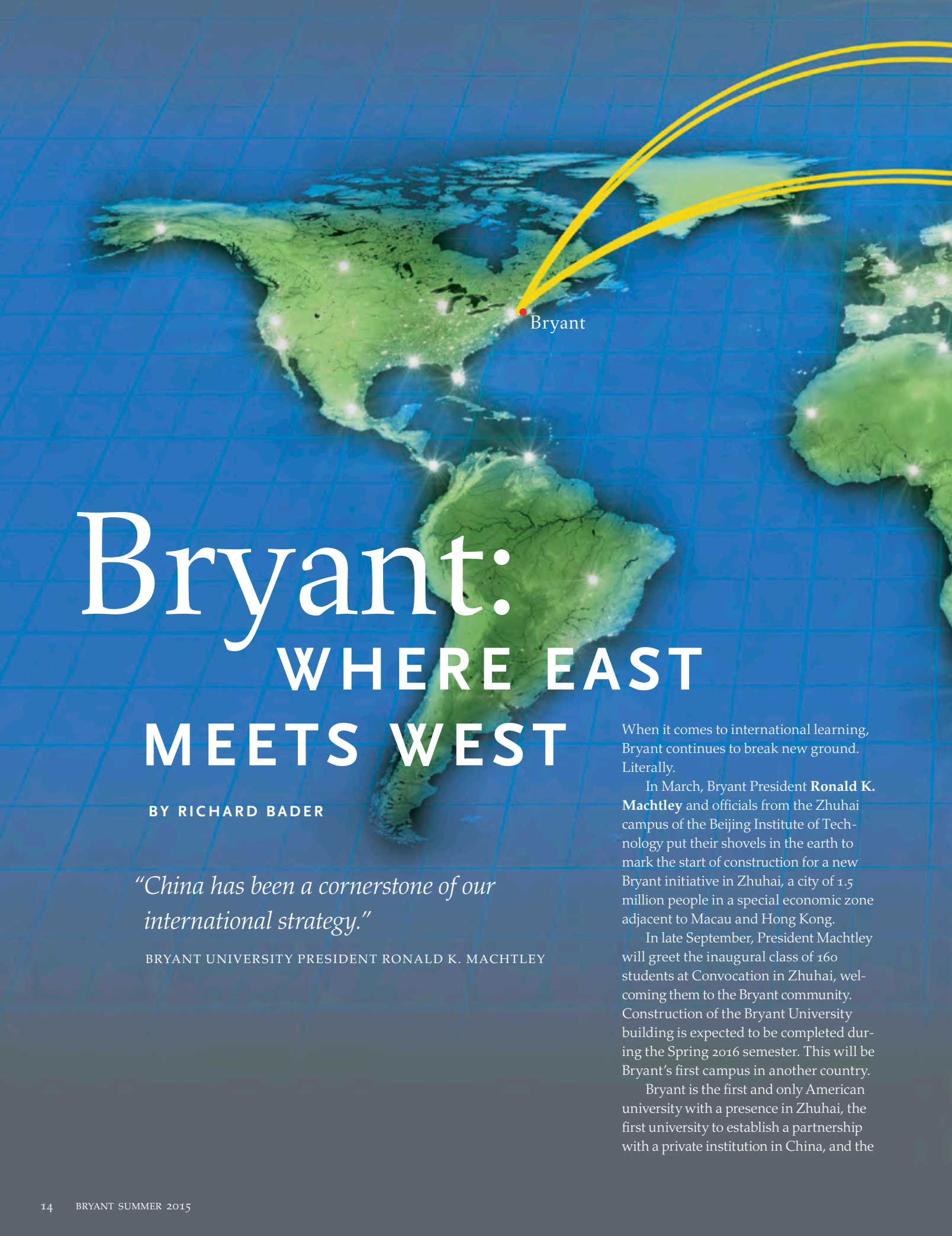
“After we win,” Pressler told his team, that word ‘after’ underscoring the confidence he had in his players, “don’t start throwing your equipment in the air. Don’t dive on each other. We’ve got to act like we’ve been here before.”

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“The new facilities mean we’ll be able to train at the highest level. We’ll be able to practice out of the elements. Conaty Park is one of the most beautiful stadiums I’ve seen. These things change the program.”

Shayne Lotito, Head Softball Coach





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Bryant: WHERE EAST MEETS WEST

BY RICHARD BADER

“China has been a cornerstone of our international strategy.”

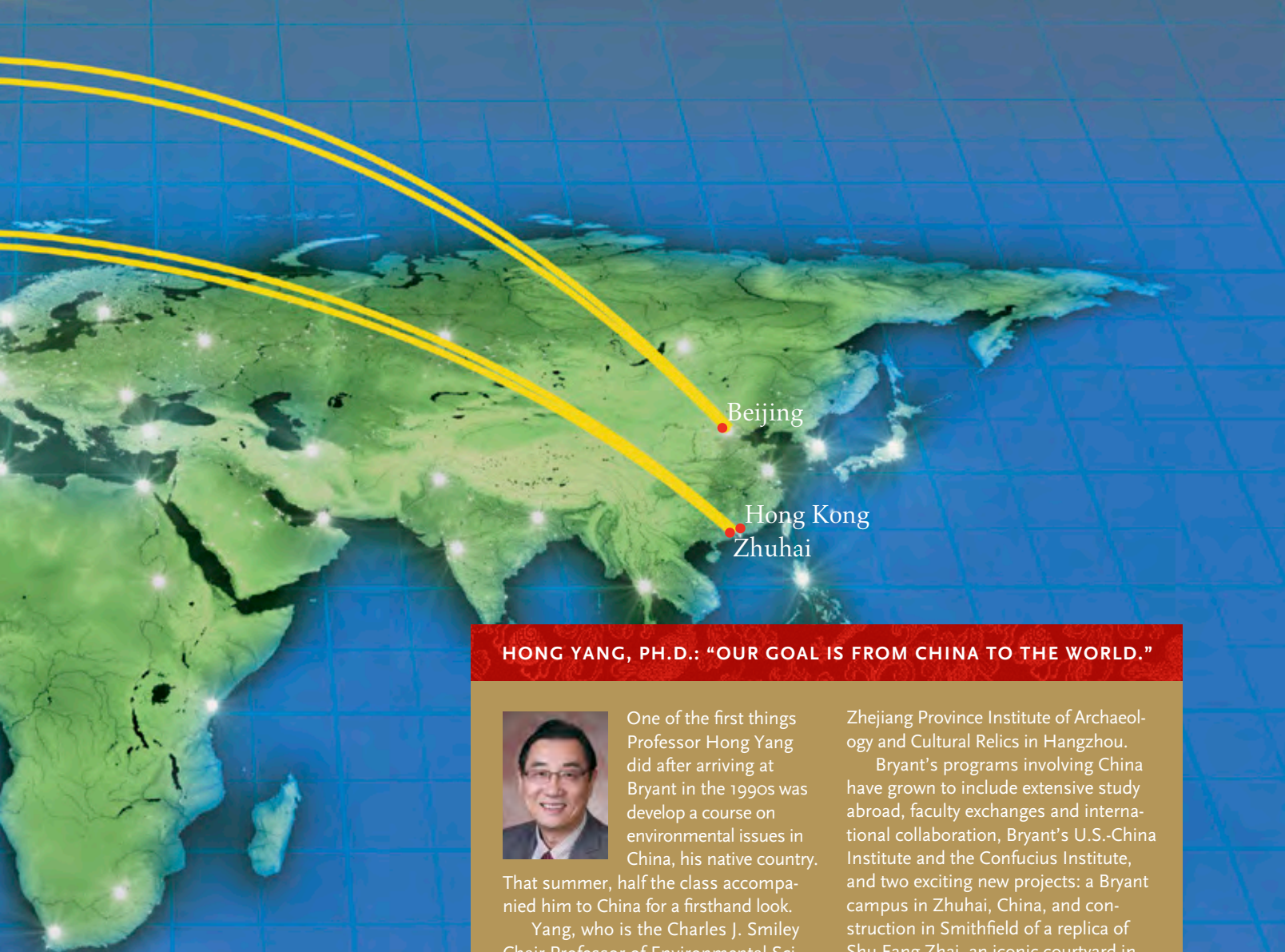
BRYANT UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT RONALD K. MACHTLEY

When it comes to international learning, Bryant continues to break new ground. Literally.

In March, Bryant President **Ronald K. Machtley** and officials from the Zhuhai campus of the Beijing Institute of Technology put their shovels in the earth to mark the start of construction for a new Bryant initiative in Zhuhai, a city of 1.5 million people in a special economic zone adjacent to Macau and Hong Kong.

In late September, President Machtley will greet the inaugural class of 160 students at Convocation in Zhuhai, welcoming them to the Bryant community. Construction of the Bryant University building is expected to be completed during the Spring 2016 semester. This will be Bryant’s first campus in another country.

Bryant is the first and only American university with a presence in Zhuhai, the first university to establish a partnership with a private institution in China, and the



only U.S.-China joint four-year undergraduate business program in Guangdong Province.

Bryant University has a number of international articulation agreements with schools including the China University of Geosciences in Wuhan, but this is the University's first actual school located in mainland China, where classes will be taught in English and an accredited Bryant University degree will be awarded upon successful completion of four years of study.

This project affirms three defining components of Bryant's international philosophy: One, that global learning is essential. Two, that international experience and cultural understanding are key pillars of a Bryant education. And three, that China is a cornerstone of Bryant's international strategy.

AN ENDURING PARTNERSHIP

The new program is the latest in a series of Bryant collaborations with China

HONG YANG, PH.D.: "OUR GOAL IS FROM CHINA TO THE WORLD."



One of the first things Professor Hong Yang did after arriving at Bryant in the 1990s was develop a course on environmental issues in China, his native country.

That summer, half the class accompanied him to China for a firsthand look.

Yang, who is the Charles J. Smiley Chair Professor of Environmental Sciences and is recognized as a U.S.-China Public Intellectual and distinguished scientist, recently was one of the leading senior researchers whose surprising findings about ancient climate change and rice domestication in China were published in *Geology*, the #1 ranked geology journal. The study was the result of an international collaboration of Bryant scientists with colleagues from the Chinese Academy of Sciences and

Zhejiang Province Institute of Archaeology and Cultural Relics in Hangzhou.

Bryant's programs involving China have grown to include extensive study abroad, faculty exchanges and international collaboration, Bryant's U.S.-China Institute and the Confucius Institute, and two exciting new projects: a Bryant campus in Zhuhai, China, and construction in Smithfield of a replica of Shu Fang Zhai, an iconic courtyard in Beijing's Forbidden City, to house the University's China programs.

"When I took my first class to China, it was one professor and 15 students," says Yang, now Bryant's Vice President for International Affairs. "Now it's an entirely different game."

That game is far from over. "China is the country where we have our initial effort," he says. "Our goal is from China to the world."

that extend back to the late 1990s, when **Hong Yang, Ph.D.**, then a professor of science and technology, started a course on environmental studies in China that included a three-week summer travel component. Fifteen students went with him to China that first year. Since then more than 300 Bryant students have traveled there to study, and faculty have made more than 100 visits.

Professor Yang's efforts put into motion a sequence of events that led to the

establishment of Bryant's U.S.-China Institute in 2005, forging academic, business, and cultural partnerships between Bryant and Chinese universities, businesses, and government agencies. In 2006, the University opened the Confucius Institute, a joint project with the Office of Chinese Language Council International (also known as Hanban) that is dedicated to the promotion of Chinese language and culture.

"The U.S.-China Institute and the Confucius Institute have made an important



2005
U.S.-China Institute at Bryant University established.



2006
The Confucius Institute at Bryant becomes the first U.S.-China jointly funded institute in Southern New England.



2007
Thirty students and four professors travel to China for the first Sophomore International Experience. Nearly 300 Bryant undergraduates and 39 faculty have traveled to study in China.



2008
George H.W. Bush, 41st President of the United States, visits Bryant to accept an honorary degree and unveil the construction model of the Shu Fang Zhai replica.



2009
Bryant's Confucius Institute opens first three Confucius Classrooms in cooperation with local K-12 schools.

impact in redefining the identity of Bryant University," says **David Lux, Ph.D.**, Professor of History and Dean Emeritus of the College of Arts and Sciences, who is now the founding Academic Dean of Bryant Zhuhai. He notes that "China offers exciting opportunities for anyone involved in global education. The Chinese are eager to share and to learn. They see the value in a partnership with Bryant. With the Zhuhai partnership, we are taking the first steps on an exciting new venture. I'm very eager to take part in that venture."

The focus on China makes good, strategic sense for Bryant, says Yang, who directs the U.S.-China Institute and is the University's vice president for international affairs. "In this global economy, and in this global political situation, the U.S. and China are interconnected," he says. "Right now if you study business, it is unimaginable that you would not touch on issues relating to China."

Adam Francis '03, Managing Director of Strategy and Mergers and Acquisitions for the Asia-Pacific area for AIG, the global insurance giant, agrees. "China is the world's second largest economy," he says. "It's going to be the number one player in town internationally for some time to come."

Two projects—the Bryant Zhuhai campus and the Shu Fang Zhai replica in Smithfield—will build a bridge over which any number of collaborative ventures may travel.

Bryant Zhuhai—The Zhuhai project is a collaboration with the Beijing Institute of Technology in Zhuhai, which has approximately 25,000 students. Bryant will

occupy half of a new 107,000-square-foot building that will be completed in March 2016. Construction in Zhuhai has been funded by Bryant's Chinese partners.

The academic program in Zhuhai has been designed to mirror Bryant's nationally recognized curriculum vigor and standards of excellence and will be taught in English. Dean Lux will oversee a full complement of predominantly United States faculty, augmented by several Chinese faculty members. It is hoped that this program will also encourage numerous Chinese students to study at Bryant University in Rhode Island.

The students in Bryant Zhuhai's entering class were selected from among

the top 20 percent of all Chinese students taking the National Higher Education Entrance Examination, commonly known as the *Gaokao*, at the end of high school. Approximately 10 million Chinese students took the exam this spring.

Shu Fang Zhai—Bryant's Shu Fang Zhai will be a replica of the iconic courtyard complex of the same name in Beijing's



KRISTIAN MOOR '81, P'17: CHINA INITIATIVES SET BRYANT APART

A 33-year career with a multinational corporation that was founded in China gives Bryant trustee Kristian Moor '81 an important perspective on the University's expansion of programs in that nation.

"China is extremely important on the global stage, and it's evolving daily," says Moor, retired president and CEO of Chartis, the global property and casualty branch of insurance giant AIG. "The Chinese take education very seriously and have a lot of pride in it, and so does Bryant. It's a perfect match."

The latest components of that perfect match include the opening of a new Bryant campus in Zhuhai, in col-

laboration with the Beijing Institute of Technology in Zhuhai, and the planned construction in Smithfield of a replica of Shu Fang Zhai, a culturally significant courtyard in Beijing's Forbidden City.

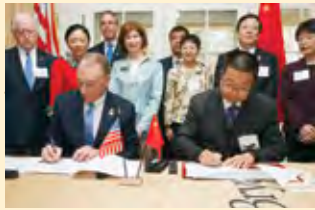
"These efforts really separate us from a lot of U.S. universities," says Moor. "It's a real plus for Bryant."

Moor is impressed with Bryant's expanding international profile. "The world is global," he says. "With the direction technology is headed and the way economies are integrated, everything you do has an effect on an international basis. You need to understand the world."



