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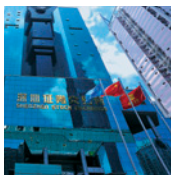
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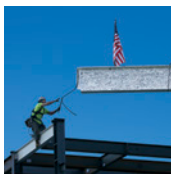
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*Paula (Pascone) Iacono '69*, who was recently named executive director of the CharterCARE Foundation, was director of Alumni Relations at Bryant for 13 years. A class note in the summer issue of *Bryant* magazine incorrectly reported that she held that post at another institution.

## ENGAGE INSPIRE INVEST

In this issue of *Bryant* magazine we focus on philanthropy and recognize the transformational investments in our vision that are advancing the University toward its bold future.

This is one of the most exciting times in Bryant's 153-year history. Dramatic advances in national rankings, our successful transition to NCAA Division I athletics, expanded global engagement, stunning new facilities, and many other accomplishments have combined to elevate Bryant's standing among our peers in higher education. This ascent would not be possible without the leadership and generosity of Bryant's alumni, parents, students, staff, and friends.

Bryant's historic capital campaign, *Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future* has raised nearly \$53 million towards our \$75 million goal. These resources are steadily advancing our progress toward the ambitious goals of the University's Vision 20/20 strategic plan. We have achieved much success, but we cannot rest on our laurels.

The campaign is generating growing momentum for Bryant. The building blocks are in place and the stars are aligned for us to take our new position in the academic world. To reach the next level of excellence, we need the full support of the entire Bryant community behind us.

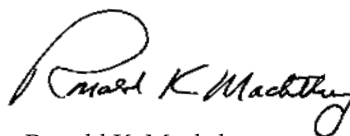
If you have been waiting for the right time to demonstrate your affirmation of Bryant's progress by getting involved, *now is the time*. Help us to make this the year that Bryant attains unprecedented support for our vision with new levels of participation and strong investments in:

- scholarships to compete for the best students
- faculty and programs to enrich learning
- resources to cultivate a global perspective
- facilities to inspire learning

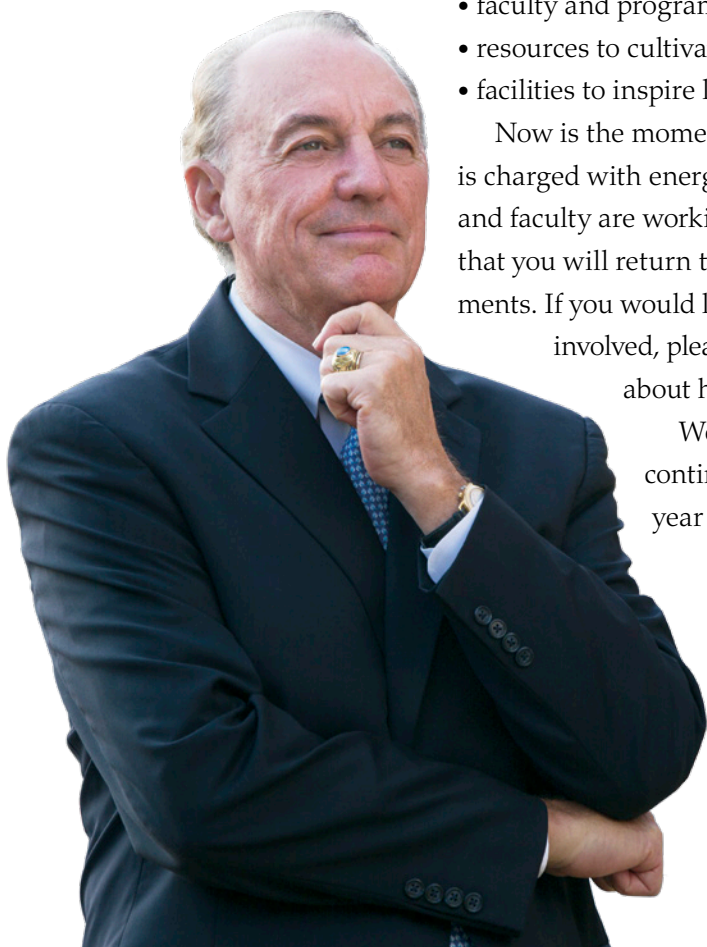
Now is the moment for us to join together. The entire campus is charged with energy and buzzing with activity. Our students and faculty are working hard and achieving great things. We hope that you will return to campus soon and share in our accomplishments. If you would like to learn more about how you can get involved, please contact the Advancement Office for details about how you can participate.

We are grateful for the Bryant community's continued support and eagerly look forward to the year ahead. Go Bulldogs!

Sincerely,



Ronald K. Machtley  
President



# Scholars *and* Scholarships

BY RICHARD BADER



When accounting major **Morgan LaBarbera '16** stepped to the microphone in the Heidi and Walter Stepan Grand Hall of the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology during a recent Champions for Philanthropy dinner, she told those assembled about the love-at-first-sight attraction that brought her to Bryant. She described the academic challenges she's enjoyed and the opportunities she's had to play Division I lacrosse and study abroad in Australia and New Zealand. Then she cut to her most important point.

"None of this would be possible, if it weren't for one critical factor—scholarships," LaBarbera said. At Commencement next spring, she will become the first member of her family to earn a college degree.

Multiply LaBarbera's story by a little more than 2,000 students and you begin to get a sense of the impact scholarships and financial aid have at Bryant. Each year, \$16.8 million is offered to incoming

first-year and transfer students alone in merit scholarships and institutional grants. Scholarships and aid are awarded for several reasons such as for academic merit, for example, or athletic talent. The vast majority goes to students with financial need. All kinds of aid, says Provost and Chief Academic Officer **Glenn Sulmasy, J.D., LL.M.**, are essential.

"Scholarships and financial aid are a critical component of success for any university, and Bryant is no different,"

Sulmasy says. "They provide opportunities for those who otherwise would not be able to come here."

And that's just the most obvious benefit. Scholarships and aid also help diversify the student population. Sulmasy points out that greater racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity means greater intellectual diversity as well. It means that more ideas get brought into the classroom, which enriches the educational experience.

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GLENN SULMASY, PROVOST AND CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER

## PHILANTHROPY OPENS THE DOOR TO A BRYANT EDUCATION

With full appreciation of the impact their Bryant experience has had on their careers and lives, **Thomas A. '63, '98H**, and **Carol (Marsh) '63 Taylor** have played a leadership role in increasing access to a Bryant education.

As members of the Bryant Leadership Council, the Taylors have made the University a

graduate, the Outstanding Alumni Champions for Philanthropy Award.

Their generosity includes support for students as contributors to the Trustee Scholarship Fund, among the University's most prestigious financial award programs, and through the endowed scholarship in Tom's name, established by Amica Mutual Insurance Company upon his retirement as president and chief executive officer after a distinguished 35-year career with the firm. A study room in the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology is named in honor of this dedicated couple whose investments in Bryant have positively influenced the lives of countless students.

Carol enjoyed her role as an administrative assistant at the USS Massachusetts Memorial, a nonprofit maritime and war memorial in Fall River, MA. The couple is dedicated to their



*Students engage in lively discussions in one of the collaboration stations in the Michael E. '67 and Karen L. Fisher Student Center.*



**Thomas A. '63, '98H, and Carol (Marsh) '63 Taylor**

priority of their philanthropy. In honor of their longstanding and significant commitment to Bryant, the University recognized them this fall as the first alumni couple to receive Bryant's highest honor for its

children and grandchildren, and enjoys traveling the world.

Through the years, they have remained actively engaged with their alma mater, where they were classmates more than 50 years ago. Tom has proudly served Bryant University as a member of its Board of Trustees, from 1999 to 2008, the final three years as chair. As an Active Honorary Trustee his energy, experience, and expertise continue to benefit Bryant. A recipient of the University's Distinguished Alumnus Award, he received an honorary degree from Bryant in 1998.

“When you’re exposed to different beliefs and backgrounds and perspectives, it creates a whole different dynamic in the classroom,” he says. “You challenge and learn from one another, and that helps prepare you for the diverse world you’ll live and work in when you graduate.”

Still, roughly four out of five Bryant students borrow to pay for their education, and those who do so graduate with an average debt of more than \$40,000. That figure is somewhat offset by Bryant’s strong employment numbers. Last year, 98.6 percent of graduates had

### AWARD-WINNING SCHOLARSHIP

If scholarships are one way of enriching education at Bryant, scholarship—research and other intellectual and creative pursuits by faculty and, increasingly, by students—is another.

Bryant faculty are experiencing considerable success at winning prestigious grants and awards for their scholarly work. **Alex Perullo, Ph.D.**, associate professor of Anthropology, African studies, and Music, won a Fulbright fellowship to work on a project analyzing the contemporary commercialization of African music at the School of African and Oriental Studies at the University of London.

The University is also engaged in a five-year project to study climate change, funded by a grant of more than a half-million dollars from the National Science Foundation. Assistant professor of Science and Technology **Christopher Reid, Ph.D.**, is leading an NIH-funded biomedical research project and is involving undergraduates in his work. These are but a few examples of the diverse and exciting scholarship and research projects currently under way at the University.

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“When you write a check for scholarships, you know your money is going to do something for the student—for his or her future—and for the world.”