2010

President Machtley travels to China to sign an agreement with the Palace Museum for the Shu Fang Zhai project.



2013

Bryant signs agreement with Beijing Institute of Technology's Zhuhai campus to establish Bryant Zhuhai as a joint venture.



2015

President Machtley, Vice President for International Affairs Hong Yang, Ph.D., and University Trustees George E. Bello and the late James Skeffington participate in groundbreaking ceremonies for Bryant Zhuhai in March.



2015

President Machtley welcomes the inaugural class of 160 students at Bryant Zhuhai to the Bryant community at Convocation in September as the U.S.-China Institute celebrates its 10-year anniversary.

Forbidden City, the Chinese imperial palace that dates back to the Ming Dynasty of the 15th century. In Smithfield, it will become a premier academic and cultural center—a venue for research, instruction, and community programs; a place to welcome visiting scholars and dignitaries; a showcase for art and culture; and home to Bryant's Confucius Institute and the U.S.-China Institute.

"Cultural symbols are important," says Yang, "and there is nothing more symbolic than traditional architecture from the Forbidden City." Approved by the Chinese government with assistance from the Department of Ancient Architecture at the Palace Museum, this project mirrors Bryant's hopes for future U.S.-China relations.

"There's a lot of symbolism attached to being the only American university sanctioned to build a replica of a structure in the Forbidden City," says Bryant Trustee **Kristian Moor '81, P'17**, retired president and CEO of Chartis, AIG's global property and casualty business.

A REPUTATION FOR GLOBAL EXCELLENCE

These new efforts with China expand an international profile at Bryant that by any measure is impressive. Bryant ranks 37th among master's universities in the percentage of students who study abroad. The Sophomore International Experience creates a new model for how students study abroad. International Business—Bryant's fastest-growing major—is ranked 16th nationally by *Bloomberg Businessweek*. Three MBA programs—Global Supply

ADAM FRANCIS '03:

APPLAUDS BRYANT'S EMPHASIS ON INTERNATIONAL STUDY

Adam Francis '03 made his first visit to China as a Bryant student in Professor Hong Yang's course on environmental challenges facing that nation.

The impact of that trip? "It was really motivating," he recalls.

Francis went on to combine his Finance major with intensive study of Chinese language and culture, and became the first Bryant student to graduate with a Chinese minor. His career with global insurance giant AIG has taken him to Hong Kong, Shanghai, and now Tokyo, where he's managing director of strategy and mergers and

acquisitions for the Asia-Pacific area.

Francis applauds the "nimbleness and flexibility" Bryant displayed in helping him tailor an education that met his needs. And he's impressed by the University's emphasis on international study, in particular with programs focused on China.

"China is the world's second largest economy," he says. "It's going to be the number one player in town internationally for some time to come. For Bryant to open up new opportunities there is phenomenal. The benefits are almost endless."

Chain Management, Global Finance, and International Business—have an international focus.

"All business is international because what happens in one part of the world affects what happens in another," says Associate Dean of the College of Business and Professor of Management **Madan Annavarjula, Ph.D.** "We're giving Bryant students what they need to compete in the global economy."

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE

When Professor Yang first began taking students to China as part of his environmental studies course, much of the program focused on a tree—the *Metasequoia*, or dawn redwood—that offered insights

into climate change. The tree was indigenous to China but had flourished in Rhode Island ever since seeds were brought to the state in the 1940s.

It is fitting then that today, the seeds of an effort begun more than 15 years ago have taken root and, like the *Metasequoia* itself, are growing into something majestic and substantial. And that growth shows few signs of stopping—Bryant plans to use what it learns from its initiatives with China to build collaborative projects elsewhere around the globe.

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EXPANDING THE WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

Capital Campaign Progressing Toward Historic \$75 Million Goal

Bryant continues to make progress toward its \$75 million campaign goal. Gifts and commitments to date amount to \$50 million, including contributions from alumni, parents, faculty, and friends. **Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future** is now two-thirds of the way toward its fundraising goal, a solid marker of success at this stage.

"To define Bryant's future and set the pace for others to follow," said Bryant President **Ronald K. Machtley**, "We will be bold in creating the model for educating innovative leaders with character who will make a difference around the world."

The Bryant community has shown remarkable support so far, and there will be much to celebrate when we cross the finish line together. Every gift counts.

Alumni giving is how *U.S. News & World Report* measures alumni satisfaction with their education.

Rankings among prestigious peers continue to underscore the University's trajectory of excellence and highlight how crucial this time in Bryant's history is. The success of our capital campaign will be a determining factor in propelling Bryant to an even higher level of prominence among the top colleges and universities in the country.

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ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP PAYS HOMAGE TO FAMILY BUSINESS

Fifty-eight years ago, **James "Jim"**

Grzybowski '60 chose to attend Bryant, largely because two high school friends—whose fathers were business owners—planned to attend. That decision, says Grzybowski, provided him with an exceptional education and helped prepare him for a life he feels blessed to have had.

After graduation, Grzybowski became a branch manager for two large food manufacturers, covering an area from Connecticut to the Canadian border. Married, with children, he decided that being his own boss would better fit his long-term goals. His father owned a small, part-time business while working for

General Electric Co. in Schenectady, NY, and he had always wanted Jim to take on and grow that business. Jim agreed, and, joined by brother, Tom, changed the company's focus to high-quality designed signage for the construction industry.

With the advent of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990, Grzybowski developed a process to include Braille. "We became one of the first companies to do that and further established our reputation," he says. "We started in a small rented space, expanded to a larger site, and, in 2004, built a state-of-the-art facility in Amsterdam, NY."

Grzybowski's daughter, Bettina, and her husband, Neal, joined the company in 2002; Grzybowski sold the firm to Bettina when he retired as president and

former co-owner. After nearly 70 years, Mohawk Sign Systems continues to thrive.

Grzybowski and his wife, Elizabeth "Liz" Grzybowksi, have made Florida their home for years, but haven't forgotten their Northern roots that include Jim's alma mater.

Jim and Liz have been members of the Bryant Leadership Council of Donors since 2008, but Jim wanted to do something "more substantial." The couple established the **Jim '60 and Elizabeth Grzybowski Endowed Scholarship Fund** to benefit students with proven need. Preference will be given to an Entrepreneurship student.

"It would give Liz and me great satisfaction to help someone with the desire and confidence to start a business—or buy and expand one," says Grzybowski. "My father had that confidence in me."

NATIONWIDE TOUR HIGHLIGHTS THE CAMPAIGN FOR BRYANT'S BOLD FUTURE

Over the last two decades, Bryant has seen a trajectory of growth unlike any in its 152-year history. The catalyst of this development can be found in the vision of **Ronald K. Machtley**, who became president in 1996. Under his leadership, Bryant has been transformed.

President Machtley and University officers have embarked on a nationwide tour to advance *Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future*, the University's \$75 million fundraising effort. The Campaign will

will bring Bryant's strategic vision to alumni around the country.

President Machtley credits many in the Bryant community with the University's continued success. "What we have achieved is due to a team of trustees, senior administrators, faculty, alumni, and others who are invested in trying to improve Bryant every day," he says. "We're at the point right now where we really have to raise money—like all the great universities do—to continue to grow. We have already raised more than two-thirds of our \$75 million goal that will fund four major priorities."

Those priorities include:

- Scholarships to compete for the best students



Cristian Balestrieri '11, '12 MPAC, a past recent alumni trustee, and Raquel Cordeiro '13, a current recent alumni trustee, discuss the Academic Innovation Center, a key component of the Bryant Builds initiative supported by the most ambitious fundraising effort in Bryant's 152-year history.



At a gathering with alumni and friends in Boston, President Ronald K. Machtley shares details about Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future.

allow Bryant to successfully achieve the goals of its Vision 20/20 strategic plan.

"In higher education, universities take quantum leaps at very critical times, and Bryant is poised for another right now," said Vice President for University Advancement **David Wegrzyn '86** at a tour stop in Boston. The event was one of eight that

- Faculty and programs to enrich learning
- The continued cultivation of a global perspective
- Facilities to inspire academic excellence and support top student-athletes.

"The percentage of our alumni who participate is important," says President

Machtley. "It's an indicator, according to many rankings, of the satisfaction alumni have with regard to their Bryant education."

Events have been held in Boca Raton, FL; Boston, MA; Dallas, TX; San Francisco, CA; Philadelphia, PA; and Hartford, CT. After a brief summer hiatus, the tour resumed on Sept. 17 at MoMA—The Museum of Modern Art in NYC.

WAYNE STICKLES '67: BRYANT EDUCATION INSPIRES ALUMNUS TO CREATE LEGACY

Wayne Stickles '67 enjoyed a successful career in the staffing industry, responsible for more than 300 offices that generated over \$500 million in sales annually. A critical component to Stickles' success: his education.

"During my time at Bryant, I had so many professors who were kind enough to go out of their way to help me," he says. "In addition, the friendships I made with my classmates, which continue to this day, helped me develop as a person."

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EXPANDING THE WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

Because of the lifelong impact that Bryant has had on him, Stickles has decided to make a bequest that will help Bryant students for years to come.

"When I realized it was time to do some planning for the future, my first thought was to make sure that my family was taken care of," he says. "But I also felt that it would be nice to 'pay it forward' and thank Bryant for providing me with the tools I needed to develop and maintain a successful career."

Following his graduation, the Marketing major enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Honorably discharged after four years, he began his career as a sales representative at Olsten Services, a staffing company in Baltimore. In 1979, Stickles and his family moved from Baltimore to Ft. Lauderdale, FL, where he accepted a job with Personnel Pool as vice president of operations.

"My sales training from courses I took at Bryant helped win over a number of customers," Stickles says. "I was then on my way to a successful career in sales, sales management, sales training, and consulting."

Before retiring, Stickles ran his own staffing company, where he and his son David doubled the size of the business. In 1998, Stickles bought out a franchisee at Personnel Pool in West Springfield, MA. Having sold that business in 2013, he is happily retired and living in central Florida.

SECOND MAJOR GIFT EXPANDS HASSENFELD INSTITUTE INITIATIVES

In 2012, **Alan G. Hassenfeld '85H**, a former Bryant trustee and chairman of the Executive Committee of Hasbro, Inc., the

Rhode Island-based multibillion-dollar international toy company, announced that Hassenfeld Family Initiatives, LLC, had donated \$1 million to the University to support the work of Bryant's Public Leadership Institute. In recognition of the gift, the University renamed the institute

"THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON LEADERS OF INTEGRITY AND VISION WHO HAVE THE SKILLS TO ADDRESS COMPLEX CHALLENGES. THE HASSENFELD INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC LEADERSHIP AT BRYANT IS HELPING TO SHAPE THAT FUTURE."

ALAN G. HASSENFELD '85H



Alan G. Hassenfeld '85H talks with President Ronald K. Machtley and Gary Sasse, founding director of the Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership.

"THE HASSENFELD INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC LEADERSHIP HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT. FOUNDING DIRECTOR GARY SASSE AND BRYANT'S EXPERT FACULTY PROVIDE PUBLIC OFFICIALS WITH THE ESSENTIAL TOOLS AND CRITICAL SKILLS TO BE EFFECTIVE LEADERS.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE HASSENFELD FOUNDATION AND PROUD OF THE WORK OF THE INSTITUTE, WHICH ALIGNS WITH OUR MISSION TO EDUCATE LEADERS WITH CHARACTER WHO WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD."

BRYANT UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT RONALD K. MACHTLEY

the Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership.

Since its inception, the Hassenfeld Institute has become the go-to source for Rhode Island public officials to acquire the skills, training, and research needed to help them become more effective leaders. During the first five years of operation, the Hassenfeld Institute hosted 31 leadership development conferences, working with approximately 1,700 attendees from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

To build on past successes and begin the next phase in the evolution of the

Hassenfeld Institute, Alan Hassenfeld has committed an additional \$1.5 million in philanthropic support. The generous gift will enhance the Hassenfeld Institute's ability to customize programs that provide timely expert resources to assist public leaders dealing with complex problems with limited budgets. Proposed new staffing, including a case study writer/professor, a researcher to support public leaders, and the appointment of a practitioner-in-residence to build presence in policy leadership, will propel the Hassenfeld Institute to the next level.

President John F. Kennedy believed that "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other," notes Institute Founding Director Gary Sasse. The Institute works to help leaders learn from mistakes of the past, he says, and to develop the skills and resources to handle complex challenges in a timely manner that inspires confidence from citizens throughout southern New England.

FOR THE PUISHYS, COMMITMENT IS EVERYTHING

Joseph '80 and Kathryn '81 (Jurewicz) Puishys

Puishys met at Bryant, dated, and married shortly after graduation. Thirty-five years later, they remain committed to each other, their family, and their alma mater.

After graduation, Kathi became a buyer for Butler Shoes but when Joe was promoted, the couple moved. When their daughter was born, Kathi decided she wanted to be at home to take care of her family. Once her children were in middle school and high school, she became a puppy raiser for Guide Dogs of America—a heartfelt response to making a difference after the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

Joe became CEO of Apogee Enterprises in 2011 after nearly 30 years at Fortune 100 manufacturer Honeywell International. "The prospect of running a public company

and driving my own agenda appealed to me," he says.

The recipient of Bryant's 2013 Distinguished Alumnus Award, Joe credits Bryant with helping him achieve success personally and professionally. "At Bryant, I received a balanced education for business management, while campus life



Joseph '80 and Kathryn '81 (Jurewicz) Puishys

contributed to my education for life management," he says.

Their son, Joseph III, graduated from the Naval Academy, and Joe's parents were in law enforcement, so the Puishys are staunch supporters of those who serve. When they decided to make a major gift to Bryant, they pledged [\$450,000] toward scholarships for veterans and their family members.

"We particularly wanted to help students who have served our country but who still need support to meet the gap between GI Bill funding and the cost of tuition and books," says Kathi.

The first awards will be made for the 2015-16 academic year, but both Joe and Kathi view this gift as an enduring promise. "An endowment has been established to ensure that long-term support for these key members of the Bryant community is always available," says Joe.

GOSS PRIZE CELEBRATES STUDENTS' ENTREPRENEURIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

The Jackson W. Goss Prize in Entrepreneurship was established through a six-figure gift from The Anne Goss Foundation and Bryant University to advance a culture of entrepreneurship and innovative thought on campus. Bryant and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are the only universities that have received funding from The Anne Goss Foundation in support of their entrepreneurship programs.

A total of 34 students submitted applications to be considered for the prize this year. A faculty awards committee reviewed each application on its merits. Priority consideration was given to students who planned to use the knowledge and experience gained through the Goss Prize to enrich fellow students and the University community. Prizes were presented to 15 Bryant undergraduates from all class years.

The prizes were awarded in conjunction with a presentation by Bill Aulet, managing director of the Martin Trust Center for MIT Entrepreneurship, a senior lecturer at the MIT Sloan School of Management, and the author of many books on entrepreneurship. He shared the 24-step process he outlines in his latest book, *Disciplined Entrepreneurship*, with a room filled with many of Bryant's entrepreneurship students, alumni, faculty, and staff.

Managing Trustee of The Anne Goss Foundation Richard Cosnotti called the late Jackson Goss, who served as president of Putnam Fund Distributors, a partner of The Putnam Management Company, and president of Investor Mortgage Insurance Co., "the quintessential entrepreneur."

"Jack would be very excited for you, very excited for our country because he firmly believed that the future was not in the hands of government but in the hands of young entrepreneurs just like you," Cosnotti told students.

SAS HONORS OLINSKY FOR INNOVATIVE ANALYTICS EDUCATION LEADERSHIP

Bryant University students can gain highly valuable analytics expertise thanks, in large part, to the work of **Alan Olinsky, Ph.D.**, professor of mathematics and computer information systems. Olinsky is co-director and co-founder of Bryant's Advanced Applied Analytics Center and the 2015 winner of the SAS Distinguished Professor Award.

For more than 20 years, Olinsky has taught and worked with SAS® software, partnering with SAS to create joint certificates in applied analytics and data mining at the University. Bryant introduced one of the country's first undergraduate applied analytics programs, and, in 2014, added a joint certificate in business analytics offered through the Bryant University Graduate School of Business. These programs are overseen in collaboration with Bryant's Advanced Applied Analytics Center, founded by Olinsky



Alan Olinsky, Ph.D.

and Richard Glass, Ph.D., professor of computer information systems.

"Dr. Olinsky is truly an innovative leader in his field, and we are proud that he has been recognized by SAS for his achievements," said Bryant University Provost and Chief Academic Officer Glenn Sulmasy, J.D., L.L.M. "Analytics has emerged as a critical organizational function that is essential

"Dr. Olinsky has put countless students on the road to successful careers through his innovative instruction and programs. His expertise in analytics and related fields is a force in the classroom and beyond."

**Jerry Oglesby
Senior Director
SAS Global Academic Program**

in today's world, and, through Dr. Olinsky's work and our strategic affiliation with SAS, Bryant is producing highly skilled professionals ready to answer the call of organizations around the world."

The SAS Distinguished Professor Award is given to a faculty member who uses SAS software in teaching and/or research, and supports student usage of the software in an effective way. Olinsky accepted the award at the recent SAS Global Forum, attended by more than 4,500 business and information technology users of SAS software and solutions.



Peter Nigro, Ph.D.

NIGRO'S FINANCIAL EXPERTISE FEATURED IN NATIONAL MEDIA

Professor of Finance and Sarkisian Chair in Financial Services **Peter Nigro, Ph.D.**, has been in demand as national publications sought his expertise.

Nigro offered several tips on the best ways to save hard-earned money in a *U.S. News & World Report* article headlined: "9 Secrets of Successful Savers." He suggested employees route half their earnings into a retirement fund and take advantage of their benefits. "Make sure you're getting your employer's retirement match. It's free money," Nigro stressed.

He also advised recent graduates to have a specific plan for spending each month. "Know what you make, and live within your means," Nigro said.

Before coming to Bryant, Nigro worked at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, which is responsible for regulating all national banks. He gives presentations on the future of community banks, the inner workings of credit scoring models, and the mortgage underwriting process. Former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke was among those sitting in the front row at one of Nigro's presentations.

ENOS REFLECTS ON CIVIC ENGAGEMENT WORK

Imagine. Engage. Reflect. Repeat. It's a formula Associate Professor of Sociology **Sandra Enos, Ph.D.**, has developed during her 40 years of civic engagement work. She reflects on her work in an essay written as the 30th anniversary of Campus Compact neared. The organization is a national coalition of colleges and universities dedicated to helping campus-based community-service initiatives coordinate, organize, and deepen their individual and collective work, and their collaboration with other service organizations. Enos often works with the organization's Rhode Island chapter.

Enos has been involved in civic engagement work since 1971 when, through VISTA, she "was dispatched to southeastern Alabama for a year of service," she writes. She spent her early career in child welfare and corrections, and then worked with Campus Compact's national office before "finally settling into my current position as a faculty member.

"Throughout all of this work, one question has haunted me—whether working in the state prison, or on behalf of foster children, or building houses in

Alabama, or teaching sociology at a private university. How do I understand what I am doing when I aim to be of service?" she says.

In teaching sociology, "I try to help students understand all the ways that their lives are implicated in the lives of others. So, we think about ways to be more conscientious in what and how we consume, to be more thoughtful about philanthropy, to be better informed about public events, to be careful researchers, to design new approaches to social problems, and to be accountable for our actions, especially those meant to do good."

TRIFTS HONORED WITH DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

At the annual Bryant University Alumni Achievement Awards, **Jack Trifts, Ph.D.**, professor of Finance and founding Dean of the College of Business, was presented with the Distinguished Faculty Award, in part for frequently engaging alumni to return to campus to evaluate student projects and share their expertise.

"It's a great honor to be recognized by the alumni. They are so important to the University," says Trifts.

When former students say, "Because of the knowledge I gained from your course, I got the job of my dreams," Trifts, who has been an educator for more than 30 years, still experiences a quiet pride.

A frequent recipient of teaching awards, Trifts believes that outstanding professors care deeply about their students, have passion for their subject matter, and keep their teaching material current.

TEACHING ENRICHED BY A QUARTER-CENTURY OF CLINICAL EXPERIENCE AND RESEARCH

Professor of Applied Psychology **Joseph Trunzo, Ph.D.**, has a news flash: The more energy drinks college students consume to improve alertness and attention, the *lower* their GPAs are likely to be.

As part of his spring 2014 sabbatical, Trunzo submitted research on the connection between energy drink consumption and academic performance, recently published in the *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*. "It's a bit shocking to see that energy drinks consumption is a stronger predictor of poor academic performance than is the use of recreational drugs," says Trunzo.

During his sabbatical, he also worked on his book, tentatively titled *Living with Lyme*.

A practical guide to a vital, meaningful life for those with Lyme disease and chronic illnesses, the book focuses on using Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, a "behaviorally based system of psychotherapy," to help people function. Trunzo, who juggles teaching and a part-time psychology practice, hopes to complete the book by year's end.



Joseph Trunzo, Ph.D.

After a quarter-century of experience in diverse behavioral health settings, he has an enormous repository of stories and real-life examples to share with students.

Professor Trunzo is particularly proud that he spearheaded efforts to establish a Bryant University chapter of Psi Chi—the International Honor Society for Psychology majors. "It's really nice to have these exceptional students be recognized on a purely academic level... That's been very meaningful."

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"We supplement traditional textbook learning with hands-on case studies. My students conduct research as if they were working for a mutual fund. They build electronic portfolios that show potential employers what they are capable of doing."

Trifts focuses his research on pedagogy and finance, his area of expertise. An article,

"I am grateful to join a tremendous group of faculty who have been honored before me with the Distinguished Faculty Award."

Jack Trifts, Ph.D.

co-authored with Gary Porter, a faculty member at Northeastern University in Boston, was recently published in *Financial Analyst Journal*. It asserts that the study provides evidence that merit—specifically, performance relative to peers—plays a significant role in the length of a mutual fund manager's career.

Before returning to full-time teaching and research, Trifts served as founding dean of the College of Business from 2005 to 2010.

"I am grateful to join a tremendous group of faculty who have been honored before me with the Distinguished Faculty Award," Trifts says. "I am also grateful for what our alumni do for this University. When they engage with students, it allows these young people to see the passion that alumni have for their careers."

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MONTECALVO INDUCTED INTO RI RADIO HALL OF FAME

Adjunct Professor of Communication **Michael Montecalvo** has been inducted into the Rhode Island Radio Hall of Fame. Montecalvo, who is also an advisor to Bryant's student-operated radio station, WJMF, is an anchor for WPRI-TV in Providence.

Before working in television, he was a fixture in radio, working at numerous radio stations in Rhode Island and Connecticut, including broadcasting for 17 straight hours during The Station nightclub fire in 2003.

"It was my childhood dream to be a broadcaster and I am humbled to be recognized for my career achievements," he says. "I still have the passion to work in an industry that I love and I take great pride in seeing many of my former students work at radio and television stations across the country."

ROETHLEIN AND VISICH WIN BEST TEACHING CASE STUDIES AWARD

Professors of Management **John Visich, Ph.D.**, and **Christopher Roethlein, Ph.D.**, won the Best Teaching Case Studies Award Competition at the 2014 meeting of the Decision Sciences Institute.

The professors were recognized for their study of Container *continued on page 24*

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Returns at Pasadena Water Solutions. The case will be published in *The Business and Industry Analytics Casebook*.

"It was an honor to be recognized by our peers as the winners of the Teaching Case Studies Competition," Visich said.

"We write cases we can use in the classroom that illustrate real-world issues and require integrated decision making. This particular case takes a tri-



John Visich, Ph.D.

ple-bottom line approach of People-Planet-Profit. Students have to look beyond the profit and cost metrics, and think

about how decision-making impacts the environmental and social facets of business."

This marks the second time Visich and Roethlein have won this award. In 2011, they won for "Narragansett Brewing Company: The Rebirth of a Brand."

GLASS WINS DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

Professor of Computer Information Systems **Richard Glass, Ph.D.**, is the recipient of the Bryant Faculty Federation's Distinguished Faculty Award.

In presenting the award, Alan Olinsky, Ph.D., professor of mathematics and computer information systems, noted the instrumental role Glass played in developing both an undergraduate concentration in applied analytics and a graduate certificate program in business analytics, now also

a specialization in the MBA program. Olinsky said that his co-founding director of Bryant's Advanced Applied Analytics Center "works tirelessly for Bryant University and its academic programs."

Glass currently serves as a member of the advisory board for the prestigious Teradata University Network (TUN) that gives students a taste of corporate reality through hands-on software experiences and case studies of some of the world's largest companies. TUN has more than 3,700 registered fac-

BRYANT UNIVERSITY SELECTED TO HOST GLOBAL EDUCATORS FORUM

Recognizing its prominence in international education, the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) has selected Bryant University to host a forum on Comprehensive University Internationalization: Strategies for South and East Asia.

The forum, which takes place Nov. 12-13, is jointly hosted by the AIEA and the U.S.-China Institute at Bryant University, with support from the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations' Public Intellectuals Program, which is funded by The Henry Luce Foundation and The Starr Foundation.

This is an opportunity for academic institutions to better understand South and East Asia's rapidly evolving education systems and the implications for higher education institutions in the United States. The discussion

will center on helping senior international officers at these institutions become aware of effective recruiting practices in South and East Asia, to better understand the needs of Asian students on their campuses, and to develop institutional strategies to better engage Asia.

Bryant was selected as the site of this special event because of its longstanding relationships in China, past successes, and current plans to expand operations in China.

"Asia's prominent presence on the world stage and its rapidly growing contributions to global affairs have been impacting all sectors of society. Education development and institutions in South and East Asia have become increasingly important for American universities," said Bryant University President **Ronald K. Machtley**. "Having a comprehensive strategy geared towards South and East Asia has

become increasingly important for an institution's senior international officers, especially those who have yet to make a foothold into the world's largest education market of potential international students."

Hong Yang, Ph.D., Bryant's Vice President for International Affairs and Charles J. Smiley Professor, added, "Bryant and other American institutions have more than a decade of experience conducting collaborative programs in the region, and the forum will be an excellent platform to share the experience and outlook for the future engagement."

Yang, a current AIEA Neal Presidential Fellow and a former Public Intellectual Program Fellow with the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, is the host of this forum at Bryant.

The keynote speaker is Ohio State University Vice Provost for Global Strategies and Global Affairs William Brustein, Ph.D.,

former AIEA president and 2015 AIEA Neal Presidential Fellowship Mentor.

Other distinguished speakers include:

- **Steve Barclay**, Director of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, New York
- **Duleep Deosthale, Ph.D.**, Co-Founder And Vice President of Admission Table
- **John Eriksen**, Director of International Admission, Bryant University
- **Mailee Kue, Ph.D.**, Executive Director of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, Bryant University
- **Kongli Liu**, Associate Director Of Academic Programs for U.S.-China Institute at Bryant University
- **Ronald Suleski**, Professor of History and Director of the Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies at Suffolk University.

ulty members, from more than 1,700 universities in 98 countries.

Glass also delivered the keynote address at a recent customer relationship management forum hosted by Fidelity Investments. In his presentation on "The Future of Applied Analytics: Human Reasoning," Glass explained how analytics, visualization, and business rules may be used in real time assist the marketing efforts of the managers in attendance. Attendees included representatives from many companies such as BNY Mellon, Citibank, and AMG Funds.

Glass has more than 20 years of consulting experience in the areas of decision support systems, data mining, and predictive analytics. His clients include municipal, state, and federal governments, as well as Fortune 1000 companies, for-profit and nonprofit organizations in a broad group of industries.

PERULLO NAMED FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

Professor of Anthropology, African Studies, and Music **Alex Perullo, Ph.D.**, who also is a Visiting Professor at the CUNY Graduate Center in New York City, has won a Fulbright-School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) Scholar Award. As a 2015-16 Fulbright Scholar, Perullo will be working at the School of African and Oriental Studies at the University of London on a project analyzing the contemporary commercialization of African music. The global Fulbright Program is one of the most prestigious awards programs world-wide, operating in more than 150 countries, with more than 300,000 alumni.

Over the past decade, Perullo, who received his Ph.D. from Indiana University, Bloomington in 2003, has worked on community arts initiatives in the United States and in East Africa. These initiatives have included the *continued on page 26*

PARSING DATA ABOUT COLLEGE MAJORS, HIGHER ED, AND THE TWITTERVERSE

Professor of Mathematics **John T. Quinn, Ph.D.**, whose research is wide-ranging and diverse, made Bryant a priority even during his spring 2014 sabbatical. In a paper titled "Cluster Analysis and Persistence in College Majors," Quinn and his two co-authors evaluated data to determine the percentage of Bryant students who remain in their declared major.

The data revealed that 56 percent of those declaring a major as incoming first-year students graduated in that same major; the two highest percentages for specific majors were 70 percent of Accounting majors and 63 percent of Mathematics majors.

Another focus was his work as a co-investigator for a Bryant Advanced Applied Analytics Center research grant, titled: "Analysis of the Social Structure or Information Spread in Diverse Fan-Based Communities in Twitter." The project is a "family affair"—with con-

tributions from Quinn's sons, Christopher, a Purdue University professor, and Matthew, a Williams College student—and his Bryant colleague, Alan Olinsky, Ph.D.

The foursome is now "parsing the Twitter data from some 15 colleges and universities, including Bryant," said Quinn. "We're looking at a 'social network graph'—who follows these individual schools, who they are following, and who follows them."

Quinn, who does not tweet but regularly follows Bryant's Twitter postings, explains, "We want to see what information is being put out there. Do people re-tweet information? If so, which topics are most re-tweeted? Is Twitter an efficient way to spread information? Is there any interconnectedness among followers of schools?"

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J.D., M.S.T., C.P.A.

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- Educating Bryant students for 38 years
- Teaching Corporate Taxation since 1977
- Created Bryant's Master of Science in Taxation program in 1978



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JEFFREY M. FRYER '91, C.P.A.