BRYANT UNIVERSITY TRUSTEE JOANNA LAU '97H  
CEO, LAU TECHNOLOGIES

### MORE GRANTS, LESS DEBT

Bryant depends heavily on donor contributions to fund financial aid. Like many universities today, Bryant seeks funding that will enable the University to put more aid dollars toward scholarship grants, as opposed to loans, so that students aren’t forced to borrow excessively to finance their education. More than half of entering freshmen receive grant aid, with the average award topping \$18,500.

secured jobs with a median starting salary of \$53,000 within six months of leaving Bryant or had enrolled in graduate school. Even so, the University would like to see students leave with less debt.

“It’s disheartening,” says Sulmasy of what it’s like to graduate with big loans to pay off. “It means you begin the American Dream at a tremendous disadvantage.”



### ERICSON FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND SETS STUDENTS ON A PATH FOR LIFE

It had been more than a decade since **Jackie (Ruest) '57, P'84** and **Karl '58, '91H, P'84 Ericson** graduated when Bryant president Harry Evarts paid Karl a visit. Afterward, the Ericsons, who married after Karl graduated, made their first gift to their *alma mater*. That initial gift started a tradition that’s now in its 45th year. “From then on, every year we gave to Bryant,” says Karl.

The Ericsons understand the challenge of paying for college. Jackie took a year off after high school to work and save money for her Bryant tuition, and, as a student, Karl worked the meat counter at a supermarket. The

couple also appreciate how much the magnitude of that challenge has increased in recent years. “College is getting more and more expensive,” says Karl, a former Bryant trustee and board chair who is now an Active Honorary Trustee. “We want to help students graduate with less debt.” And by doing so, Jackie adds, “we hope to get them started on a path for the rest of their lives.”

That’s why their recent campaign gift—matched by KPMG, one of the largest professional service companies in the world and one of the Big Four auditors, from which Karl retired in 1990—was directed to the Ericson Family Endowed Scholarship Fund,

which supports accounting majors who have financial need.

A significant highlight of creating the scholarship, the Ericsons say, is the opportunity they’ve had to meet the students their philanthropy supports. And because it’s an endowed fund, they know they have started and are sustaining a resource that will endure. “It goes way past you and it grows with the economy,” says Karl. “As long as I’m around, I’m going to continue to support it.”

## FULBRIGHT PROGRAMS CONNECT BRYANT FACULTY TO SCHOLARLY PEERS AROUND GLOBE

Bryant faculty members are among the outstanding scholars honored through the years with prestigious Fulbright Awards, enhancing their insight into the global impact of their academic specializations and expanding their cross-cultural perspectives.

Faculty who have received grants through various Fulbright programs include:

- Professor of Management **Roger Anderson, Ph.D.** (Turkey, 1990; Poland, 2013)
- Professor and Chairman of the Department of Communication **Stanley Baran, Ph.D.** (Germany, 1997)
- Professor of Legal Studies **Michael Bryant, Ph.D.** (Germany, 2009)
- Professor of Accounting **Charles Cullinan, Ph.D.** (Portugal, 2000)
- Associate Professor of English and Cultural Series **William Graves, Ph.D.** (Belarus, 2002)
- Professor of Economics **Joseph Ilacqua, Ed.D.** (Pakistan, 2014)
- Professor of Anthropology, African Studies, and Music

**Alex Perullo, Ph.D.** (London, 2015–16)

- Professor of Management **Christopher Roethlein, Ph.D.** (Czech Republic, 2007)

“Bryant prides itself on its teaching,” says Provost and Chief Academic Officer **Glenn Sulmasy, J.D., LL.M.**, “but scholarship is also an important part of faculty

selected in 2011 by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars to serve on the Law Peer Review Committee for the Fulbright Specialist Program. Bryant reviewed proposals from qualified U.S. academics and professionals in a variety of disciplines for grants for short-term collaboration at higher

Germany, as well as a Fulbright Senior Specialist in law. “Such relationships promote institutional cross-pollination and, in many cases, develop into further engagement with colleagues around the world.”

At the University of Marburg, Bryant offered an American perspective while co-teaching

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An expert in human rights and international humanitarian law, Michael Bryant describes his Fulbright Scholar experience as “meaningful, draining, exciting, and productive.” He was

education institutions in more than 100 countries.

“The overarching goal of the Fulbright program is to foster relationships and connections between the United States and the international community,” notes Bryant, who was a Fulbright Fellow in 2009 at the University of Marburg,

comparative law seminars that explored genocide and crimes against humanity. “I was fascinated by the different perspectives the German students offered,” he says.

Perullo is the latest Bryant Fulbright Scholar. In 2015-16, he will work at the School of African and Oriental Studies at the University of London on a project analyzing the contemporary commercialization of African music.

The first Bryant faculty member to receive a Fulbright in 1990, Anderson taught for a semester at Dokuz Eylul University in Izmir, Turkey. “It was the experience of a lifetime,” he says. “The students were just delightful, and I had an opportunity to travel extensively and immerse myself into the culture.”

In 2013, Anderson was awarded a second Fulbright grant, traveling to Warsaw, Poland, where he taught and visited seven countries. The experience, he says, allowed him to reflect on how he could change his teaching methods.

“I came to a level of understanding I would never have achieved staying in the same routine every day.”





91%

of Bryant students are eligible for grants, scholarships, work-study employment, and/or loan assistance.

## CLASS OF 2016: PAYING IT FORWARD BY ENDOWING A STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Class of 2016 is raising money for an endowed scholarship to provide future generations of Bryant students the opportunity to attend the University.

"It is our responsibility, as new alumni of Bryant, to help other students, just as others helped us to find our paths to success here," says **Brian Cadigan '16**. "For me, donating to the senior class gift is a way to pay it forward. My experience at Bryant has been nothing but exceptional. I would not be where I am today without the people I've met or the experiences I've had at Bryant."

Since 2008, eight senior class gift campaigns have raised a total of just under \$300,000. Senior class donations have established eight scholarship funds, including one benefitting students participating in the Sophomore International Experience.

As impressive is the number of seniors in each class who contribute. The Class of 2009 was the first to exceed a 50 percent

participation rate. Each class since has raised the bar. The Class of 2015 set an all-time record with 64 percent participation in the Class of 2015 Bryant Community Scholarship for a student in need who has demonstrated a high level of involvement within the Bryant community.

The Class of 2016 is looking to top that, aiming for 65 percent participation.

"Many students do not understand that it's not how much they give back, but the act of participating in giving," says **Hanna Williamson '16**. "Bryant is a unique place with the opportunity to discover your passion and become a lifelong learner. As a Bryant student, I have been given countless opportunities to find my own success, inside and outside of the classroom. I want to give other students the opportunity to have as great an experience as I have had at Bryant. It all starts by paying it forward."

"Bryant prides itself on its teaching," says Sulmasy, "but scholarship is also an important part of faculty life. It helps faculty stay current in their disciplines, which helps ensure that students have an incredible academic experience."

An acclaimed international law and national security expert, Sulmasy came to Bryant after 17 years as a dean and law professor at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. One of his goals is to increase the number of students who win prestigious awards, such as Truman, Marshall, or Fulbright Scholarships. Currently, Bryant has no Fulbright students and Sulmasy wants to see four emerge within four years. And he doesn't plan to stop there—he has his sights set on the biggest jewel in the student-award crown. "Dare I say I see a Rhodes Scholar coming out of Bryant?" he asks.

Sulmasy says that financial support for students and an emphasis on intellectual and creative work across the University are two sides of the same coin. Financial aid enables deserving students to benefit from a great education, while the range of scholarly activities gives shape and substance to that experience. "There's a symbiotic relationship between scholarships and teaching and learning," he says.

And vital to all of this, he adds, is generous financial support for Bryant from alumni, parents, friends, and so many others.

"Donations help can pave the way for us to bring the best and the brightest to Bryant," he says, "and they make it possible for us to provide our students with an incredible academic experience that prepares them for a successful future. Charitable contributions help us sustain the momentum we've been seeing in recent years. We're at a stage now in Bryant's growth where we're about to take off."

Sulmasy is grateful for the support that's put the University on that launching pad. And he's hardly alone in feeling that way. As she concluded her comments at Bryant's Champions of Philanthropy dinner last fall, Morgan LaBarbera had this to say to her audience:

"My scholarship lets me follow a dream I never thought could be fulfilled. So from the bottom of my heart, I'd like to thank all of you who generously support Bryant University. Our mission, success, and opportunities would not be possible without you."

*Richard Bader is a writer and communications consultant in Baltimore (richardbader.net).*



## PLANNED GIFT TO HONOR PARENTS AND HELP FUTURE STUDENTS

The importance of a good education was taught to **Ronald**



**Ronald Pittori '62**

**Pittori '62** by his parents, Salvatore and Marietta Pittori.

"They told me one of the greatest things that you

can have is an education," Pittori says. "It is such an important stepping stone that leads to bigger and better things." A marketing major, Pittori worked for 24 years for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Connecticut, becoming one of the company's top salesmen. On the side, Pittori was an entrepreneur, making and selling jewelry. "I'd go to New York practically every week to buy parts, and I had a workshop in my office where I would make rings, bracelets, and necklaces for many important people."