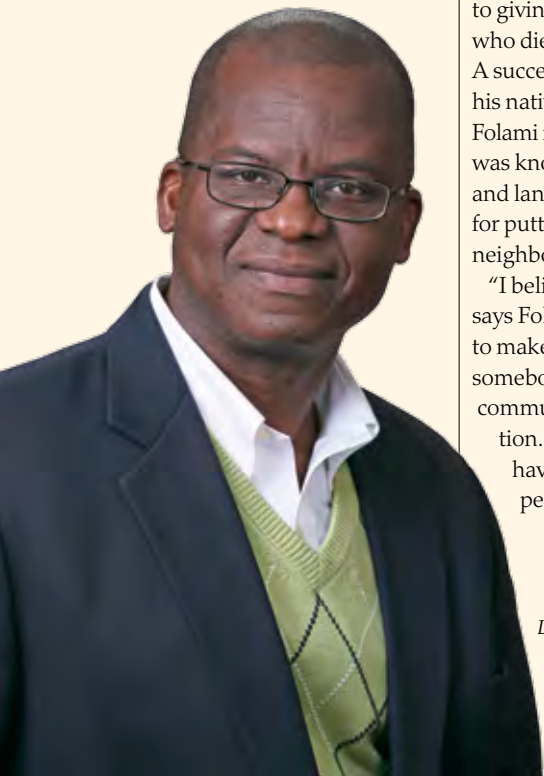
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development of legal resources for East African artists and the documentation of African immigrants in the United States for an online archive. Perullo has two published books, including *Live from Dar es Salaam: Popular Music and Tanzania's Music Economy*, and many articles relating to African music economies and intellectual property rights. He is also working on a new manuscript titled, "Globe Style: Copyright Law, Piracy, and the Commercialization of African Music." The project is being completed in conjunction with a five-year fellowship that Perullo received from the Framing the Global project. Framing the Global is a partnership between Indiana University's Center for the Study of Global Change and Indiana University Press, and it is being funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.



FOLAMI: GIVING BACK TO HIS PROFESSION AND BEYOND

Professor of Accounting **Lookman Buky Folami, Ph.D.**, shared why he's a member of the Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants (RISCPA) in a recent issue of What Counts, the society's newsletter.

"I love and am committed to the accounting profession," says Folami, who teaches graduate courses in multinational accounting. "The profession has done so much for me," he continues. "It is only natural for me to become involved with RISCPA."

"I love and am committed to the accounting profession."

Lookman Buky Folami, Ph.D.

The column notes that Folami is also active in the National Association of Black Accountants and the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Folami credits his devotion to giving back to his father, who died when Folami was 13. A successful businessman in his native country of Nigeria, Folami remembers that his father was known for donating money and land to build churches, and for putting on large dinners for neighbors and the elderly.

"I believe in giving back," says Folami. "The opportunity to make a positive difference in somebody else's life and my community is a sacred obligation. All of us enjoy what we have today because of the people that gave before us."

Lookman Buky Folami, Ph.D.

GENOCIDE SYMPOSIUM OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

Historians from around the world will convene at Bryant Oct. 9-10 for a symposium focused on genocide in world history.

The program begins Friday evening with a keynote address by Christopher J. Dodd, who served as a United States Senator from Connecticut for 30 years and co-authored *Letters from Nuremberg: My Father's Narrative of a Quest for Justice*, which details the work of Thomas J. Dodd, lead American counsel at Nuremberg. The address and book-signing is open to the public.

Saturday features presentations by scholars from England, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Nigeria, South Africa, the Netherlands, and the United States. The scholars include Bryant University Professor of Legal Studies **Michael Bryant, Ph.D., J.D.**, one of the foremost authorities on the Holocaust and the law. His latest book, *Eyewitness to Genocide: The Operation Reinhard Death Camp Trials*, was honored with the U.S. National Section of L'Association Internationale de Droit Pénal 2014 Book of the Year Award. He is also the author of *Confronting the "Good Death": Nazi Euthanasia on Trial*, and numerous articles on the postwar adjudication of Nazi-era crimes. His third book, *A World History of War Crimes*, will be published in the fall by Bloomsbury Press (London). His fellowships include: the Fulbright Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the National Science Foundation, among others.

There is a Saturday for teachers, "Using Role-Immersion

Games to Help Students Understand Issues of Genocide and Humanitarian Intervention."

The symposium commemorates the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the Armenian Genocide, the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Nazi death camps, and the 20th anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide. It is co-sponsored by the New England Regional World History Association, the Mid-Atlantic World History Association, and the Department of History and Social Sciences at Bryant University.

VISICH RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL HONOR FOR SUSTAINABILITY COURSE

Professor of Management **John Visich, Ph.D.**, recently won an Honorable Mention Award for the 2014 Dr. Alfred N. and Lynn Manos Page Prize for Sustainability Issues in Business Curricula. The international award is given by the Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina as part of a competition to support efforts to upgrade sustainability courses into the curriculum of business schools.

Visich was honored for his course "Corporate Social Responsibility in the Global Supply Chain," which he has taught at both the undergraduate and graduate levels since 2012. The course has several main themes including the triple bottom line, accountability for decisions and sustainability reporting, the need for organizations and their supply chains to be sustainable, and the idea that as future leaders students need to be prepared to make a difference in the world we live in.

BRYANT RESEARCHERS SURFACE SURPRISING DATA ABOUT ROLE OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN RICE DOMESTICATION

Surprising findings about ancient climate change and rice domestication in China—based on a study conducted primarily in Bryant’s Laboratory for Terrestrial Environments—will be published in the July issue of *Geology*, the #1 ranked geology journal. The study involved Bryant faculty members **Hong Yang, Ph.D.**, and **Qin Leng, Ph.D.**, as the leading senior researchers—and Bryant students. Lead author **Robert Patalano '08**, an undergraduate student at the time, is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Calgary in Canada.

The study was also the result of an international collaboration with colleagues from the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Zhejiang Province Institute of Archeology and Cultural Relics in Hangzhou.

Yang is recognized as a U.S.-China Public Intellectual and distinguished scientist. At Bryant, he serves as vice president for international affairs, holds the Dr. Charles J. Smiley Chair, and is a professor of science and technology. He is also the founding director of Bryant’s U.S.-China Institute and has directed the University’s Confucius Institute since 2006.

SIMONS WINS OUTSTANDING AUTHOR CONTRIBUTION AWARD

A paper written by Professor of Accounting **Kathleen Simons, DBA**, and her coauthor Tracey Riley, Ph.D., an associate professor of accounting at Suffolk University in Boston, that was accepted and published in 2014 as a chapter in *Advances in Accounting Education*, has been selected as an Outstanding Author Contribution in the 2015 Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence.

Their chapter, “Communication Apprehension in Accounting Majors: Synthesis of Relevant Studies, Intervention Techniques, and Directions for Future Research,” was chosen as a winner because “it is one of the most impressive pieces of work the team has seen throughout 2014.”

FACULTY RECOGNIZED BY PEERS

Bryant faculty honored their esteemed peers with a number of awards at end of the spring semester.

The Faculty Development Committee selected Professor of Finance **Betty Yobaccio, D.B.A.** as Faculty Mentor of the Year.

- Other award winners include:
- Associate Professor of Applied Psychology **Allison Butler, Ph.D.**—Excellence in Service
 - Associate Professor of Applied Psychology **Heather Lacey, Ph.D.**—Excellence in Teaching Award
 - Professor of Marketing **Sukki Yoon, Ph.D.**—Faculty Excellence in Research

ECONOMICS PROFESSORS ADVISE GOVERNOR

Associate Professor of Economics **Edinaldo Tebaldi, Ph.D.**, and Professor of Economics **Jongsung Kim, Ph.D.**, shared their research examining the Economic Impact of School-Age Population Loss with Rhode Island Governor **Gina Raimondo '12H.**

Among Tebaldi and Kim’s findings was that “because attracting and retaining families with children is important to foster economic activity across the state, additional financial support for K-12 education is still required to help cities and towns in Rhode Island to provide quality education to their K-12 students.”

The report, commissioned and funded by Rhode Island Builders Association (RIBA), Associated General Contractors (AGC) and BUILD RI, is available at: <http://www.newriverpress.com/EDUCATIONREPORT2015.pdf>.

Peter Nigro, Ph.D., M.A.

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MORE CHAPTERS TO BE WRITTEN, PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING JOURNALIST TELLS GRADUATES

In his May 16 Commencement address to the graduating Class of 2015, David Maraniss, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and associate editor for *The Washington Post*, shared some of the lessons he's learned in becoming the biographer of people including Bill Clinton, Vince Lombardi, Roberto Clemente, and Wilma Rudolph. From Lombardi, Maraniss came to understand that creative freedom can be achieved through discipline; from Clemente, what it means to be a humanitarian; from Rudolph, the need to challenge racism and sexism.

"I think of stories in terms of chapters," Maraniss said. "Your stories have taken you through Chapter 3, perhaps—from childhood through high school to college.... There are still so many more chapters to be written."

He told the 763 graduates to be proud of their Bryant degrees. "The percentage of students leaving here today who already have jobs is incredible," said Maraniss. "Having more than 98 percent of the Class of 2014 employed or entering graduate programs within six months of graduating is almost an impossible perfection. That's a reflection of a university that not only trains but cares."

Maraniss received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters during the ceremony.

"Accomplished Bulldogs"

Bryant awarded two other honorary degrees during the undergraduate Commencement exercises. **Michael E. Fisher '67,**

managing director (retired) of Barclays Global Investors, and former member and chairman of Bryant's Board of Trustees, received an Honorary Doctorate of Business Administration.

“Having more than 98 percent of the Class of 2014 employed or entering graduate programs within six months of graduating is almost an impossible perfection. That’s a reflection of a university that not only trains but cares.”

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist David Maraniss

Helena Foulkes, executive vice president of CVS Health and president of CVS/pharmacy, also received an Honorary Doctorate of Business Administration.

President Ronald K. Machtley told students to continue their search for passion. “We hope that when you walk off this stage you walk with your heads held high with confidence, because you are accomplished Bulldogs.”

On Thursday, May 14, Neil Steinberg, president and CEO of The Rhode Island Foundation, delivered the Commencement address and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters at the Graduate Program Commencement. Steinberg addressed the 94 graduates and their guests, telling them that “each of us has the ability to be a civic leader in our own way.... It requires practice and commitment with the intent to improve the quality of life in our community.”

THE PRINCETON REVIEW NAMES BRYANT TO SEVERAL OF ITS BEST LISTS

Bryant University was featured prominently in the 2016 rankings compiled by The Princeton Review.

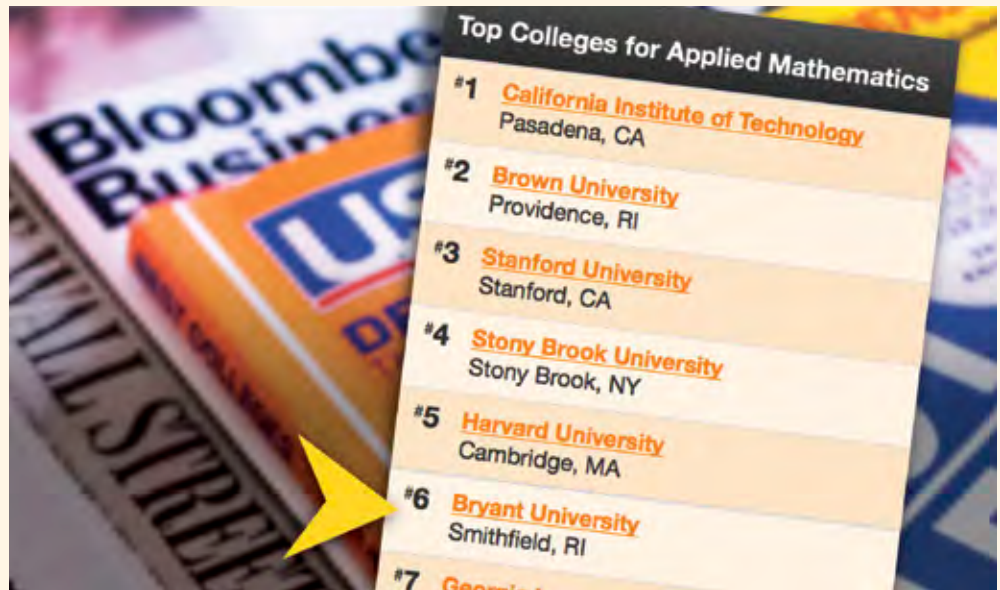
In addition to being named as one of the Best 380

job fairs, counselors, and a corporate recruiting program involving more than 350 companies. Professors “do everything they can to help you land a job” and “the alumni network helps to open a lot of doors for Bryant students after graduation.”

Bryant appeared on several other Princeton Review lists:

The newest accolades include:

- Bryant’s distinctive Applied Mathematics program is ranked #6 in the country by College Factual/USA Today.
- Forbes named Bryant one of the top 50 entrepreneurial colleges in the country. Bryant is number 34 on the list.



At #6 in the country, Bryant University is in some impressive company on College Factual/USA Today's Top Colleges for Applied Mathematics list.

Colleges in the nation, Bryant was ranked 18th in schools with the best career services. The Princeton Review cited the fact that 98 percent of Bryant students are employed or enrolled in graduate school within six months of graduation.

Students told Princeton Review that Bryant is “student focused and very dedicated to job placement.” They noted that Bryant offers five-session Career Planning 101 course that guides students along the job path,

- Colleges That Pay You Back
- Top Colleges in the Northeast
- Top Private Universities

These rankings, based on surveys of 136,000 students at the 380 top colleges ranked in the book during the previous two school years, are just the latest example of the growing acknowledgment of Bryant’s academic excellence.

In just over a decade, Bryant has moved up the ranks in *U.S. News & World Report* from No. 24 in 2003 to No. 11 in September 2014.

- With a “value added” grade of A-, Bryant is on *Money* magazine’s list of 50 Colleges That Add the Most Value, otherwise known as schools that best help students exceed expectations
- Ranked No. 68 in *Money*’s assessment of 736 colleges that provide the best value for your tuition dollar

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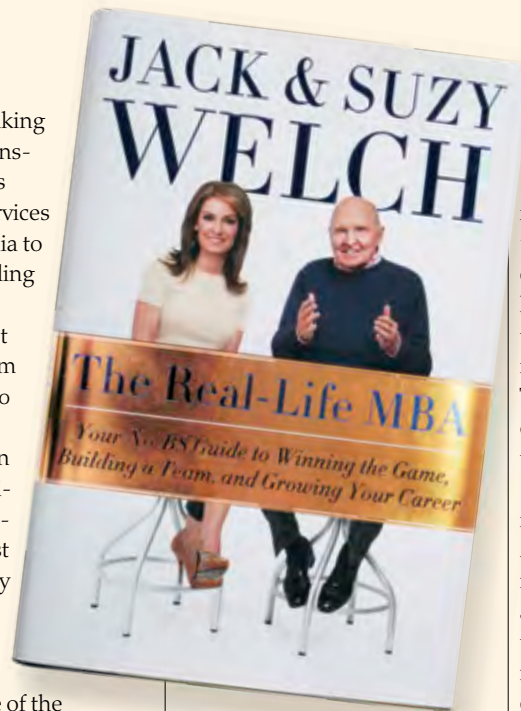
**A CONVERSATION WITH
 JACK AND SUZY WELCH
 TOUCHES ON
 GLOBALIZATION,
 LEADERSHIP, ADAPTING**

Former General Electric CEO and Chairman Jack Welch and his wife, best-selling author Suzy Welch, joined Bryant University President Ronald K. Machtley on April 13 for a wide-ranging conversation about the keys to success, which they shared with Bryant students, faculty, staff, and invited guests.

During his 20-year tenure as CEO of GE, Welch re-imagined

the company, making decisions that transformed industries from financial services to broadcast media to defense, quintupling revenues and increasing market capitalization from \$14 billion to \$410 billion. When he retired from GE in 2001, he had positioned the organization as the most valuable company in the world.

Introduced by President Machtley as “one of the great leaders when it comes to



business,” Welch praised GE’s recent announcement that it would sell off the majority of its finance and real-estate assets. “Growth is going to be tough to come by in these businesses,” he said. “General Electric is the only company that remains from the original Dow Jones. The reason it’s there is because of how good it is at adapting to change.”