Pittori recently made a significant bequest intention to establish the Salvatore, Marietta, and Ronald Pittori '62 Endowed Scholarship. By making this generous gift to honor his beloved parents, he joined the 1863 Society, named to recognize the year of Bryant's founding. The University recognized him as its Outstanding 1863 Society Member Champion for Philanthropy in October.

"If I can further someone else's education, I know that is something my parents can look down and be proud of," Pittori says. "I graduated from Bryant and now I hope that I am able to help future students graduate from this University."

Pittori has asked the University to look for specific students

when awarding his scholarship, including:

- Residents of Connecticut and Rhode Island
- Marketing majors
- Full-time students who have financial need

Pittori visited Bryant for the first time in many years recently and was very impressed with the campus.

"It's great to see all the work that has been done here to make this a beautiful campus," Pittori says. "I was touched to see the names of professors I had in the past such as Nelson Gulski and Norman Sarkisian still being honored by the University."

# 10.8%

of the Class of 2019 are first-generation college students



## PRESIDENT'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT REACHES MILLION-DOLLAR MILESTONE

One hundred and thirty-two golfers—with handicaps ranging from zero to 24—teed off on a picture-perfect late June day at Bryant's 12th annual President's Cup Golf Tournament. By the time it was over, some major milestones had been reached.

The tournament at Newport Country Club set a single-year record by raising \$132,000 for the President's Scholarship at Bryant, which supports

outstanding students with financial need. This marked the sixth straight year the tournament has raised at least \$100,000, benefitting more than 90 Bryant students who have been awarded President's Scholarships.

Co-chaired by **Stuart Brenner '64** and **David Olney '81**, the tournament offered a variety of ways for golfers and non-golfers to participate. In addition to

foursome fees, there were putting, long-drive, and closest-to-the-pin contests. Corporations sponsored pin flags. A new car was offered to any golfer making a hole-in-one on the 202-yard, par-3 14th hole. No one did. Generous sponsors contributed to a raffle, silent auction, and live auction.

The highlight of the day came during the evening festivities. As President **Ronald K. Mactley** spoke to those gathered, a banner unfurled behind him on balcony of the grand Beaux Arts clubhouse: total giving to the tournament since its inception had surpassed \$1 million.

Efforts to raise the next million will begin next June when the 2016 President's Cup Golf Tournament will be held once again at Newport Country Club. For more information, contact Bryant Fund Director Steve Luttge at (401) 232-6442 or sluttge@bryant.edu.

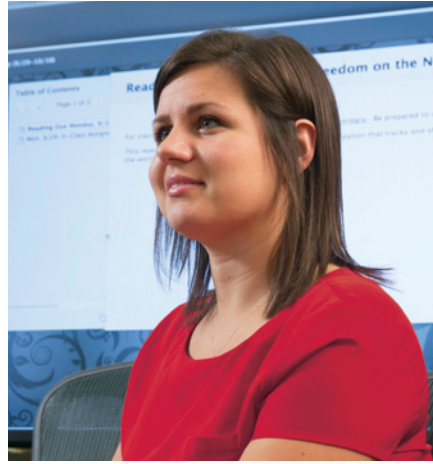




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NICHOLAS ZACCHILLI '16

# Building on Teaching Excellence



BY STASIA WALMSLEY

**A**T THE CORE of Bryant's future is a world-class community of scholars who champion innovative and best-practice teaching. *Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future*, the most ambitious fundraising campaign in Bryant's history, will provide essential resources to the people and programs that enrich learning and build on Bryant's tradition of academic excellence.

The campaign will enrich student learning outcomes and innovative teaching by providing philanthropic investment that supports distinguished scholars to serve as endowed academic chairs; faculty who lead and innovate in and beyond the classroom; and program initiatives in Bryant's pinnacles of academic expertise. Campaign support from the entire Bryant community will help to advance its worldwide reputation and help the University to recruit and retain the expert faculty and academic leaders it needs to sustain this vibrant learning culture.

*Sarkisian Chair in Financial Services Peter Nigro, Ph.D., engages students in discussion.*

## BRYANT EDUCATION DEPENDS ON THOSE WHO DELIVER IT

**Matt Roncaioli '13** is a former wide receiver for the Bryant Bulldogs. When he reflects on his college experience, he talks about being motivated and determined to succeed. He recalls learning to be quick on his feet and being pushed to attain his best. But Roncaioli isn't talking about his achievements on the football field or locker room pep talks. He's talking about challenging classes like *Banking Institutions and Personal Selling*, and inspiring professors like Associate Professor of Finance **Peter Nigro, Ph.D.**, Sarkisian Chair in Financial Services.

"Professor Nigro brought out the best in me and helped me explore my potential," Roncaioli says. With five job offers on the table when he graduated in 2013, Roncaioli chose EMC Corporation. He is now a mid-market account manager for the company, which is ranked among the top five IT businesses in the country and was recently targeted for purchase by Dell in the largest tech industry acquisition to date.

It's not uncommon to hear stories like Roncaioli's shared by Bryant alumni worldwide. Top students are attracted to and succeed at Bryant because of its strong academic programs and outstanding faculty. As accomplished alumni, they continue to prove the exceptional quality of a Bryant University education they received from its superior and talented faculty and because of the resources available to fuel excellence.

### LEVERAGING EXPERTISE IN TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Since Bryant's founding, students in Providence, Smithfield—and now at Bryant Zhuhai in Guangdong Province, China—have been mentored by dedicated educators who integrate real-world experience with leading academic theory. They closely monitor trends and issues in their fields and are well-connected throughout the business and academic communities.

Recent faculty accolades and achievements illustrate the impact Bryant professors have well beyond campus. For example, when campus violence made headlines this fall, national and international publications sought comments from Professor of Sociology

**Gregg Carter, Ph.D.**, a globally recognized expert on guns in the United States. **Alex Perullo, Ph.D.**, professor of anthropology, African studies, and music, is expanding his research on the contemporary commercialization of African music as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of London. Professor of Accounting **Kathleen Simons, DBA**, co-authored a chapter in the textbook series, *Advances in Accounting Education*, which was hailed as “one of the most impressive pieces of work the team has seen,” and was recognized with a 2015 Emerald Literati Network Award.

Exciting work by Bryant faculty in numerous other disciplines is attracting attention across the globe, including topics such as climate change research, biomed-



“AS THE RECIPIENT OF A GENEROUS GRANT FROM A BRYANT SCHOLARSHIP FUND, I UNDERSTAND FULLY, AND VERY PERSONALLY, THE VALUE OF YOUR GENEROSITY. THERE ARE MANY STUDENTS LIKE ME WHO WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND BRYANT IF NOT FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS.”

NICHOLAS ZACCHILLI '16

### INDUSTRY LEADER ACQUIA HELPS MAKE NISC A SUCCESS

Years ago, with the national sales competition days away, Bryant team members gathered their materials and rehearsed their pitches. Everything was in order for the trip to New Orleans where they would compete against 3,000 of their peers. Until one of them got sick. At this late stage, a member of the team called a friend to fill in. **Tim Bertrand '00** took the call, and the print plate from the *Wall Street Journal* story about the competition winner sits proudly in his living room today.

Now chief revenue officer at **Acquia**, one of the fastest grow-

ing private companies in the United States, Bertrand is doing his part to ensure that new classes of Bryant students have similar opportunities to excel. Thanks to Bertrand's efforts, Acquia is lead sponsor of the Northeast Intercollegiate Sales Competition (NISC). “I pushed my company to make a two-year commitment,” he says. “[The competition] provides an unbelievable foundational experience for people who want to be in the business world.”

NISC has become a signature program at Bryant, and its benefits are clear. It provides an edge

for students entering the job market, and it gives companies access to talented interns and new hires. Bertrand credits the growth and success of the program to its director, Associate Professor of Marketing **Stefanie Boyer, Ph.D.** Boyer oversees the annual event and arranges for alumni to come back to campus and prep Bryant students for national competitions.

Among Acquia's new hires in the past year, about half were from Bryant's NISC program. It didn't take long for Bertrand to convince his colleagues to recruit from his alma mater.



“There's something about this University,” he says, “a thoroughness in preparation for the real world that I don't see in other schools.” Acquia, with its strong crop of Bryant alumni, provides a cloud based digital experience platform for colleges of all sizes as well as major corporate entities like NBC, Pfizer, and Weather.com.

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP: AN EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES VALUABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR BRYANT STUDENTS

“Entrepreneurial skills are becoming life skills in a society where 25-year careers in jobs with benefits and pensions are disappearing,” says **Lou Mazzucchelli**, coordinator of the University’s Entrepreneurship Program. “So every Bryant student should leave knowing the basic



Lou Mazzucchelli

skill set. Some students may wish to explore the topic at a deeper level—but that exploration must be balanced with academic experiences and skills acquisition that prepare Bryant graduates to thrive in the real world after graduation.”

Mazzucchelli, who has started, grown, run, analyzed, and advised global public and private technology and media companies from startups to multinationals, was named coordinator of the University’s

Entrepreneurship Program earlier this year. *Forbes* ranked Bryant No. 34 on its list of America’s top 50 entrepreneurial colleges and *College Factual/USA Today* ranked Bryant No. 5 in Entrepreneurial Studies.