Welch and Suzy Welch, a former editor of the *Harvard Business Review*, have written a number of books together. Their appearance at Bryant came on the eve of the release of their newest, *The Real-Life MBA*, a copy of which every student in the audience received.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS, EXCITING ACTIVITIES ENRICH CAMPUS LIFE AT BRYANT

Bryant students learn in the classroom and beyond through extracurricular activities, community service, and exposure to prominent speakers, performing artists, and special events. A sampling of spring semester activities at Bryant:

Bill Aulet, managing director of the Martin Trust Center for MIT Entrepreneurship and a senior lecturer at MIT’s Sloan School of Management, energized Bryant’s current and future entrepreneurs and shared advice for advancing their ventures.

David Pietz, Ph.D., associate professor of Modern Chinese History and UNESCO Chair in Environmental History at the University of Arizona, discussed his most recent book: *Yellow River: The Problem of Water in Modern China*. The

lecture was part of the China Seminar Series sponsored by Bryant’s U.S.-China Institute and Confucius Institute.

Bryant’s Center for Global and Regional Economic Studies welcomed Senior Federal Reserve Economist Daniel Cooper, Ph.D., who spoke about how the Fed conducts U.S. monetary policy and the economic outlook and challenges facing our country’s monetary policymakers.

Bryant’s annual Spring Symposium on Business Analytics featured speakers including: Mark Wolff, Ph.D., consultant in SAS Health and Life Sciences Global Practice Team; Dave Schrader, Ph.D., retired marketing director at Teradata Corporation; Ren Cheng, senior research advisor, Fidelity Management & Research Company; and Jon Casciari, vice president in

the Analytic Consulting Group, Epsilon Corporation.

Students from Bryant’s Collegiate Entrepreneurs’ Organization (2014 National Best Chapter out of more than 400 chapters nationwide) hosted the Bryant University North East Entrepreneurship Conference (BUNEEC).

The Student Arts & Speaker Series (SASS) and other programs offered students opportunities to learn from speakers including Barbara Corcoran of “Shark Tank” fame.

As part of Alumni Engagement Day, a dynamic group of young and more-seasoned industry leaders shared their perspectives on the financial services industry and finance market trends during Bryant’s annual Financial Services Forum. The list of alumni luminaries included, among others:

- **Thomas Tzitzouris '99**, director, Strategas Research Partners
- **Robert DeLucca '95**, managing director, The Andriole Group, HighTower
- **Stephen Tully '98**, director, Institutional Client Service, Cantillon Capital Management
- **Scott Voss '92**, managing director, HarbourVest Partners.
- **Jay Ryan '84**, CPA, chief financial officer of King Street Capital Management (with approximately \$22 billion of assets under management) discussed his work on Wall Street in the hedge fund industry.

STUDENTS CREATE MARKETING PLAN FOR FORMER N.E. PATRIOT

When business owner and former New England Patriots cornerback Ty Law was looking for ideas to grow his trampoline business, he turned to Bryant. His consultants? A group of senior marketing students.

Law, who co-owns Launch Trampoline Park, came to campus



Ty Law, a business owner and former New England Patriots cornerback, talks with Marketing students about their recommendations about how to grow his trampoline business.

this spring to hear presentations from students in a MKT 471. The senior-level course, in which students are assigned to real cases, is taught by Professor of Marketing **Elaine Notarantonio, Ph. D.**

Creating specific promotions, implementing different social media mediums, and suggesting how to further refine their target demographics were among the ideas suggested by the students.

“Being able to present to real-world businesses is great preparation for life after graduation,” says **Kerri Allen '15**

(Milford, CT). “As marketing consultants, we developed solutions for actual problem areas. These businesses invested both their time and trust, counting on us to deliver quality presentations with solutions and recommendations that they can actually implement.”

Law, a three-time Super Bowl champion who was inducted into the Patriots Hall of Fame last year, founded Launch shortly after retiring from the NFL. His company currently has four locations throughout New England.

“The students brought a lot of ideas to light that we may not have thought about,” says Law. “To actually hear from students who study this on a day-to-day basis was truly awesome and their advice was invaluable.”

Notarantonio notes that when students “see how much value they provide to businesses and how impressed the business people are with their reports, they have this ‘aha’ moment. In this case, the fact that they impressed a business owner who has celebrity status just added to their confidence.”

Law says that working with the Bryant students was very helpful. “I’m going to go back and look at their presentation line-by-line and see which of these ideas we might be able to adapt.”

FINANCIAL SERVICES FORUM CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Each spring, Archway Investment Fund students host the Financial Services Forum, an event designed to highlight an area of financial services in an interactive format. The event is part of Alumni Engagement Day, a celebration of knowledge, experience, and achievement.

Students present their hands-on learning experiences to accomplished alumni and other distinguished professionals in the banking, finance, and financial services field. In the Financial Services Pathways session, recent graduates discussed their career paths and highlight the role the Archway Investment Fund program played in their success. Speakers encouraged questions and comments from students.

“By far, the most important event I run on campus is the Annual Financial Services Forum,” says **Peter Nigro, Ph.D.**, Sarkisian Chair in Financial Services. “Now in its third year in conjunction with Alumni Awards, the conference features high-profile Bryant alumni speakers from the financial services industry. Last year, we created a young alumni panel with graduates from the previous five years. The students were more engaged than ever given that the speakers were all Bryant alumni.”



BRYANT HONORED AS TOP SALES PROGRAM

Bryant University was named as a Top University Sales Program by the Sales Education Foundation for 2015 for preparing students for careers in professional selling and helping to elevate the sales profession. The University earned the recognition thanks to impressive student performances in the National Sales Competition in Kennesaw, GA (6th place) and the Western States Collegiate Sales Competition in Chico, CA (2nd place)

“We also have recently added a sales minor which gives students both a theoretical background and applied experience in the field,” says Assistant Professor of Marketing **Stefanie Boyer, Ph.D.** “This emphasis gets us consideration to be included in this top sales education group.”

Bryant also hosts the Northeast Intercollegiate Sales Competition each fall, where students from top colleges all over the Northeast compete for cash prizes.

“Our success is due to our really dedicated students and the terrific alumni and professionals who act as coaches,” Boyer says. “These types of experiences make Bryant students extremely marketable and give them the confidence they need to adapt to challenging situations.”

See video of the winning competitors at <http://misc.bryant.edu/>.

**SPOTLIGHT ON: CAMPUS
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**BRYANT STUDENTS
 PRESENT RESEARCH AT
 STATEWIDE SURF
 CONFERENCE**

Seven Bryant University students were among the estimated 130 undergraduates presenting their summer research findings at the 8th Annual Rhode Island

Associate Professor of Science and Technology **Dan McNally, Ph.D.**, were:

- **Jennifer Brewster '16**
- **Alexandra Dickie '17**
- **Sarah Falco '16**
- **James Gravier '19**
- **Drew Phelan '16**
- **Keyana Roohani '17**
- **Christina Watts '16**

that show promise of being antibiotics against pathogens such as MRSA or pneumonia. They recently filed a provisional patent for the new compounds and their work is currently under preparation to be incorporated into a manuscript to be submitted in September.

Phelan and Falco have investigated the impact of legacy pollution on the microbiome of

and knowledge I already have to apply it to new instances and scenarios."

Falco, who has a keen interest in robotics, plans to go to graduate school for computer science.

The annual conference marked the culmination of the collaborative SURF program, which involved 96 RI-INBRE students and 38 RI NSF EPSCoR students this year. Acceptance to the program was based on a competitive application process run individually by RI-INBRE and RI NSF EPSCoR. Each student presented research at the conference, which drew more than 400 faculty, students, and administrators from across the Ocean State.

**NIH GRANTS FUEL
 BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH
 PROJECT**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has approved a project Assistant Professor of Science and Technology **Christopher Reid, Ph.D.**'s students presented at a conference this summer.

Working through the Rhode Island IDEa Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (RI-INBRE), part of the NIH IDEa program, Reid and **Jennifer Brewster '16, James Gravier '19, and Keyana Roohani '17** are characterizing the mode of action of several lead compounds that show promise of being antibiotics against pathogens such as MRSA or pneumonia.

These external grants fund 100 percent of Reid's research and provide the funds for summer undergraduate research fellowships (SURF) experiences in the laboratory. Without this funding from RI-INBRE, Reid



*Throughout the summer, Assistant Professor of Science and Technology **Christopher Reid, Ph.D.**, collaborates with students on research as part of the Rhode Island IDEa Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (RI-INBRE) and the Rhode Island National Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (RI EPSCoR).*

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellows (SURF) Conference on Friday, July 31, 2015, at the University of Rhode Island.

The students, who spent the majority of the summer conducting research under the mentorship of Assistant Professor of Science and Technology **Christopher Reid, Ph.D.**, and

Their research is funded by the Rhode Island IDEa Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (RI-INBRE) and the Rhode Island NSF Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (RI NSF EPSCoR).

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the Providence River estuary; Watts focused her work on the Blackstone River watershed.

"I am learning how to become an independent learner and scientist," says Phelan, who is graduating a year earlier than expected and is planning to go to medical school. "I am learning how to use the information

says he and his team would not be able to do this work and would not have met their Brown University collaborator, **Amit Basu, Ph.D.** They recently filed a provisional patent for the new compounds and their work is currently under preparation to be incorporated into a manuscript to be submitted in the fall.

These grants allowed the team to obtain the necessary preliminary data for us to be competitive in national grant competitions. The team will be applying this fall for an NIH R-21 grant. Without the support from RI-INBRE, Reid said, this would not be possible.

“The research that will be going into this grant and is part of the patent has been driven by the hard work of the undergraduates in the laboratory,” says Reid.

WORLD TRADE DAY DRAWS HUNDREDS

Approximately 600 business-people attended Bryant’s 23rd Annual World Trade Day: “Changing Global Dynamics: Creating Opportunities for New England.” The May 20th conference featured renowned speakers, specialized sessions, and a regional business expo.

Maria Contreras-Sweet, administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, gave the keynote address.

Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo and Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker discussed workforce development efforts in the region. The *Providence Business News* reported that the governors “expect an agreement to update the region’s energy supply to emerge soon from ongoing talks of New England’s governors.”

VOTERS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT STATE’S NEW LEADERSHIP, SAYS HASSENFELD POLL

While 45 percent of surveyed voters say Rhode Island is headed in the wrong direction, the majority are optimistic about the abilities of its new leadership, according to a new poll conducted for Bryant’s Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership by Fleming Associates.

The April survey of 402 Rhode Islanders showed 54.2 percent believe newly elected state officials, including Governor Gina Raimondo, will provide stronger leadership over the next few years.

“The objective of the polls is to inform decision-makers about the opinions of voting citizens on critical public policy issues,” says Gary Sasse, founding director of the Hassenfeld Institute.

Two additional polls will be released over the next year to track public opinion on key initiatives and leadership in the state. These include job creation and critical issues to be considered by the General Assembly that will impact Rhode islanders—from education to medical expenditures to minimum wages, Sasse explains.

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SUMMIT FEATURED BEST PRACTICES

The 8th Annual Supply Chain Management Summit was held on campus on August 20. The conference brought together industry executives and subject matter experts, including Bryant faculty members, who shared best practices and created networking opportunities. The conference is presented annually by Bryant University in partnership with Baneker Industries. **Cheryl W. Snead ’06H**, president and chief executive officer of Baneker Industries, is a vice chair of Bryant’s board of trustees.

The conference included two keynote speakers, a C-suite panel, breakout sessions, supply chain networking sessions, and a variety of speakers. Learn more at: www.SCMSummit.org.

NATIONAL SEARCH UNDERWAY FOR COLLEGE OF BUSINESS DEAN

Bryant has launched a national search to fill the critical role of dean of the College of Business.

Provost and Chief Academic Officer **Glenn Sulmasy, J.D., L.L.M.**, has said he considers the hiring of a thoughtful and innovative leader to serve as Dean of the College of Business to be one of his most important actions during his inaugural year as provost.

Because of the great significance of this academic leadership position, both strategically and operationally, Sulmasy has organized a cross-functional search committee to work collabora-

tively with him throughout the process.

The committee is chaired by **Peter Nigro, Ph.D.**, Sarkisian Chair and Chair of the Finance Department. Search committee members include:

- **Roger Anderson, Ph.D.**, Professor, Management
- **Sharmin Attaran, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Marketing
- **Michelle Cloutier, MBA ’05**, Vice President for Enrollment Management
- **Buky Folami, Ph.D.**, Professor, Accounting
- **Richard Glass, Ph.D.**, Professor, Computer Information Systems

- **Kirsten Hokeness, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Science and Technology
- **Srdan Zdravkovic, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Marketing
- **Emily Socha ’16**, Global Supply Chain Management/ Applied Analytics

“Higher education—especially business education—is changing at a rapid pace,” said Nigro, search committee chair. “We are looking for someone with leadership skills who understands the value of developing a global perspective. The new dean will allow us to continue our upward trajectory.”

Since Bryant's move to Division I, the Bulldogs have enjoyed unprecedented success in the classroom and in competition. In the past two seasons alone, Bryant's athletic teams earned more than 350 victories and appeared in 10 NCAA Division I Championships.

"60 MINUTES" FEATURES LACROSSE COACH MIKE PRESSLER

Bryant University head men's lacrosse coach **Mike Pressler** was featured in a "60 Minutes" story by Armen Keteyian that touched on Pressler's loyalty to Bryant University. The segment aired Sunday, April 12, on the CBS television network.

Pressler was fired as Duke University's lacrosse coach nine

man, you have nothing," Pressler told Keteyian in the interview.

Bryant University President Ronald K. Machtley noted that Pressler "has made a commitment to stay here and that kind of loyalty [is] very rare in society."

The segment yielded an outpouring of support for Pressler, President Machtley, and Bryant University via social media from alumni, students, parents, and friends of the University, as well



Lacrosse coach **Mike Pressler**

years ago in the wake of a woman's accusation that Duke lacrosse players raped her. Bryant University hired Pressler at a time no other school would even talk with him. The rape accusation was eventually proven to be false, and Pressler has gone on to lead Bryant lacrosse to NCAA excellence.

"[Loyalty] is everything...everything. And without that, as a

as people who had no connection to Bryant but were moved by the story.

A sequel that looks at Pressler and Bulldog lacrosse highlighted Bryant's growth athletically and institutionally since the arrival of the head coach, now in his ninth season in Smithfield. It aired on "60 Minutes Sports" on May 6 on CBS's Showtime network.



Morgan LaBarbera '16 and her lacrosse teammates won their second consecutive Northeast Conference Tournament Championship.

BRYANT TEAMS RECOGNIZED BY NCAA FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Bryant's student-athletes continue to excel both on the field and in the classroom, as nine varsity programs received public recognition from the NCAA for their academic success following the release of the latest Academic Progress Rate (APR) data.

Bryant winners include: men's basketball, men's cross country, men's soccer, men's indoor track and field, men's outdoor track and field, women's soccer, women's tennis, women's outdoor track and field, and women's volleyball.

Bryant had the most APR honorees among Northeast Conference teams, and the men's basketball program was one of just 39 in the entire sport to be recognized. To receive public recognition from the NCAA, teams must rank in the top 10 percent of their sport. The data covers academic years 2010-11 to 2013-14. The APR measures eligibility, graduation, and retention each semester or quarter, while providing a clear picture of the academic performance for each team in each sport.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE WINS SECOND NEC CHAMPIONSHIP, ADVANCES TO NCAA FIRST ROUND

Under reigning two-time Coach of the Year **Jill DePetris-Batcheller**, the women's lacrosse team won its second consecutive Northeast Conference Tournament Championship, topping second-seeded Wagner, 15-10. The Bulldogs were bested by No. 13 Loyola in the NCAA First Round.