Bryant is a great place to study entrepreneurship, Mazzucchelli agrees. That’s “because fundamentals matter, and Bryant is strong on those fundamentals—accounting, finance, marketing, selling, operations, strategy, etc.,” he says. “Bryant adds exposure

to meaningful real-world experience from faculty, invited speakers, and its extensive alumni network, and also offers the opportunity for students to practice their skills through activities like Bryant Ventures and its Bryant Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization (CEO). Members of the University’s CEO chapter headed to Kansas City, MO, in early November to defend its title of National Best Chapter.



ical advances to battle MRSA and pneumonia, and the integration of sustainability issues into business curricula. Bryant faculty are knowledgeable, supportive, and deeply committed to the success of their students—enthusiastically leveraging their professional experience in the University’s classrooms and labs.

Like many in the Bryant community, **Caitlyn Witkowski ’11, ’14 MSGES** learned this firsthand. Her academic experience included faculty who became mentors and opened doors to a world of opportunity. As an undergraduate, she and renowned environmental scientist

**Hong Yang, Ph.D.**, who holds the Dr. Charles Jack Smiley Chair professorship and is currently vice president for International Affairs, were part of a team of researchers who spent a month in China and Mongolia. At other institutions, this kind of hands-on, immersive experience is typically reserved for graduate or post-doctoral students. “At Bryant, professors not only do their own research, they also share that research with students,” she explains. “The students’ findings can be presented at conferences, published, and have true meaning in a scientific community.

I think that is one of the most important things for a young student emerging in science.” Near the end of her senior year, in fact, Witkowski published a paper in *PALAIOS*, the most highly regarded journal in paleontology.

With encouragement from Yang, Witkowski began her post-graduate studies at China University of Geosciences, the premier geology school in China. She returned to Bryant for the Master of Science in Global Environmental Studies (MSGES) program. “Studying at Bryant has really opened my eyes to the rest of the world,” says Witkowski.

## SUSTAINING EXCEPTIONAL FACULTY

Nothing is more important to expanding Bryant's tradition of academic excellence and innovation than hiring and supporting exceptional faculty. For the past two consecutive years *College Factual/USA Today* has ranked Bryant among the top five undergraduate business programs in the nation, and *U.S. News & World Report* places Bryant in the top six percent of its peer group. *Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future* is the catalyst to accelerate Bryant's trajectory and support its mission to create a new model for educating innovative leaders with character who will make a difference around the world.

One of the best ways to attract and nurture outstanding faculty is through the creation of endowed faculty positions. **Peter J. Nigro, Ph.D.**, who inspired

Matt Roncaioli and many others, holds Bryant's first endowed faculty chair. It was established in 1984 with a leadership gift from visionary Bryant supporter **Norman Sarkisian '53, '88H, and his wife Joanna Sarkisian**. The late Norman Sarkisian served as a member of Bryant's Board of Trustees from 1982 to 1991. Endowed chairs honor exceptional faculty members for their contributions to academia while supporting their current work. An academic chair also enables the University to recognize and reward excellence, successfully compete for top scholars and practitioners, and provide the resources faculty need to remain on the leading edge of their fields.

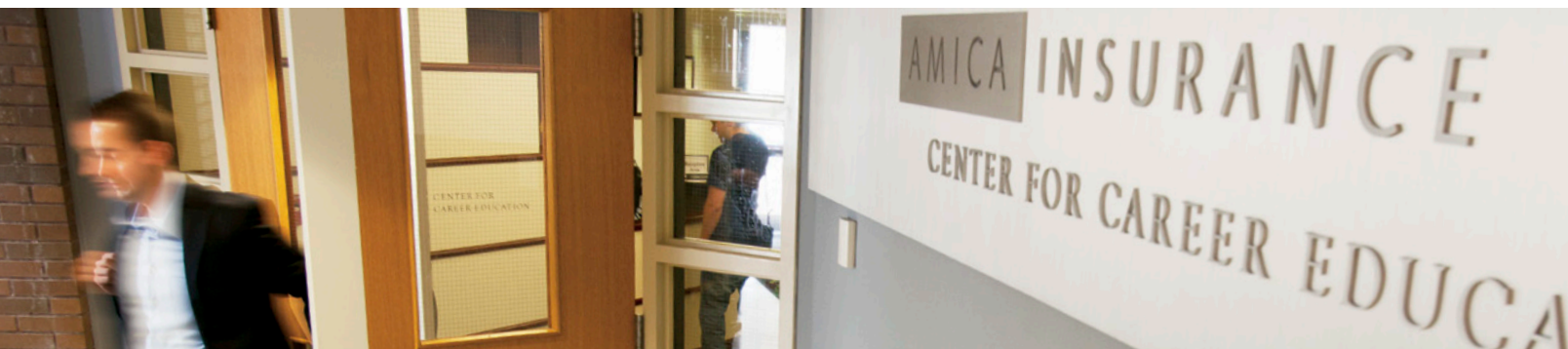
In addition to faculty, executives-in-residence bring their professional expertise and insights into the classroom, while scholars-in-residence expand the boundaries of academic thought and

practice. These specialized positions—often made possible by donors with a particular philanthropic interest—further enrich Bryant's learning community.

## INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS, ENVIABLE OUTCOMES

The University's academic programs continue to evolve and change in response to the emerging business needs. New programs of strategic importance include analytics, entrepreneurship, and global supply chain management.

The recently launched School of Health Sciences has opened its first clinical program in the fastest-growing sector of the U.S. economy. Bryant's Physician Assistant Studies program requires students to work with patients in 12 clinical specialty rotations. This distinctive program was developed with key partners including: The Warren Alpert Medical



## AMICA: EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAM

The **Amica Companies Foundation**, an enduring strategic partner, continues to support Bryant academic and student-life excellence at the University. The foundation recently made another generous contribution to the Amica Center for Career Education, which bears the company name. There, thousands of students have been educated and empowered in the career development and planning process, enabling them to manage their careers for a lifetime.

"Amica Insurance and Bryant University have had a wonderful

relationship over the years, and we're proud to have a presence on campus through the Amica Center for Career Education," said **Robert A. Di Muccio '14H, chairman, president, and CEO of Amica**. "We hope this donation will continue to enhance the academic experience for all students, so that they may become our next generation of leaders." DiMuccio and his wife, Renamarie, are also individual donors to Bryant and have made a commitment to the *Expanding the World of Opportunity* campaign to support scholarships.

Amica continues to be a tremendous partner for the Amica

Center, working with students through programs the Center offers, as well as hosting site visits. The company also recruits interns and full-time employees. Amica's support has enabled the Amica Center to sponsor two career fairs each year, with more than 90 organizations attending each fair.

Amica's relationship with Bryant goes well beyond recruiting University graduates. As a company that focuses on building strong relationships with customers and local communities, Amica understands the value and importance of events that Bryant sponsors. The company

has been actively involved with the Women's Summit®, serving as lead sponsor for the past several years. The Supply Chain Management Summit, Bryant's Career Fair, and Welcome Back Weekend have all benefited from Amica's support and commitment to give back to the community.

Recognizing Amica as an outstanding partner in its mission to educate and inspire students to discover their passion and become innovative leaders with character around the world, Bryant named the Amica Companies Foundation as a 2012 Champion for Philanthropy.

## PARENTS COUNCIL ENGAGES KEY UNIVERSITY CONSTITUENCY

The fall semester saw the launch of a new leadership group, the **Bryant Parents Council**. The Council welcomes those interested in making the student experience the very best it can be, not just for their own children but for everyone attending the University.

Council members provide philanthropic leadership and take part in events aimed at helping students get the most out of a Bryant education. Members enjoy access to key

University offices, including the Amica Center for Career Education, the Office of Admission, and the Academic Center for Excellence. The group also presents opportunities to hear directly from top members of the administration, as exemplified during the Bryant Parents Council Breakfast in October, featuring President Ronald K. Machtley, Provost Glenn M. Sulmasy, J.D., L.L.M., and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Wendy Samter, Ph.D.

The breakfast event was also rich with parent voices. **Ximena Barrera** and **Raul Riveros** shared their perspective watching their son, **Mateo Riveros '18**, grow over the course of his freshman year. Based on their experience so far, the Barrera-Riveros family plans to continue their philanthropic involvement and to stay connected to the University community.

One strength of the program, by design, is in its personal connections. Council members will

have multiple opportunities to interact with one another; learn about the experiences of Bryant students; and hear firsthand from guest speakers, faculty, and administrative leaders.

Regina Garland, assistant director of parent engagement and development, will serve as the University liaison for the group. Any parent of a current or past Bryant student who would like to learn more about the Bryant Parents Council can contact Garland at rgarland@bryant.edu.

School of Brown University; the Care New England Health System; and the Southcoast Health System. Regional collaborations also allow aspiring physician assistants to learn from providers in the Lifespan health system and at Blackstone Orthopedics, Gateway Health Care, and Sturdy Memorial Hospital.

Whether long-established or newly emerging, the University's curriculum capitalizes on new methods of teaching with an emphasis on learning outcomes. And Bryant's outcomes are exceptional. Within six months of Commencement, 98.6 percent of graduates report full-time employment with a median first-year salary of \$53,500 or enrollment in graduate school. It's a record of career success that other colleges envy.

### A 'TRULY PATHBREAKING' IDEA

Bryant's thriving culture of philanthropy has played an integral role in its emergence as a nationally recognized university with a compelling approach that artfully combines a rigorous and relevant business education with the liberal arts. Continued support from alumni and friends—exemplified in *The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future*—will enable Bryant to stride confidently into a promising future.

**Jeffrey D. Sachs '12H**, director of The Earth Institute, Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, and Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University, recognizes this rare and successful model, noting "Bryant



University's idea is very special: that every graduate of the College of Business also has a minor in liberal arts, and that every graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences also has a minor in business administration. This is truly pathbreaking, and just what's needed in today's society. The Bryant experience is perfect for preparing leaders who can fulfill the highest purposes of education."

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Lori Coakley, Ph.D. works closely  
with students.*



# Bryant: A LEADER IN INTERNATIONAL

BY NANCY KIRSCH

**A** LEADER IN international education, Bryant University creates multiple opportunities for students to develop a global perspective. Purposefully incorporating global thinking throughout the Bryant experience, establishing an undergraduate degree in International Business and offering majors in Global Supply Chain Management



and Global Studies, embracing a growing cohort of international students and faculty, embarking on groundbreaking collaborations with Chinese academic institutions, and providing numerous study abroad options, all reinforce the University's global focus. Three MBA specializations—Global Supply Chain Management, Global Finance, and International Business—have an international focus.



Recognizing that a global skill set is a key prerequisite for success, Bryant is poised to significantly expand these initiatives through historic philanthropic support of its largest fundraising effort, *Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future*.

"Today's students will graduate into a world of unprecedented change and complexity, a world that increasingly calls for leaders with character and insight," says Bryant President **Ronald K. Machtley**. "Bryant must be bold and innovative as we prepare them to succeed in an age of unlimited global opportunity."

### A HUB OF GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

A thriving hub of global engagement, Bryant brings the world to its Smithfield campus. Students from 63 countries attend Bryant; six percent of undergraduates and three percent of graduate students are international students. International students make up 10 percent of the class of 2019. Among the 25 coun-

**Bryant offers study abroad experiences in more than 50 countries**

Argentina Australia Austria Belgium Bhutan Bonaire Botswana Brazil Cambodia Chile China Costa Rica Croatia Cuba France Germany Ghana Greece Hungary India Ireland Italy Japan Jordan Malaysia Morocco Netherlands New Zealand Scotland Senegal Singapore South Africa South Korea Spain Sweden Taiwan Tanzania Thailand Turkey United Arab Emirates



# EDUCATION

tries they come from are India, China, Canada, Ghana, and Venezuela.

Bryant's growing number of international experts, Fulbright Scholars, and professors share their global expertise and cross-cultural competencies with students. And the University encourages all undergraduates to participate in an international study abroad experience.

*The Open Doors Report on International Education* ranked Bryant ninth among its peers in study abroad programs.

The Institute of International Education ranked Bryant 21st in the United States for study abroad participation among master's universities.

Today, nearly 50 percent of Bryant undergraduates study abroad, with many choosing the University's distinctive Sophomore International Experience (SIE).



## SANTANDER BANK GRANTS ENSURE STUDENT ACCESS TO GLOBAL STUDY

One of Bryant's most significant philanthropic partners, **Santander Bank**, through its Santander Universities program, generously supports the University's distinctive Sophomore International Experience (SIE), an academic program which underscores the strategic goals of internationalizing the campus community and preparing students for success in the global marketplace.

The *Open Doors Report* ranked Bryant #9 among our peers for study abroad participation. The University has emerged as a leader in global learning, due in large part to the Sophomore International

college education. Students can gain international experiences for today's global market and discover other parts of the world, all in a few weeks. We are passionate about giving students the opportunity to learn in the real world outside of the classroom."

### Sophomore International Experience Helps to Shape Careers

International Business major **Margaret Wong '14 (Freemont, CA)**, now a member of the risk advisory staff at Ernst & Young in Houston, applied to the Sophomore International Experience (SIE) program early in her sophomore year. A grant from Santander helped to defray the cost. Wong chose the Panama and Costa Rica SIE program because of its international business focus and the opportunity to interact with Spanish-speaking people.

**"MY EXPERIENCES IN PANAMA AND COSTA RICA GREATLY SHAPED MY COLLEGE CAREER."**

MARGARET WONG '14

Experience, Bryant's unique alternative to traditional study abroad. The three-credit course, held during winter and summer breaks, begins the semester before departure with a classroom introduction to cultures, commerce, historical reading and analysis, language study, and art appreciation. The culmination of the program is a two-week, faculty-escorted trip that often marks the first stamp in a student's passport.

Since its inaugural program in 2007, more than 2,000 students have taken part in the SIE. Having this experience early in their academic careers often piques interest in international internships or careers and prompts further study abroad. Forty-eight percent of Bryant's study abroad students this fall participated in an SIE program.

Honored as a 2011 Champion for Philanthropy, Santander shares the University's belief that an international academic experience can offer students a unique perspective on cultures and commerce in different countries and can broaden career aspirations. The SIE program makes international academic experiences available to a wide range of students who might not be able to afford the time and cost associated with traditional study abroad opportunities.

Eduardo Garrido, Director of Santander Universities U.S., says: "Choosing a summer or winter SIE program is a great way to broaden one's

"My experiences in Panama and Costa Rica greatly shaped my college career," says Wong. "Learning about global supply chain management in Panama led me to declare that subject as one of my concentrations when I returned to Bryant. I am so grateful to Santander—and my parents—for making this incredible opportunity possible."

Marketing major **Morgan LaBarbera '16 (New Fairfield, CT)**, co-captain of Bryant's Division I lacrosse team, had never traveled outside of the United States before her Sophomore International Experience. She chose the New Zealand/Australia program and prepared for the trip in the classroom by studying the history, geography, and cultures of the two countries.

**"I DON'T COME FROM A WEALTHY FAMILY, SO WITHOUT THE GENEROUS GRANT FROM SANTANDER UNIVERSITIES, MY FIRST EXPERIENCE ABROAD WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE."**

MORGAN LABARBERA '16

LaBarbera is grateful to Santander for its support. "I don't come from a wealthy family, so without the generous grant from Santander Universities, my first experience abroad would not have been possible," she says. "It transformed me. It opened my mind to the thought of going into a career that would allow me to work and travel at the same time."

Czech Republic Dominican Republic Ecuador England Northern Ireland Peru Poland Portugal Qatar Russia Vietnam Wales

## SANTANDER FACULTY RESEARCH AWARDS ADVANCE THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT OF LEARNING

An implant that monitors glucose levels could be the next big idea in the treatment of diabetes. And a Bryant professor may have a hand in that.

New funding from **Santander Bank** is behind some powerful advances in research from Bryant faculty. The **Santander Faculty Research Collaboration Award** fosters research collaboration among faculty at Bryant and other Santander partner universities around the world. Bryant professors were honored as recipients of the inaugural awards in spring 2015 and have now had time to put that research funding to use.

Associate Professor of Computer Information Systems

**Chen Zhang, Ph.D.**, visited Tsinghua University in Beijing in summer 2015. “This award has enabled me to travel to China and perform experiments with the top-level equipment in the State Key Laboratory of Low-dimensional Quantum Physics,” says Professor Zhang. In addition to the facilities, Zhang had access to information that few in the world had seen. He adds, “Data for the material absorption of the infrared light at 1550 nanometers has not been made available so far in the literature and hence this is the only way to obtain it.”

Positioning a computer information systems expert in a world-class physics lab is a rare

opportunity made possible by research funding. Zhang is working toward sensors that monitor human vital statistics, an area firmly at the crossroads of multiple academic disciplines. Cross-disciplinary interaction allows researchers to share data and ideas, leading to creative solutions with the potential to send research in fruitful new directions.

“This award gives faculty the opportunity to expand their research beyond the walls of Bryant and study with other universities doing similar work,” said Eduardo Garrido, Director of Santander Universities US. “Global learning helps faculty broaden their research efforts and

advance the international context of their curriculums. Through these experiences, faculty return to the classroom with different perspectives on the topics they are researching and impart this knowledge to their students.”

The Santander program aligns with Bryant’s campaign goal of Opening the Door to a World of Opportunity. In addition to facilitating meaningful research, the program also allows Bryant scholars to promote the University’s reputation in far-off places. Campaign giving toward this goal will create opportunities to extend Bryant’s reach around the world and bring a global perspective to campus.

Each year, some 300 students participate in SIE, a faculty-led, two-week experience in a foreign venue. In the semester prior to this immersive experience, students learn more about the country’s culture and commerce through historical readings and analysis, foreign language study, and art appreciation. Some 44 percent of Bryant students who study abroad as juniors or seniors first participated in SIE.

“The entire experience opened my eyes to the world and its possibilities,” says **Morgan LaBarbera ‘16**, who had never left the United States before visiting Australia and New Zealand with SIE. “My first experience abroad... transformed me. It opened my mind to the thought of going into a career that would allow me to work and travel at the same time.”

**Mirghavamaddin Bozorgmir ‘83 MBA**, president and CEO of Mutual of America Capital Management One, celebrates the University’s focus on global education. “To go from a small regional school to one that’s truly international is remarkable,” he says. “When you see leadership of the caliber at Bryant, I’m confident that my donation will have an impact.”