MEN'S LACROSSE MAKES THIRD NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCE

The men's lacrosse team made its third-consecutive NCAA tournament appearance after clinching the program's fourth-straight Northeast Conference Tournament title, trouncing top-seeded Saint Joseph's, 10-6, in the NEC Championship in Philadelphia. In the NCAA First Four, No. 20 Marist took an early lead it never relinquished, as the Bulldogs fell to the Red Foxes, 10-6.

NEC COMMISSIONER'S CUP AWARDED TO BRYANT FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

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appeared in 10 NCAA Division I Championships.

That hard work and dedication of the student-athletes and coaches has been rewarded for two consecutive years with the Northeast Conference Brenda Weare Commissioner's Cup trophy. The cup is awarded to the top institution in the conference based on athletic success.

Bryant's student-athletes also achieve levels of academic success that surpass our DI peers, earning grades and four-year graduation rates that other schools envy. Each year, about 40 percent of Bryant's varsity student-athletes earn Dean's List honors (3.2 GPA). Hundreds are named to the NEC Academic Honor Roll, and the

“Since moving to Division I, Bryant has proven that we can compete. We have earned national recognition for the strong academic and athletic performances of our student-athletes, and we have received the NEC Commissioner's Cup for both of the last two years.”

**Bryant University President
Ronald K. Machtley**

University consistently receives NCAA Public Recognition Awards for Academic Progress Rates.

By Commencement, Bryant's student-athletes have forged the leadership and teamwork skills that differentiate them from the competition. They are prepared for a lifetime of personal and professional success.

FOUR-PEAT! BASEBALL CLINCHES FOURTH STRAIGHT REGULAR SEASON NEC TITLE

The baseball team used an eight-run third inning to defeat Wagner, 11-4, becoming the first team in NEC history to win four straight regular season crowns. The Bulldogs secured the No. 1 seed in the NEC Tournament for the third straight year and reached the championship game, falling in the final to Sacred Heart.

Right-handed pitchers **Kyle Wilcox '16** (Sandy Hook, CT) and **James Karinchak '18** (Walden, NY) were named the conference's pitcher and Rookie of the Year, respectively, and headlined a group of five Bulldogs to earn a spot on the conference's First Team.

MEN'S TENNIS WINS NEC CHAMPIONSHIP

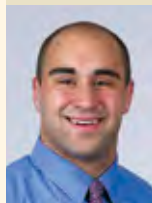
After winning the Northeast Conference Championship for the second year in a row, the men's tennis team fell to second-seeded Baylor, 4-0, in the First Round of the NCAA Championships in Waco, TX. Looking ahead, Bryant returns five of six in its singles lineup and is poised for another run at the NEC title in the 2015-16 season. Men's tennis was well represented in the 2015 NEC All-Conference Awards, with seven Bulldogs recognized for their efforts, while head coach Ron Gendron earned his third-straight NEC Coach of the Year honor.

WOMEN'S TENNIS IN FIRST-EVER NEC TITLE

Behind a near-perfect run through the Northeast Conference Championships, the women's tennis team captured their first-ever NEC title. The

JEFFREY COVITZ '15: DI FOOTBALL PROGRAM BREEDS SUCCESS

Jeffrey Covitz '15 is a football force to be reckoned with: The team captain in '13 and



'14 was the First Team All-Northeast Conference at Defensive End, All-New England Selec-

tion at Defensive End, and Bryant's Football Defensive Player of the Year in '12, '13 and '14. In '14, he was named Associated Press All-American, 3rd Team Defensive Line, and received Bryant's Black & Gold Award, the highest honor for the University's football program. The all-time sacks leader in Bryant and Northeast Conference history (29.5), Covitz also started every game in '12, '13 and '14.

“I wanted to play a competitive Division I sport coming out of high school and Bryant

was the right fit,” says Covitz. Recruited to play football, Covitz was deeply impressed by the Bryant program's focus on winning with respect, tradition, and honor.

Twice named to the Dean's List, the Business Administration major, who concentrated in Management, credits Professors Harsh Luthar and Shirley Wilson and Lecturers David Greenan and John Poirier with fueling his passion for management.

The next step in realizing his dream of playing in the National Football League? Trying out as an undrafted free agent. “The purpose of the rookie minicamp is to earn a spot on the team and show the team you can play. I am very excited for this opportunity!” See more at: <http://www.bryant.edu/news/>

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team dropped just a single match on their run to the title, sweeping top-seeded LIU Brooklyn, 4-0, in the championship match. The win secured the program's first berth in the NCAA Division I Women's Tennis Championships, where they fell to third-ranked California in the first round in Berkeley, CA.

SOFTBALL STAR EARNS CONFERENCE'S MOST IMPROVED PLAYER AWARD

A year after hitting .197 with 13 hits during her rookie season, **Taylor Burger '17** (Killingworth, CT) emerged as one of the top hitters in the NEC in 2015, earning the conference's Most Improved Player Award and a spot on the conference's First Team.

STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE*

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| <p>For two consecutive years, Bryant earned the Commissioner's Cup, awarded to the top institution in the conference based on athletic success.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 40% earn Dean's List honors• 3.02 average GPA• Nine achieved a perfect 4.0• 92% graduate in four years• 200+ named to NEC Academic Honor Roll• 12 have gone on to compete as professional athletes <p><i>*Based on fall 2014 grade analysis</i></p> |
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Bryant students participate in myriad learning experiences that reach far beyond campus.

MBA STUDENTS EXPAND BUSINESS UNDERSTANDING THROUGH GLOBAL IMMERSION EXPERIENCE

Leah Babat '15 MBA describes her trip to Panama with fellow MBA students as the experience of a lifetime. "It allowed me to expand my understanding of business and cultural practices abroad," says the North Kingstown, RI, resident.

Babat was one of 29 MBA students who spent a week exploring how business operates in Panama as part of Bryant's distinctive Global Immersion Experience (GIE).

"This is one of the distinguishing features of our MBA program," says **Madan Annavarjula, Ph.D.**, associate dean of the College of Business, who accompanied the students on the trip. "We

place a lot of importance on experiential learning."

The students connected with local companies to understand their supply chain infrastructures. Students also visited the Colon Free Trade Zone and international banks, where they learned how finance operates in Panama.

"We want our students to see how businesses succeed in a different culture," Annavarjula says. "If there are certain strategic elements that influence international business, then that is something we want them to experience firsthand."

While in Panama, the students gave a presentation to a local chamber of commerce about specific business sectors they researched for Panama that present opportunities to engage with the United States. Learn more at: <http://www.bryant.edu/news/>

BRYANT'S GREEK COMMUNITY A LEADER AMONG ITS PEERS

Competing against 80 campuses representing 116 national affiliations, Bryant earned two awards and two honorable mentions at the Northeast Greek Leadership Conference's regional meeting held earlier this year in Hartford, CT.

The sole chapter in the Northeast to earn the Chapter Development and Leadership Award, Delta Zeta Sorority was recognized for its initiatives in member recruitment and development, ritual and strategic planning, and leadership development.

Former president of Delta Zeta **Abigail French '15** earned the Greek Leader of Distinction Award. French realigned the chapter to match national expectations, goals, and programs.

Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority received an honorable mention for Public Relations. Its successful outreach efforts to communicate with parents, alumnae, and the community were cited as outstanding.

The Panhellenic Council earned an Honorable Mention for Academic Achievement.

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT STUDENTS' CAPSTONE: SOLUTIONS WITH REAL-WORLD CHALLENGES

For one of their final assignments as undergraduates, senior global supply chain management students presented recommendations of how to handle challenges faced by industry professionals with whom they had partnered throughout the spring.

Students worked in teams to solve real-world problems, including new product forecasting, market expansion, and warehouse consolidation. During the presentations, they made suggestions of how they would tackle the problems, applying the business principles they had learned in the classroom.

"Having had some real-world experience is critical and employers value it tremendously when recruiting," says Associate Professor of Marketing **Teresa McCarthy, Ph.D.**, coordinator of Bryant's Global Supply Chain Management program. "This project allows students to work with the company and it becomes the perfect blend of academic and practitioner work."

Companies participating in the practicum program included:

- CVS
- FGX International
- Lifespan
- Stop & Shop.

"I was just so impressed with the content of these presentations," said Jim Benedetto, senior group leader at Target, who served as one of the judges. "These are very well prepared students who ask intelligent questions and know what they are doing."

EMILY SOCHA '16: AMONG NATION'S ELITE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT STUDENTS

Emily Socha '16 of Southington, CT, is one of the few students



in the country to receive the prestigious 2015 R. Gene Richter Scholarship award.

The award, granted by the Institute for Supply Management (ISM) to only eight undergraduates from thousands who apply, honors students of high academic achievement, demonstrated

strong leadership ability, high ethical standards, and a commitment to pursuing a career in the field of supply chain management.

"Emily is truly invested in supply chain management as a career field," says **Michael Gravier, Ph.D.**, associate professor of marketing and global supply chain management.

"I really thank Bryant for giving me the background and experience to succeed in whatever I do," says Socha, the incoming president of Bryant's Society for Global Supply Chain Management.

Socha, who is concentrating in Global Supply Chain Management and Applied Analytics, is interning at United Technologies Aerospace Systems, where she has worked the last several summers in new product development. After she graduates, Socha aspires to launch her career in a rotational program that will allow her to explore the many aspects of supply chain management. Learn more at: www.bryant.edu/news.

WELCOME CLASS OF 2019



Provost and Chief Academic Officer Glenn M. Sulmasy, J.D., L.L.M., welcomed the Class of 2019, the largest and most academically accomplished in Bryant's history, at Convocation, one of the oldest academic traditions and the first gathering of the academic year for the entire University community. This Convocation was the first for the provost as well as for the freshmen.

Some highlights of the Class of 2019:

Average SAT: 1,172 – the highest in Bryant's history

Class rank: Top 25%

Average GPA: 3.46

Fall enrollment (expected): 966

Number of states: 23

Number of countries: 25

Students of color: 16%

International students: 10%

Students with AP courses: 610

TOP 5 COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN (BESIDES THE UNITED STATES)



India



Turkey



China



Ghana



Ecuador

DECA CHAPTER MEDALS IN REGIONAL COMPETITION

Bryant University's DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) chapter recently reached a new pinnacle of success: Every member who competed in the New England Regional DECA competition earned a medal. DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high schools and colleges around the world.

First-place medalists were chapter President **Dan DeSimone '16**, **Raveena Goyal '18**, **Michael Muldoon '17**, **Evan Ott '17**, **Sara Schlecht '17**, and **Jessica Tambascio '17**. Second-place medalists: **Ashley Cardona '16**, **Briana Geoghegan '17**, and **Ryan McGurn '15**. Third-place winners: **Katherine Ball '17**, **Luis Dos Santos '15**, **Danica Wilson '16**, and **Parker Zanghi-Clark '17**.

Associate Professor of Marketing **Jane McKay-Nesbitt, Ph.D.** is inspired as she sees students "develop into competent professional people."

SPRING BREAK IN SERVICE TO OTHERS

When Bryant offered students a spring break focused on volunteering, **Alexis Nagle '17** (South Windsor, CT) jumped at the opportunity.

"I have always had a passion for community service and am fortunate that Bryant offers incredible opportunities like these," says Nagle, the student coordinator for the trip.

Nagle was among 14 Bryant students who elected to spend spring break in Washington, D.C., volunteering at local service agencies and performing work that improves society.

Students visited residents in nursing homes, helped elementary pupils with their homework, and delivered more than 400 meals to those who depend on this service.

"It was so hard to say goodbye to every organization at the end of the week, knowing that we made an impact in just a few short days," Nagle says.

BRYANT AGAIN TOPS NATIONAL FINANCIAL PLAN COMPETITION

For the second consecutive year, a team of Bryant students won the championship at the International Association of Registered Financial Consultants (IARFC) National Financial Plan Competition, held recently in Charlotte, NC. The annual competition is open to undergraduate students from colleges and universities that have a financial services curriculum.

First place was awarded to **David Ferraro '15** and **Staci Rezendes '16**. **Nicholas Zaccilli '16** won third place. The students' faculty advisor is Finance Lecturer **Mara Derderian**.

The IARFC says the competition gives the students an opportunity to take classroom learning into the realm of real-world experience by crafting a financial plan from a "fictitious family narrative."

Ferraro and Rezendes were featured on the cover of the July-August issue of *The Register*, the official IARFC Publication. A second photo of them, with Professor Derdarian, is included five-page story about this year's competition, as is a picture of Zaccilli.

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

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

Bryant welcomed six new members to the Board of Trustees this year.

James P. Bergeron '92 is a seasoned technology and growth company executive with more than 20 years of experience in key roles as

an operating executive and a board member. Individually or in an advisory role, he has raised more than \$100 million in equity and debt capital with private equity or venture capital entities in the last 15 years.



Bergeron, who earned an MBA from Harvard University Graduate School of Business, is co-founder and managing partner of 108 Partners, LLC, which provides merger and acquisition advisory services, CEO coaching, temporary CEO assignments, and other value-added support services. He is also co-founder and executive chairman of TeamPay, Inc., a stealth startup focused on youth sports travel teams.

He previously led the acquisition of First to File and Maverick Enterprises, becoming CEO at each company.

Personal and professional opportunities led **Diane Kazarian '83**, CPA, CA to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP's Toronto, Canada,



office. Now a senior partner and National Financial Services Leader, she is also the National Banking and Capital Markets leader and a partner of its Audit and Assurance Group.

Kazarian was named to the Women's Executive Network Top 100 List of Canada's Most Powerful Women for 2013. She considers the relationship-building skills she learned early in her childhood and further developed at Bryant as the key to her success.

In 2014, Kazarian, who graduated from Bryant Summa Cum Laude, received the University's Distinguished Alumna Award.

Gordon P. Riblet P'97, Ph.D.,

is president of Microwave Development Labs (MDL), the largest independent producer of waveguide and subassemblies in the microwave industry. He joined the company in 1973 after two years as a research scientist at the university of Cologne in Germany.



Riblet holds a B.S. from Yale College and a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, both in physics.

He and his wife, Ursula, have participated in almost every aspect of philanthropy on campus since their son Marc's undergraduate years at Bryant, including chairing the Parents Fund in 1997. They were honored with the University's Champions for Philanthropy award in 2009.

James V. Rosati '72 was named president and chief executive officer of The Beacon Mutual Insurance Company in 2007.



Prior to joining Beacon, Rosati's experience included: investment banking partner with Riparian Partners; chairman of the board of directors of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation; chief executive of the Cookson Group's Worldwide Telecommunications Division; member of the board of directors of the Providence Mutual Fire Insurance Company; and chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Old Stone Bank.

In 2011, Rosati was named one of Rhode Island's 25 "driving forces," recognized in a special 25th anniversary edition of *Providence Business News*.

Edwin J. Santos '81, P'18 is chairman of the board of Prospect CharterCARE, LLC, a new, for-profit healthcare joint venture in Rhode Island. His 28 years of experience in the financial services industry include serving as executive vice president and chief auditor for FleetBoston Financial Group global operations. Most recently, he was group executive vice president and general auditor for Citizens Financial Group.



In 2013, Santos received the R.I. Grassroots Champion Award from the American Hospital Association and, in 2008, the R.I. Black Heritage Society Award for Labor and Enterprise.