Bryant’s innovative, globally focused education prepares students with a skill set that will allow them to maneuver in a world that is changing in ways that we

can’t predict. The University’s goal is to prepare Bryant graduates to be intrepid explorers in a world of unlimited global opportunity, truly at home in the world.

Philanthropic investment in *Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant’s Bold Future* will help Bryant provide tuition assistance that enables all interested students to benefit from the University’s study abroad programs. Scholarship support targeted

among world cultures and economies.

One such course of study, Bryant’s International Business (IB) program, earns high praise from faculty, students, and *Bloomberg BusinessWeek*, which ranked it 16th in the nation. A rigorous curriculum incorporates advanced concepts of international marketing, finance, accounting, and management, all of which are typically taught at the graduate level. When combined with semester-long international

“BRYANT STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT GLOBAL AFFAIRS IN CLASS AND THROUGH STUDY ABROAD—WHETHER IT BE FOR A SEMESTER OR TRAVEL OVERSEAS WITH A PROFESSOR FOR RESEARCH.”

HONG YANG, PH.D., *Vice President for International Affairs*

to Global Opportunity, Endowed Study Abroad, and Endowed SIE scholarships will ensure that qualified students experience international learning.

### ‘INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS IS THE ONLY BUSINESS’

Campaign support also will enhance and expand existing programs that build increased understanding of and appreciation for the growing interconnections

study, fluency in a foreign language, and a global consulting practicum, the outcome is IB graduates who are heavily recruited in the worldwide marketplace.

The IB program is now one of the University’s largest and most highly recognized undergraduate majors. “International business is the only business,” asserts Associate Professor of Finance and Coordinator of the IB program **Andres Ramirez, Ph.D.**, who held senior positions



with a Chilean multinational company before entering academia.

The professional experience IB major **Renee Lawlor '15** acquired through two very different internships with ALDI, the international grocer, and at Biderbost, Boscan and Rochin, an international consulting firm in Salamanca, Spain, helped her to define her path. Lawlor, who minored in Entrepreneurship and was president of Bryant's nationally recognized Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization, is now chief of staff of the Martin Trust Center for MIT Entrepreneurship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She also serves on the Bryant University Board of Trustees as a Recent Alumni Trustee. For someone who aspires to work internationally, she says, developing an understanding of a professional environment in another country was "invaluable."

### STRENGTHENING TIES WITH CHINA

Bryant Zhuhai, which welcomed its inaugural class in September, is the University's most ambitious international academic initiative. Bryant is the first and only American university with a presence in Zhuhai, a city of 1.5 million people in a special economic zone adjacent to Macau and Hong Kong. With this groundbreaking collaboration with the Beijing Institute

of Technology, Zhuhai, Bryant is 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. The four-year undergraduate program is taught in English and adheres to Bryant's highest standards for curriculum and faculty. The first class of 160 Chinese students enrolled earlier this year.

This collaboration, built on the University's strategic initiative, positions Bryant among the ranks of an elite group of U.S. universities. Only Duke, Kean, and New York universities have signed joint venture agreements with China.

Bryant Zhuhai and the *Shu Fang Zhai* (漱芳斋) are two projects that will build a bridge over which any number of collaborative ventures may travel. Bryant's *Shu Fang Zhai* will be a replica of the iconic courtyard complex of the same name in Beijing's Forbidden City, the Chinese imperial palace that dates back to the Ming Dynasty of the 15th century. Located on the Smithfield campus, it will become a premier academic and cultural center in addition to being a venue for research, instruction, and community programs.

These accomplishments are the result of Bryant's strategic decision a decade ago to establish the U.S.-China Institute

to forge academic, business, and cultural partnerships between the University and higher learning institutions, business enterprises, and governmental offices in China, now the world's largest economic power and the second-largest U.S. trade partner.

The Institute's initiatives provide a variety of opportunities to enhance the global perspectives of students and faculty as well as extending China-related services to U.S.-based businesses and communities, notes **Hong Yang, Ph.D.**, vice president for international affairs and the Dr. Charles J. Smiley Chair Professor. Throughout the year, Bryant's Confucius Institute offers Chinese language and cultural programs on Bryant's campus and to local communities.

Understanding that international education is a critical component of 21st century higher education, Bryant has made global engagement a cornerstone of its strategic plan. With philanthropic support, the University's international strategies that facilitate the development and growth of its international programs and support its international collaborations, will continue to elevate Bryant's reputation around the globe.

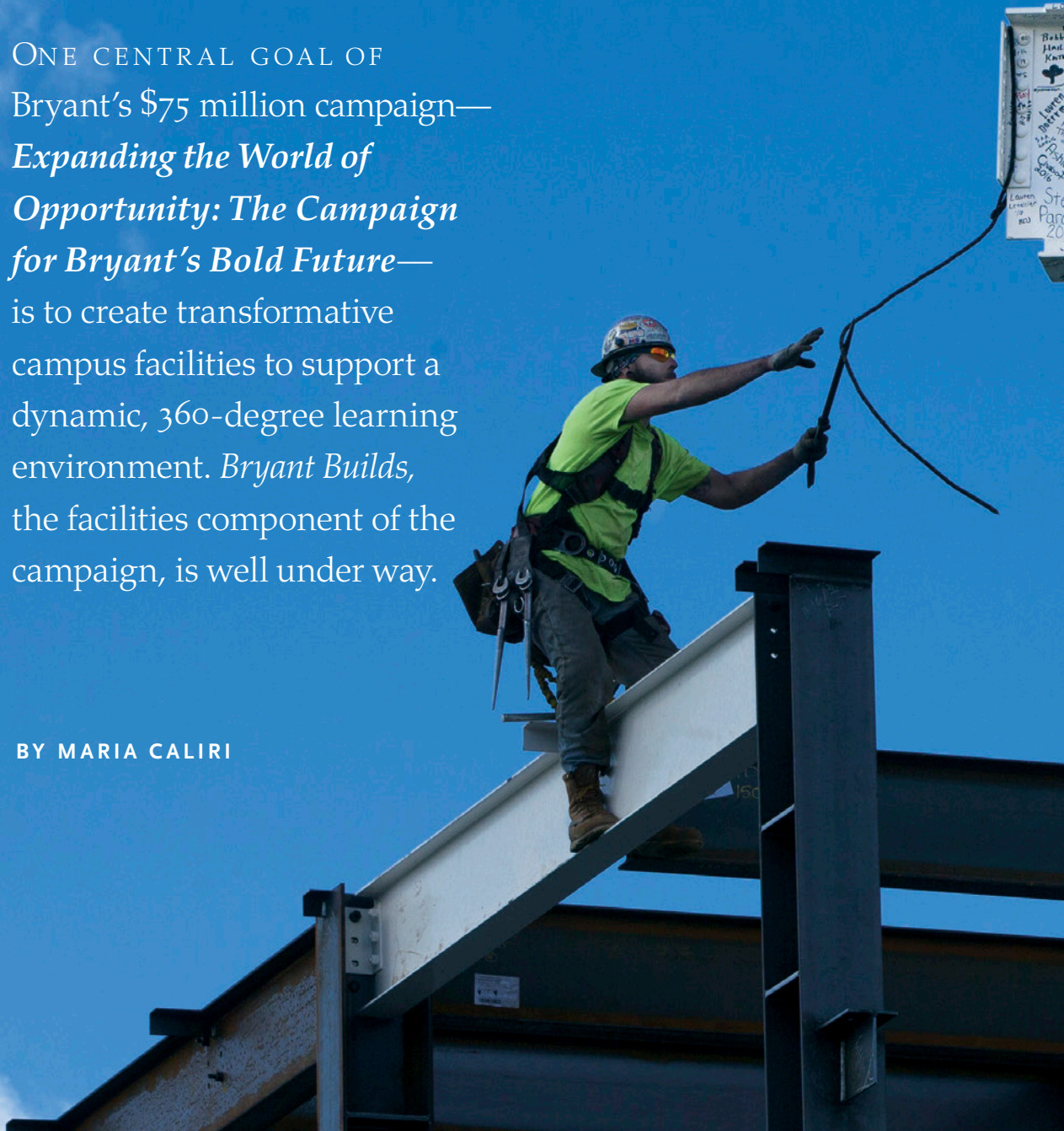
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# CREATING A CAMPUS FOR SUCCESS:

## *Facilities to Inspire Excellence*

ONE CENTRAL GOAL OF Bryant's \$75 million campaign—*Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future*—is to create transformative campus facilities to support a dynamic, 360-degree learning environment. *Bryant Builds*, the facilities component of the campaign, is well under way.

BY MARIA CALIRI





These new structures and renovations will create far more than much-needed space on campus. They are shaping a world-class teaching and learning environment, where every facility supports Bryant's educational mission. The central architectural theme of innovation perfectly complements the University's commitment to pioneering pedagogy. Generous alumni, parents, friends, and corporate donors are making significant investments in Bryant's global vision. With \$52 million raised to date, some

\$15 million has been earmarked for the new and expanded facilities. Key projects include a signature academic innovation center and sports and conditioning facilities that will prepare Bryant's student-athletes for success at the highest level of NCAA Division I competition.

**THE BUILDING BLOCKS ARE IN PLACE**

The keystone of the campaign—the 50,000-square-foot Academic Innovation Center—is taking shape and fueling excitement for the scheduled opening in fall 2016. In October, the final steel beam was signed and installed at a “topping

off” ceremony, marking a significant milestone in this landmark project.