He served as secretary of the Bryant board from 1999 to

2000 and as vice chair from 2001 to 2003.

Renee Lawlor '15 is program coordinator for the Martin Trust Center for MIT Entrepreneurship.



At Bryant, Lawlor was a member of the nationally recognized Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization, most recently serving as president. She was a student project manager for Bryant's Women's Summit®, a student ambassador for the admission office, and a facilitation team member for the IDEA program.

From August 2014 to February 2015, Lawlor was a product development consultant for Gannett, a continuation of her role with the company as a Fellow-In-Residence. Her professional experience also includes internships at Biderbost, Boscán & Rochin and ALDI.

Lawlor earned a Bachelor of Science in International Business with concentrations in Finance and Spanish and a minor in Entrepreneurship, with honors.

**LOYAL GUARD
GETS ROYAL TREATMENT**

On June 12-14, a group of Bryant alumni celebrating their 50th reunion took over Rhode Island's capital city of Providence. It was an activity-filled and beautiful weekend that kicked off Friday with an early cocktail hour at the Hotel Providence where Loyal Guardians enjoyed the summer evening on the outside patio.

Shuttles then transported the Reunioners to Federal Hill for a special "Gramma's Italian Dinner" at Angelo's with owner **Bob Antignano '72**. Antignano regaled the Class of 1965 with stories of

MATT GALLUZZO '11 AND BILL ADAMS '11: SOLVING THE CHALLENGE OF SKY-HIGH LIFT TICKET PRICES

"Lift tickets were getting crazy expensive," says **Matt Galluzzo '11**, who met **Bill Adams '11** when the two were first-year students. They shared a passion for skiing and their mutual dissatisfaction with increasingly expensive lift prices led the budding entrepreneurs to brainstorm solutions.

They enrolled in an Entrepreneurship course at Bryant so they could refine their idea. In January 2015, they launched No Boundaries, which offers significantly reduced lift ticket prices to a community of skiers and snowboarders for a specific resort on a specific weekend, Adams explains.

"Our business model has changed drastically since we took the entrepreneurship class," notes Galluzzo, "but it got us started in the right direction."

With a focus on growing their customer base, rather

than maximizing its profits (as competitors do), Galluzzo says, "We ... have the lowest lift tickets; we've never seen anyone beat our price."



They pitched their idea to some 30 East Coast ski resorts, says Adams, and the reaction was positive. Last season, their customers skied New Hampshire's Cannon Mountain and Mount Sunapee, and Okemo in Vermont at discounted rates.

As they expand their customer base, the partners and co-founders hope to offer skiers a choice of resorts on any one weekend and the opportunity to

and managing unrelated full-time careers. Galluzzo is a senior analyst with Liberty Mutual, living in Boston, while Adams is an accounting specialist at Priority Payment Systems and lives in Greenlawn, NY.

What future do these entrepreneurs envision?

"We have a pretty low-risk business model and expenses are low," says Adams, who noted that the two have funded the company's expenses themselves. "We take a tiny fractional markup from the rate we negotiate with the mountain; we are slightly in the red now... where we expected to be."

"Expansion is something we're looking at, but it's not our focus right now," says Galluzzo. "It has to work very, very well in one area before we can expand it to a different area." Learn more at: skinoboundaries.com.

local celebrities—including alleged Mafia figures—dining at the Rhode Island landmark while serving southern Italian comfort food like his Nonna used to make.

In Newport Saturday, a lively group cruised around Newport Harbor on the Rum Runner II, viewing lighthouses and enjoying croissants and Mimosas. The shuttle took the Reunioners to visit the old East Side campus and South Hall.

Saturday evening featured a special reception, dinner, and Induction Ceremony into the Loyal Guard with President and

Mrs. Machtley in the Bello Center on campus.

The weekend concluded Sunday morning with a Champagne Brunch on the top floor of the Providence Biltmore overlooking the City of Providence.

Richard Battista '65 said, "Anyone who didn't attend missed out on a great weekend. It was first class, and I look forward to next year."

PBN 2015 CFO AWARD WINNERS: MARIANNE CASERTA '03 MBA; JEROME WILLIAMS '76 BS, '81 BS, '86 MBA

Providence Business News included two Bryant alumni among the honorees in its annual Chief Financial Officer Awards program. The winner in the career achievement category was **Jerome Williams '76 BS, '81 BS, '86 MBA**, the executive vice president for finance and administration for Roger Williams University.

Marianne Caserta '03 MBA, Chief Financial Officer, Atrion Networking Corporation, won in the large private company category.

Williams has been at Bristol-based RWU since 2009, following more than a decade in state government in Rhode Island and nearly a decade with Fleet Boston Financial.

Caserta began her career at Atrion—an IT solutions organization—18 years ago as controller and has continued develop with the company.

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1961

WILLIAM PROKOP, of Beaufort, SC, was named Beaufort city manager. He previously served as interim city manager and director of the city's human resources department. He was assistant city manager and human resources director for the city of Keene, NH, from 2008 to 2014. From 2002 to 2008, he was town administrator for Antrim, NH. His private sector experience includes working as president of Graphic and Office Products Inc. for nearly 20 years.

1969

PAULA (PASCONE) IACONO A.S., of North Providence, RI, was named executive director of the CharterCARE Foundation. She previously was a development officer for CharterCARE Health Partners. She also serves as vice president and treasurer of Children's Wish Group of Rhode Island. She's a past president of the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame and served as a member of the Board of Trustees of LaSalle Academy, where she spent 13 years as director of alumni relations.

1971

ESTA HOLTZMAN-BARCOHANA, of Pawtucket, RI, was appointed by Mayor Donald Grebien to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Pawtucket Public Library. She spent 30 years teaching business subjects at the high school level.

1972

JOHN KOCON, of Lincoln, RI, has retired as vice president of sales for McLaughlin and Moran, the sole distributor of Anheuser Busch products in Rhode Island. He worked for the company for 35 years.



1976

CRAIG BOGAR, ED.D., of Spanish Fort, AL, was named faculty director of the School of Health Sciences for the American Public University System. He also was named an associate professor of sport management. He serves as a distance learning instructor for the United States Sports Academy and is the CEO of Sport Education Online, which provides online sport education instruction at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

1978

DAVID BARNES, of Easton, CT, was named finance and operations manager at Paramount Business Jets. He is helping the company expand its portfolio to become a full-scale charter aircraft sales and service leader.

1981

DUANE DESISTO MBA, of Hope, RI, was elected to the Board of Directors of Stereotaxis, a global leader in innovative technologies for the treatment of cardiac arrhythmias. Before retiring in September 2014, the medical device industry veteran previously was president, CEO, and director of the Insulet Corporation, developers of the groundbreaking OmniPod Insulin Management System. Under his leadership, Insulet grew from an early-stage company into a \$2 billion business and was nationally recognized for its technology design and rapid growth, including being listed fourth on *Forbes'* 2014 list of the "Most Innovative Growth Companies."

1982

DANIEL O'BRIEN '90 MBA, of Slatersville, RI, will take part in a special election to fill a vacant seat on the North Smithfield Town Council. He served on the Town Council from 1997 to 2001. He is chief financial officer for Navigant Credit Union and has served as treasurer for local organizations such as the Northmen Athletic League and North Smithfield Fire Rescue Services.

1983

JOAN WATERS, of Audubon, PA, CEO of COFCO, a premier full service office furniture company, was the keynote speaker at the Widener University School of Business Administration's awards banquet. "There's so much to be learned," she told the students. "Every day, there's something to learn."

1984

STEPHEN CASTAGLIUOLO, of Stonington, CT, was promoted to the rank of major with the Connecticut State Police. He most recently served as executive officer of the state police's eastern district headquarters. He has been a trooper for 27 years and has served as commandant of the State Police Training Academy and as the executive officer of the Bureau of Criminal Investigations, among many assignments. He has earned the agency's Outstanding Service Award and two Unit Citation Awards.

1985

LEIGH (HERDECKER) BROWN, of Warwick, RI, announced the publication of her second book, *The Pie Sisters*, a novel she co-wrote that tells the story of three sisters returning to the lakeside cabin they used to visit as children. Her first book, *Second Chances*, about three people whose lives become intertwined while they run from their pasts, was published in 2013. Both are available through Amazon.

ALUMNA RECEIVES TOP INDUSTRY HONOR IN BROADCASTING



Donna Speciale '84, president, Turner Broadcasting Ad Sales, will be inducted into the 25th Annual Broadcasting & Cable Hall of Fame—recognized as the leading industry event honoring the pioneers, innovators, and stars of the electronic arts—on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. Speciale attended this year's

Alumni Engagement Day and served on the panel titled "Marketing, Branding, and Identity in a Global Market."

Advertising Age noted in a May 2014 story that Speciale "is an experienced silo-buster. Before joining Turner in 2012, she was president of investment and activation at MediaVest, pushing the

media agency into video agnosticism by aligning digital and video units under one umbrella. And in her two short years at Turner, she blew away most of the barriers that existed among the entertainment, kids' and young-adult networks, which previously had gone to market independently."

JOHN KEMPF, CFA, of New York, NY, has been named managing director and senior desk analyst in the energy sector at RW Pressprich and Company, a New York-based institutional broker dealer. He has 28 years of financial industry experience, including 22 years covering credit on both the buy side and the sell side. Prior to joining RW Pressprich, Kempf worked for RBC Capital Markets, Barclays Capital, Goldman Sachs, and Prudential. *Institutional Investor* recognized him as part of its "All-America Fixed Income Research Team" and named him the No. 2 ranked analyst for gaming and lodging four times, most recently in 2009.

1986

ANN DANIELS MBA, of North Attleboro, MA, director of administrative operations in the department of medicine at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island, was honored with the Distinguished Service Award at the annual meeting of the Rhode Island chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). She provides direction for programs in clinical services, research, and teaching. She is a board-certified health care executive and an ACHE fellow.

ANGELO FRATTARELLI, of Kensington, MD, an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice's tax division, co-authored an article, "Tax Shelters or Efficient Tax Planning? A Theory of the Firm Perspective on the Economic Substance Doctrine." It appeared in the November 2014 edition of *The Journal of Law and Economics*, published by the University of Chicago.

1987

MARK FORTI, of West Roxbury, MA, has joined the Gordon Brothers Finance Company as managing director. He is responsible for sourcing, originating, and structuring new lending investments for the firm. He brings 28 years of experience as a commercial banker for leading asset-based lenders. He most recently spent nine years at GE Capital, specializing in the origination,

structuring, and underwriting of asset-based loans to specialty and big-box retailers throughout the United States and Canada. Before that, he spent a combined 18 years at Bank of America and its predecessors, where he held various roles in loan structuring, underwriting, and origination.

RICHARD KRUPSKI MBA, of Rehoboth, MA, has been promoted to vice president of the employer segment at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island (BCBSRI). He brings more than 30 years of experience to the position, including two decades at BCBSRI.

1988

SANDRA (SCHENCK) COLETTA



MBA, of Johnston, RI, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Care New England, has joined the Roger

Williams Park Zoo board of trustees. She previously served as president and CEO at Kent Hospital, and she worked for Lifespan for more than 25 years.

DANIEL JAGOE, of Fairfield, CT, joined Annaly Capital Management as a managing director in the company's commercial real estate group. He previously was senior asset manager at GE Capital Real Estate; amassing 24 years of experience with their commercial real estate group.

PAUL KELLY, of Needham, MA, was named People's United Bank's regional president of Central Massachusetts and head of business banking in Central and Eastern Massachusetts. He has more than 25 years of experience in commercial banking and specialty finance. He joined People's United from Santander Bank, where he was a market leader for asset-based lending.

1990

JASON COHEN, of Sachse, TX, a territory manager for Bunting Magnetics Co., was named the company's salesman of the year for 2014. He is responsible for sales of the company's standard products in Texas and Oklahoma.

WILLIAM DOYLE III was named president and chief executive officer of Callaway Gardens, a 6,500-acre resort complex in Pine Mountain, GA. Doyle has more than 25 years of experience working with attractions and destination resorts. He most recently was executive vice president for HVS Hotel and Asset Management in Newport, RI, one of the world's largest hospitality consulting firms focused solely on hotels, mixed-use, shared-ownership, and leisure assets. He has also served as president of the resort division for Herschend Family Entertainment, the country's largest privately held theme park corporation, which owns, operates, and manages 26 family-oriented attractions in the United States.

LORI (FUTCH) MEADS, of Truro, MA, vice president of marketing and administration for Seamen's Bank, was named president of the Community Development Partnership, a nonprofit that strives to promote a vibrant and diverse community on lower Cape Cod. She also serves as executive director of the charitable foundation at Seamen's Bank, where she has worked for nearly 25 years.

MELISSA (WOOD) RADCLIFF, of Durham, NC, was named a recipient of a 2015 Citizen Award from Indy Week. For more than eight years, she has served as the executive director of Our Children's Place, an Orange County (NC) nonprofit that helps kids whose parents are incarcerated. She previously served as executive director and community services coordinator for the Family Violence Prevention Center of Orange County.

1991

DONALD FALCONE, JR., of Smithfield, RI, announced the relocation of DMK Sports, a family-owned store located in Smithfield. The new location at 7 Commerce St. is more than twice the size of the previous site. The soccer specialty store was opened in 1991 by Falcone's father.

1994

PAUL BRUCE MST, executive vice president and CFO of Union Savings Bank in Danbury, CT, participated in Western Connecticut State University's CFO Forum. Bruce was appointed CFO at Union Savings in 2013. He also has served as the bank's interim financial controller. He previously held positions in Massachusetts as CFO of Legacy Bancorp in Pittsfield and financial controller at the Association of Marian Helpers in Stockbridge.

1995

SILVIA LOURO, of Cranston, RI, director of commercial operations at Arpin International Group, has been elected to the FIDI USA board of directors. FIDI is the global alliance of professional international moving and relocation companies. Louro has nearly 20 years of experience working in the household goods, moving, and storage industry.

ANA (LEITE) VASCONCELOS

MBA, of Lakeville, RI, has been promoted to finance and accounting officer at Millbury Savings Bank. She joined the bank in 2014 as assistant controller.

1996

SHANNON FINNING, PH.D. has been named vice president of student affairs at Springfield College in Springfield, MA. A student affairs educator for nearly 20 years, she most recently served as associate vice president for student affairs and dean of students at Clemson University. Previously, she was the dean of student affairs at Babson College and the associate dean of students at Drexel University. She has a master's degree in education from Bridgewater State College and a doctorate in educational leadership from Clemson.

1997

ERIC HANDA, of Bridgewater, NJ, wrote an expert column titled "How Emerging Markets Have Turned Tech Innovation, Adoption Into the 'Norm'" that appeared on Wired.com. The article was posted from deep in the jungle on the Thai/Cambodia border via a 4G network. Handa is co-founder and CEO of APTelecom, a telecommunications and fiber consulting company specializing in emerging markets.



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1998

DAVID POEHLER, of Alpharetta, GA, was named director of advisory solutions at MarketSphere. He works with Fortune 1000 and mid-sized companies to assess clients' abandoned and unclaimed property circumstances, mitigate risks, and resolve issues. He previously served as a senior manager with the unclaimed property auditing firm Kelmar Associates, LLC.

2000

ANGELA PAYDOS, CPA, of Canton, CT, was promoted to manager at Guilmartin, DiPiro & Sokolowski, LLC, a certified public accounting firm. She started her career at GDS as a co-op student in 1999, working on both audits and taxes. She later went to work as an internal auditor at The Hartford Financial Services Group, returning to GDS in 2008.