Architect Kip Ellis, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, of EYP Architecture and Engineering, describes the Center as an “entirely new type of building that creates an entirely new realm for interaction.” He envisions an inspiring and creative environment designed to foster collaborative, team-based learning in both



**“IT’S A GREAT FEELING TO SEE SMILES ON THE FACES OF YOUR STUDENT-ATHLETES AS THEY WALK INTO INSPIRING NEW FACILITIES.”**

BILL SMITH, *Athletic Director*

Bryant’s College of Business and College of Arts and Sciences. With its central location, the structure also will welcome campus visitors with its breathtaking design.

A lead gift among the largest in Bryant history spearheaded the creation of this innovative teaching/learning space. A perfect blend of real and virtual, global and local, experiential and experimental learning, it will foster learning experiences and opportunities designed to give graduates a distinct competitive edge.

**BRYANT BUILDS ATHLETIC CHAMPIONS**

Bryant’s dedication to providing its student-athletes with every opportunity for success is energizing the campus with new and enhanced athletic facilities. Student-athletes were welcomed into the new Bulldog Strength & Conditioning Center, which opened in August. The building more than doubles the space and resources where some 550 student-athletes train and prepare for competition.



**ALUMNI COUPLE SETS THE PACE FOR DYNAMIC LEARNING**

It was the man on the bike. The man on the bike kept bringing **Jeffrey Fryer ’91** back to campus. The man on the bike guided Fryer to an MST on his path to a CPA and a career in tax, all while remaining an avid training partner along the way.

Fryer was a devoted bike racer and his relationship with Professor of Accounting **Michael Lynch, J.D., C.P.A.**, was founded on this shared passion. When Fryer speaks of Bryant today, he thinks of the friend, mentor, and training partner he had in Lynch. “He was never just my professor,” says Fryer. “Our relationship was more about the personal connection we had and his commitment in mentoring me.” This multifaceted relationship paid huge dividends for Fryer. Lynch steered him through graduate school and into a career that has led to his position as Vice President and Chief Tax Officer at Alexion



*Jeffrey ’91 and Kimberly (Roy) ’92 Fryer*

Pharmaceuticals, a global biotechnology company developing treatments for devastating and rare diseases. “It is as clear as glass,” says Fryer. “There’s no way I would be where I am today without him.”

**Kimberly (Roy) Fryer ’92** also built a career on the Bryant experience, working for 17 years before stepping down from Wachovia, now Wells Fargo. Kim and Jeff found their career paths and each other at Bryant. Both were driven to work hard to ensure that the sacrifices their parents made to send them

to college would pay off. Today, they are giving that same opportunity to their oldest son, **Ryan Fryer ’19.**

As alumni and parents, the Fryers have remained dedicated Bryant community members, and one facet of that has been advancing the University’s growth. They have supported a classroom and multiple, flexible breakout spaces in the Academic Innovation Center. The cutting-edge meeting spaces in the Innovation Center would not be possible without such philanthropic support.

The Fryers see the goals of the Innovation Center as essential to the future of higher education. “Lecture is not the way students are learning anymore,” says Jeff. “Education is evolving. It needs to be a combination of lecture, hands-on project-based experience, and frequent interaction, not only between the students and professor, but among students.”

Forward-looking new buildings will allow Bryant to adapt to rapidly changing technology and education methodologies for years to come. Through their involvement in and financial support of schools from elementary to post-secondary, the Fryers are acutely aware of this need. “Everything has changed,” says Kim. “It’s so important today for students to have access to state-of-the-art technology and have these experiences to give them an advantage. And it’s important for us to do something like this for them.”

The Fryers have designated the new spaces in the Academic Innovation Center in honor of their parents and of the friend and mentor who was so central to Jeff’s Bryant experience, Professor Lynch. As they acknowledge the people who got them where they are today, this alumni couple makes the future brighter for those who will follow in their footsteps.



“TO DEFINE OUR FUTURE AND SET THE PACE FOR OTHERS  
TO FOLLOW, WE MUST BE BOLD IN ADVANCING OUR  
MISSION—CREATING A NEW MODEL FOR EDUCATING  
INNOVATIVE LEADERS WITH CHARACTER.”

RONALD K. MACHTLEY, *Bryant University President*

**“I AM PLEASED TO HELP BRYANT BUILD FACILITIES THAT ARE BEST IN CLASS AND INSPIRE STUDENTS TO EXCEL AT BRYANT AND BEYOND.”**

**ROBERT P. BROWN '86, P'19**

*Head of Institutional Fixed Income, Fidelity Investments  
Bryant University Trustee*



It includes weightlifting stations, workout areas, a nutrition station, and an indoor turf sprint area. The size of the facility enables entire teams to work out together in one rotation, strengthening team bonds and enabling students to maximize their time most efficiently.

“It’s a great feeling to see smiles on the faces of your student-athletes as they walk into inspiring new facilities,” says Athletic Director Bill Smith. “This beautiful building demonstrates our commitment to giving student-athletes everything they need to be successful.”

The center—made possible through the generous support of an anonymous donor—is the first athletic component of



*Bryant Builds* to be completed. Construction also is under way on a new Indoor Practice Facility featuring a 78,000-square-foot indoor turf field that is financed, in part, by a \$2 million gift from **William J. Conaty '67**, chair of the Bryant University Board of Trustees.

In addition, the Elizabeth and Malcolm Chace Wellness and Athletic Center is undergoing a major revitalization. It will double in size to include a new Sports Medicine and Training Center. Its design, focused on injury prevention

and recovery, will provide student-athletes with the care and support they need to compete at the highest level.

#### **THE COMMON THREAD**

These new and renovated facilities symbolize Bryant’s rich and enduring culture of philanthropic giving. Over the years, generous donors have supported the University’s growth and commitment to excellence. Their support has helped Bryant emerge as a nationally recognized institution, one cited by *The Princeton Review* as among *The Best 380 Colleges* in the nation.

For example, Bello 102—a coveted learning-by-doing space in the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology—features collaborative workstations, each with a monitor that facilitates wireless group work. A gift from **Louis R. Page '89, P'17**, who understands how much employers value this kind of academic experience in potential employees, helped transform this former seminar room into a teaching and learning environment so popular with faculty and students that it inspired the Academic Innovation Center.

Donors have also recognized that success in sports develops sought-after leadership skills—and have generously supported Bryant’s exceptional athletic programs. Their gifts enabled a number of facility upgrades, including locker room improvements and renovations to the Jarvis Varsity Weight Room.

#### **FORGING THE PATH TO GREATER PROMINENCE**

Through the *Bryant Builds* initiative, Bryant is creating a world-class learning environment that aligns with its ambitious



goals for the University’s bold future. The addition of 250,000 square feet of innovative facilities reinforces Bryant’s commitment to applied learning in an environment that develops the skills employers seek most: new hires who work well on teams, excel in communication with colleagues and clients, and are able to problem-solve decisively.

Numerous alumni, including Trustee **Robert P. Brown '86, P'19**, Chair of the Board **William J. Conaty '67** and his campaign co-chair, **Michael Fisher '67, '15H**, now an active honorary trustee, have embraced the goals of the campaign and made significant commitments that will enhance Bryant’s award-winning campus. Philanthropic investments such as theirs are helping Bryant secure its esteemed position in the world of higher education. With continued support from like-minded donors, the University is positioned to ascend to an even higher level of prominence among the nation’s top colleges and universities.

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## ADVANCING INNOVATIVE LEARNING

He remembers the red circles. Red circles on newsprint. He was stuck on the wrong side of the border, and one of these red circles would help him get back.

**Louis R. Page '89** is from Canada, and after he graduated from Bryant his student visa was not enough to let him live in the United States. Eager to return and pursue a career in Boston, Page had turned to the classifieds. No potential employer seemed interested in adding the paperwork for an H1 visa to the hiring process, until one of the voices on the other end of the line turned out to be another Bryant grad. "The only reason that I came back to the States was because a Bryant alum gave me a chance," says Page.



Louis R. Page '89

This Bryant connection got Page his start, and served as the foundation for a career that would see him become president and managing general partner of Window to Wall Street, Inc. It also helped him to stay close to the friends he made in school, including **Paula Christine (Wis) Page '89**, whom he went on to marry.

Today Page is helping others to capitalize on Bryant connections. Along with consistent support of the Bryant Fund, Page has contributed to the major renovation of Bello 102.

This forward-looking gift has turned one of the least

popular rooms on campus into the school's most in-demand space. This innovative teaching and learning environment has inspired much of the thinking behind the design of the Academic Innovation Center. Bello 102 is outfitted to encourage the latest in best practices for teaching and learning. It offers flexible spaces for collaborative group work under close faculty direction. It boasts wireless high definition video-conference capability to bring experts into the classroom from anywhere in the world. It is an adaptable, tech-friendly space, built to keep up with the rapid pace of digital innovation.