KATIE (QUIGLEY) TZITZOURIS,



of Ashburn, VA, was named vice president and relationship manager at First Virginia Community Bank. She previously served as assistant vice president and relationship manager for WashingtonFirst Bank, where she managed a \$60 million deposit portfolio. Prior to that, she was vice president and community manager for Congressional Bank and an assistant vice president, branch manager, and commercial loan officer for Millennium Bank.

2001

RICHARD BACCARI II, of North Providence, RI, was named president and chief executive officer of Churchill & Banks Companies, LLC, a leading real estate developer based in Providence, RI, that Baccari's father started 40 years ago. The younger Baccari has served in various executive positions with the company for more than 15 years. He has also held numerous project manager and executive positions, and has overseen site selection, permitting, financing, and leasing functions for the company's portfolio of owned and managed properties.

DAVID BRAUN MBA, of North Attleboro, MA, was named wire and cable industry manager for the vinyl division at the Teknor Apex Company. He previously worked at Cable Components, LLC, where he served as vice president in charge of business development and as vice president and managing director. He entered the wire and cable industry in 1992, when he joined NEPTCO Inc.

JILLIAN (TEMPEST) ROGERS, of Newport, RI, was promoted to associate director of the nonprofit group at Merkle, Inc., a data-driven, technology-enabled performance marketing agency. She joined Merkle in 2011 as senior manager of the company's account management group.

2002

COREY MCCARTY MBA, of Cranston, RI, has been promoted to vice president of the consumer segment at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island, where she has worked in a variety of roles at BCBSRI since 1999.

2003

DANIEL RICE, of Canonsburg, PA, CEO of Rice Energy, Inc., served as the keynote speaker at the 2015 Ohio Valley Regional Oil and Gas Expo. He served as vice president and chief financial officer of Rice Energy from 2008 to 2012. He was chief operating officer for a year before being named CEO in 2013.



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Prior to joining Rice Energy, he served as an investment banker for Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co., LLC, an integrated energy investment bank in Houston, TX. He also was a senior analyst of corporate planning for Transocean Inc., one of the world's largest offshore drilling contractors, where he was responsible for mergers and acquisitions and business development.

2006

PHILIP SEPELAK, of Stratford, CT, was promoted to vice president in investment banking at J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, where he oversees the company's public finance middle office. He joined the firm in 2007.

JONO STARR, of Alexander, NC, has been selected as an Executive of the Year Member of the National Association of Distinguished Professionals. The selection recognizes his commitment to excellence in human resources and recruiting. As the owner and president of Starr Trax, he recruits and assesses talent within the manufacturing industry, manages clients, and trains recruiters, candidates, and employers on resume writing, career coaching, and job hunting.

MICHAEL ZIEGLER, of North Scituate, RI, was named an account executive for commercial lines at Sylvia Group, an insurance, employee benefits, and financial planning agency. He has more than 10 years of progressive sales and marketing experience in the technology, manufacturing, and travel industries. He most recently worked at Collette Travel as a district sales manager.

2007

MICHAEL CAROTENUTO, of Marblehead, MA, has been named senior vice president and director of internal reporting and treasury at Belmont Savings Bank. His duties include the internal dissemination of operational statistics, business intelligence reporting, and analysis. He joined Belmont Savings in 2011, previously serving as an accounting policy advisor for People's United Financial.



2008

MATT BENNET, of North Providence, RI, was promoted to director of client services for Access healthcare practice. He joined Access after graduating from Bryant and has steadily taken on new business responsibilities and developing client relationships. His understanding of client expectations and his ability to nurture accounts have contributed significantly to the growth of the Access healthcare portfolio.

NICOLE CASEY '10 MBA, Watertown, MA, finished 61st overall among women in the 2015 Boston Marathon. As a student, she captained the cross-country and track teams and set several distance records. She is a marketing and public relations associate and the cross country coach at the Fay School in Southborough, MA.

2009

JESSICA (DANIELS) REGO MPAC, of Westerly, RI, has been promoted to accounting supervisor of Yarlus, Kaplan, Santilli, Moran Ltd. She has been with the firm since 2007.

CYNTHIA (SOARES) RING MBA, of Dighton, MA, was named chief human resources officer for Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. A human resources executive with more than 20 years of experience, she most recently served as vice president for human resources, external affairs, and patient experience at HealthAlliance Hospital in Leominster, MA. She is the former executive director of human resources and organizational development at UMass Medical School/Commonwealth Medicine. She also has served as director of human resources for Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence, RI.

2011

ANDREA ALDANA MBA, of Johnston, RI, was named chair of the first-ever Johnston Young Democrats group. A member of the Johnston Democratic Town Committee, she is a senior financial analyst with RBS Citizens Financial Group.

ADRIENNE BOSS, of Windham, NH, opened a Pure Barre franchise in Nashua, N.H. Pure Barre is a 55-minute, instructor-led workout designed to create the long, lean muscles of a dancer. There are 300 studios around the country; the one opened by Boss is the first in New Hampshire.

JULIE HIGHT, of Wellfleet, MA, was elected Teller of the Year by her colleagues at Seamen's Bank. She was commended for her motivation and superior customer service. She has worked at the bank for two years.

2012

JOSHUA BALANCE, of Somerville, MA, was a co-author of a research paper, "Upskilling: Do Employers Demand Greater Skill When Workers Are Plentiful?" published by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Balance has served as a research assistant at the Federal Reserve for two years. He previously was a research assistant for the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.



2014

RYAN ROSSETTER of Ridgefield, CT, joined the accounting firm of Reynolds & Rowella LLP as an associate. Rossetter, who was the recipient of one of the firm's Strength in Numbers Scholarship Awards in 2010, interned with Reynolds & Rowella in 2014. He is pursuing his CPA designation in the State of Connecticut.

CONNOR NORAT '15: HANDS-ON INVESTMENT EXPERIENCE PAYS DIVIDENDS

For **Connor Norat '15**, who has always had a passion for



finance, Bryant offered an opportunity that stood out: "The Archway Investment Fund," says Norat, who actively man-

aged a securities portfolio currently valued at more than \$1 million. He has seen the total fund grow by 17 percent during his time at Bryant.

A member of the Bryant Finance Association, Norat has mentored fellow students in the C.V. Starr Financial Markets Center, which receives live feeds through Reuters 3000, a financial trading system used by some of the largest financial organizations in the world. "It's very rewarding to share what I have learned," he says.

After Commencement, he joined EMC full-time at the multinational corporation's headquarters in Hopkinton, MA. He will have an option to travel elsewhere for his second year of the three-year Finance Training Program.

"I was fortunate to be able to secure this job even before I began my senior year," Norat says. "Bryant has prepared me extremely well for this position by offering many different opportunities to further enhance my education." Learn more at: <http://www.bryant.edu/news/>

IN MEMORIAM

MIRIAM (OLIVER) HART '36 <i>April 11, 2015</i>	HAROLD A. JAGOLINZER '42 <i>March 11, 2015</i>	EDWARD M. TOKARZ '47 <i>March 21, 2015</i>	DORIS (LIND) AMISON '52 <i>May 14, 2015</i>
LEONA (BOEGER) PARHAM '37 <i>February 19, 2015</i>	MARIA (D'OLIVEIRA) PERRY '42 <i>January 30, 2015</i>	ARTHUR K. FERRY, JR. '48 <i>February 9, 2015</i>	RICHARD D. ARTENSTEIN '52 <i>April 18, 2015</i>
MADELYN (QUARTULLI) CONRAN '38 <i>February 8, 2015</i>	HERMAN SHEFTEL '42 <i>December 19, 2014</i>	MICHAEL SYDORIAK, JR. '48 <i>April 6, 2015</i>	RALPH D. BARRY '52 <i>January 21, 2015</i>
ANGELINA (CERINI) ALFANO '39 <i>March 26, 2015</i>	VIOLA (CARNELLI) WELLS '42 <i>March 21, 2015</i>	ROSE (DALTON) BUNKER '49 <i>April 13, 2015</i>	RAYMOND E. KEMPTON '52 <i>October 3, 2010</i>
SHIRLEY (FIERBERG) BOXER '39 <i>April 16, 2015</i>	JANE (RAWLINGS) BLAIR '43 <i>April 20, 2015</i>	LEONARD A. CHACE '49 <i>August 3, 2014</i>	RICHARD A. LARTER '52 <i>January 30, 2014</i>
C. VIRGINIA (FANNING) GARDNER '39 <i>February 13, 2015</i>	LOIS (BAKER) FORD '44 <i>May 31, 2013</i>	JOSEPH J. LIDESTRI '49 <i>April 8, 2015</i>	ARNOLD H. PARSONS '53 <i>March 10, 2015</i>
MARJORIE (BLISS) GORE '39 <i>August 9, 2014</i>	MARY (SHEA) URSO '44 <i>April 4, 2015</i>	REV. JAMES H. DUHAIME '50 <i>March 1, 2015</i>	ANN (FEITAL) SCHWARTZ '53 <i>March 8, 2015</i>
BEATRICE (SICKLICK) COHN LEVY '39 <i>April 4, 2015</i>	MARY (BLANDIN) READ '45 <i>March 1, 2015</i>	THOMAS MOON '50 <i>January 9, 2012</i>	DIANA (LORD) CONNELL '54 <i>February 25, 2015</i>
LOWELL E. REMINGTON '39 <i>February 13, 2015</i>	ALICE O'DAY-CARLEY '46 <i>February 15, 2015</i>	CHARLES D. PETERS '50 <i>January 16, 2013</i>	RICHMOND A. HORNBY, SR. '54 <i>March 14, 2015</i>
GEORGE FONTES '40 <i>February 20, 2015</i>	VIRGINIA (WOODRUFF) RUSSELL '46 <i>March 23, 2015</i>	PAULINE (CUSTER) RICHARDSON '50 <i>February 2, 2015</i>	THADEUS STEMPIEN '54 <i>April 27, 2011</i>
LORRAINE M. LEANEY '40 <i>February 22, 2015</i>	MARJORIE (WATERMAN) KLEBES '47 <i>November 16, 2013</i>	NAOMI (GRABOW) SINGER '50 <i>July 14, 2014</i>	NANCY (GALLIGAN) GRADY '55 <i>May 21, 2014</i>
DOROTHY (HINES) O'CONNELL '41 <i>April 3, 2015</i>	SIMONE LAPIERRE '47 <i>April 9, 2015</i>	STANLEY N. SOCKOL '50 <i>December 13, 2013</i>	RALPH SACCO, JR. '55 <i>July 28, 2013</i>
VERA (PETERSON) HIX '42 <i>February 16, 2015</i>	EDWARD W. PAGLIARINI '47 <i>February 14, 2015</i>	ALEXANDER ROLLETTA, JR. '51 <i>May 1, 2015</i>	PATRICIA (GOSSELIN) BAZILCHUK '56 <i>February 10, 2015</i>

IN MEMORIAM

HERBERT "JIM" MCLAUGHLIN '51, a professor of law, died in Asheville, NC, on March 22, 2015. He was 84. McLaughlin was a retired attorney, member of the American Bar Association of Rhode Island, and a veteran of the U.S. Navy Reserve. In 1951, he graduated from Bryant with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and went on to study law at Suffolk Law School in Boston. He served as a member of the Bryant faculty for 42 years and was a former chair of the Legal Department.

DOROTHY (HINES) O'CONNELL '41, a professor of secretarial education, died in East Greenwich, RI, on April 3, 2015. She was 95. Asked to join the faculty upon graduation from Bryant in 1941, O'Connell taught secretarial courses, including dictation, retiring in 1983. That year, she was honored as the recipient of Bryant's Distinguished Faculty Award. O'Connell was among the people Professor of History Judy Barrett Litoff, Ph.D., and her students interviewed for the Bryant Goes to War research project that explored the roles of Bryant students and alumni during World War II. O'Connell was also a graduate of Boston University.

JAMES H. ROBERTS '56
May 6, 2015

JOSEPH M. GAROFALO '57
November 22, 2012

CAROLE (GINSBURG) RUBINSTEIN '57
March 1, 2015

WILLIAM F. WALSH, JR. '57
March 23, 2015

GALE (PENNIMAN) CANCIAN '58
March 10, 2015

DON C. MCILWAIN '58
April 2, 2015

MONA (O'CONNELL) BELCHER '59
March 28, 2015

RAYMOND V. FERRUOLO '59
February 7, 2015

EDWARD S. MISIASZEK '59
April 5, 2015

THOMAS E. SANTORO '59
March 18, 2015

ARTHUR L. DUGGAN '60
April 6, 2015

ARTHUR A. COURT, JR. '61
March 27, 2015

LAWRENCE E. BALDINI '62
February 21, 2015

GERALD R. LEWIS '62
April 9, 2015

TRUDY (WALSH) MARINO '62
April 5, 2015

THOMAS J. BROCCOLI '63
February 5, 2015

JOSEPH DEFUSCO '63
July 24, 2013

DAVID P. MEDLER '64
February 26, 2015

JANET (TAYLOR) TOWNER '64
April 13, 2015

JEFFREY N. FELIX '67
April 13, 2015

JOHN P. O'CONNOR '67
March 23, 2015

DAVID E. MARMELSTEIN '68
October 6, 2013

ANDREW D. SUNDBERG '68
January 27, 2015

DAVID M. BROWN '69
March 28, 2015

RAYMOND L. MACOMBER '75
July 16, 2012

THEODORE F. MASSE '75 MBA
February 16, 2015

ARMAND J. HARNOIS '79
February 25, 2015

BOZENA E. ETFER '81
September 9, 2014

JANET (ORFF) JACARUSO '81
April 4, 2015

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February 15, 2015

CYNTHIA L. DRISCO '84MBA
February 23, 2015

CHARLES D. LOWERY III '86MBA
February 7, 2015

LAURE (BELHUMER) BERTHELETTE '87
April 23, 2015

LORI (COTTA) VLASIC '90
January 22, 2010

JO-ANN (FERGUSON) WILLIGAN '92
March 18, 2015

SUSAN (MATHEWSON) WHITNEY '94
March 11, 2015

DANIEL J. KEOUGH '08
May 18, 2015

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES J. SKEFFINGTON, SR., a legend in the Rhode Island legal community, an adviser to business leaders and government officials for nearly 50 years, and a philanthropist, died on May 17, 2015. He was 73.



Proud of his deep roots in Rhode Island, Skeffington was credited with helping to assemble a number of big deals over the years, including the construction of the Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence Place Mall, and the Providence Westin. He played a vital role, often behind the scenes, in most major government or private business development in the state, including the entry of General Dynamics and Fidelity into Rhode Island, the expansion of Women & Infants Hospital, and Bryant's move from Providence to its current campus in Smithfield. Recently, he served as the public face of the new ownership of the Pawtucket Red Sox, and was working on a proposal to relocate the team to Providence.

Skeffington also made the time to serve on the boards of some of Rhode Island's most important charitable and educational institutions, including Bryant University, where he served on the Board of Trustees for the last nine years.

He was instrumental in the University reaching an agreement with the Town of Smithfield in which Bryant will compensate the Town for costs incurred in providing police, fire, and rescue services to the campus community. Skeffington twice accompanied President Ronald K. Machtley to China, as Bryant deepens its strategic alliances through initiatives the University has launched in partnership with and focused on China. The most recent trip was in March, when he and fellow trustee George Bello traveled to China with President Machtley for the groundbreaking of Bryant University Zhuhai.



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