For his part, Page is interested in doing good for the sake of doing good. "I think giving is

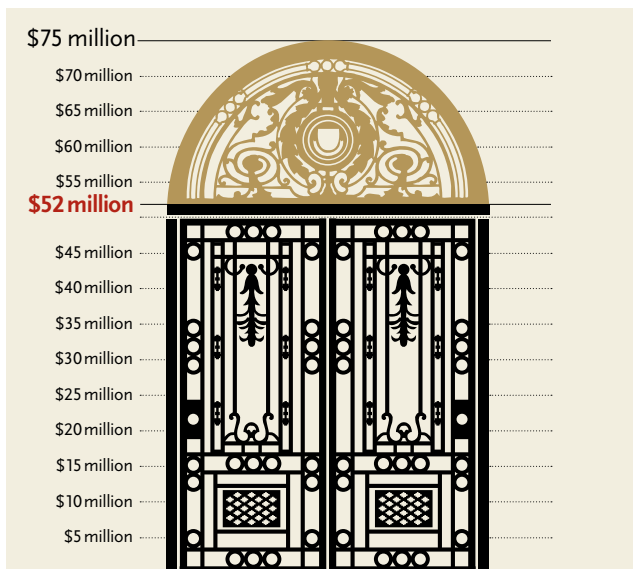
much more rewarding than anything received," he says. Bryant has become a place to put that maxim into action. In addition to his Campaign generosity, Page meets with faculty members and advises students in the Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization. He has seen his son, **Steven Page '17**, enroll and succeed at Bryant. Of his ongoing connection to the University, Page explains, "There are very pivotal parts of one's life that can leave an imprint."

Thanks to that connection, a standard classroom is now state of the art. The efforts of committed alumni have given Bryant the tools to excel for years to come. Students are learning in new ways, in greater numbers than ever.

# EXPANDING THE WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

THE CAMPAIGN FOR BRYANT'S BOLD FUTURE

**THANK YOU** to the nearly 6,000 members of the Bryant community who invested in the transformative education of our students by contributing more than \$6.8 million in annual and capital gifts in the 2014-2015 academic year.



## CAMPAIGN PROGRESS GENERATES GROWING MOMENTUM

Bryant's historic capital campaign, **Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future**, has now reached nearly \$53 million on its way toward our \$75 million goal. Even with two years to go, the campaign is already generating the resources to move us toward the transformational goals of the University's Vision 20/20 strategic plan.

Bryant is ascending to new levels of prominence that increase the value of a Bryant diploma. We are:

- **increasing access to a Bryant education** through added scholarship funding
- **building on teaching excellence**, with new resources to enrich teaching and learning
- **opening the door to a world of opportunity** by cultivating global perspectives, and
- **creating a campus for success**, building facilities that inspire excellence.

Our strategic initiatives for an even stronger Bryant are made possible through the contributions of alumni, parents, and friends. Strong participation in this campaign is a vital indication of support for our vision and an affirmation of Bryant's distinctive education.

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In 2009, Bryant began the tradition of honoring some of its most generous benefactors as Champions for Philanthropy at a gala dinner. The honorees have given more than money to Bryant. They have contributed their time and talent as well.

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## SULLIVANS MAKE GENEROUS ESTATE GIFT

**Peter A. Sullivan '74** and **Janice Wilbur Sullivan**, a former trustee, are using strategic wealth planning tools to benefit Bryant. Peter is the founder and president of Arlen Corporation, a strategic financial services firm. With more than four decades of experience in the advanced applications of life insurance, Peter has a perspective of the value of long-term planning, and a unique combination of the elements of finance with the uncertainty of health and time.

The Sullivans have dedicated a generous estate gift to Bryant that will ensure the full funding of their scholarship, regardless of what the future brings. "Our goal is to fully endow the Janice Wilbur Sullivan Scholarship over time," says Peter. "In the event I personally run out of time, the additional gift of life insurance will fill that void. The life insurance contract is the fulfillment of our promise with a commitment." As an additional assurance, the Sullivans have funded a CRUT (Charitable Remainder UniTrust), a vehicle that Peter describes as, "a way of ensuring that promises made turn into

promises kept." Their scholarship fund is an eventual beneficiary of assets from this CRUT.

"Our primary interest is in creating a financial aid resource for women enrolling at Bryant," says Janice. "It was extremely important to us that this be a fully endowed scholarship to create educational opportunities for young women for years to come."

The Sullivans recognize the importance of current-use funding to a university's ongoing operating expenses, but they underscore the need for the more patient planned gift. "If more longer term planned gifts were to be implemented, the flow of 'bonus' gifts would surprise on the upside," adds Peter. Such long-term thinking provides security for the University in years to come with periodic infusions of income.



*Peter A. '74 and Janice Wilbur Sullivan with scholarship recipient Jillian Gaudet '17*

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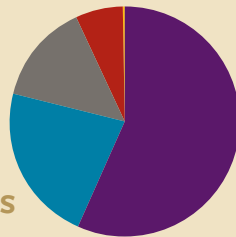
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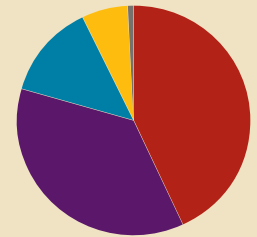
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| Parents                 | 1373 |
| Friends and Other       | 872  |
| Corporations/Foundation | 397  |
| Other Organizations     | 16   |

## Distribution of Support



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| The Bryant Fund              | \$2,966,573 |
| Designated Programs/Projects | \$2,518,357 |
| Endowment                    | \$908,880   |
| Facilities                   | \$435,054   |
| Gifts-in-kind                | \$52,937    |

# FY2015

Bryant faculty bring world-expertise to the classroom, challenging students to discover their passions—and a great deal about themselves.

**BRYANT HOSTS PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONALIZATION CONFERENCE**

Bryant hosted the forum on Comprehensive University Internationalization: Strategies for East and South Asia. The event, held Nov. 12–13, was hosted by the Association of International Education Administrators, which selected Bryant to host this prestigious conference.

The forum created a dialogue for academic institutions to better understand East and South Asia’s fast evolving education systems and the implications for U.S. higher education institutions. Sessions included topics such as effective recruiting prac-

tices, serving the international student population and developing strategies for operating in East Asian countries.



Several members of the Bryant community led sessions during the conference including:

- **Hong Yang, Ph.D.**, Vice President for International Affairs and the Charles J. Smiley Professor of Environmental Science
- **John Eriksen**, Director of International Admission

- **Jongsung Kim, Ph.D.**, Professor of Economics
- **Mailee Kue, Ph.D.**, Executive Director of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion
- **Kongli Liu**, Associate Director of Academic Programs at the U.S.-China Institute

Yang, who is also recognized as a U.S.-China Public Intellectual as well as a distinguished scientist, was also invited to a dinner honoring Chinese President Xi Jinping and welcoming him and his ministerial delegation to the United States. At this September event in Seattle, WA, President Xi delivered the only public policy speech of his U.S. visit. Invitees included the most dignified professionals in the Chinese relations field in the United States.

*Vice President for International Affairs Hong Yang, Ph.D., speaks at a forum on Comprehensive University Internationalization, hosted at Bryant.*

**HONORING PROFESSOR COAKLEY WITH A GIFT TO WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

**Daniel Shorr '04 MBA** spent only two years at Bryant University, but the experience has made a lasting impact on his career and his life. “I learned a lot about myself and what I could accomplish,” he says.

Shorr, now the managing director at SMS Financial in Phoenix, AZ, especially credits the bond he formed with Professor of Management **Lori Coakley, Ph.D.**, for whom Shorr worked as a graduate research assistant.

“She was so helpful to all the students and she cared for

them,” Shorr says. He was grateful to Coakley for awarding him a graduate research assistantship that included a semester’s tuition. “I hoped that I would be able to pay it forward one day.”

Shorr’s goal—achieved this year—was to “designate a gift to Lori Coakley and have her utilize it for something that is special to her.”

His \$10,000 gift supports Coakley’s Women and Leadership program, a course that focuses on the professional development of students—

primarily targeting women. She works with students to develop their skills in leadership, negotiation, networking, career development, work/life integration, communication, and influence tactics.

The donation allows Coakley to host receptions and networking events for mentors matched with students in her class. “These mentor relationships are invaluable, and the feedback from both mentors and students has been exceptional,” she says. “Many of my students have gained access to career opportu-

nities through their relationships with their mentors.

“Dan’s contributions have enabled me to extend the network of opportunities and experiences for my students,” Coakley says. “It has also strengthened my connections with the professional community outside of Bryant, across a plethora of different industries and disciplines. Working with these exceptional men and women, many alumni of Bryant, has provided a wonderful platform to showcase our talented student body.”





Karl Sery '16 (third from left) won first place in the fourth annual Northeast Intercollegiate Sales Competition (NISC) held at Bryant in November.

**BRYANT HOSTS  
FOURTH ANNUAL NISC**

Bryant University hosted the fourth annual 2015 Northeast Intercollegiate Sales Competition (NISC) in November. The event is a tournament-style sales competition in which students compete for cash prizes. It also provides individualized feedback and coaching, skill- and leadership-building sessions, a look at the latest ways to use social media in selling, and a chance for students and employers to network.

More than 180 students from 16 schools participated, including Kansas State University, Northeastern University, and the University of Central Florida as well as Bryant.

Assistant Professor of Marketing **Stefanie Boyer, Ph.D.**, who is the director of the competition, says: "These students are ideal candidates for professional selling positions—and competitions—because they are driven, motivated, professional, competitive, and exhibit character that gets noticed."

Boyer was also honored when *The Journal of Marketing Education* named her piece, "Self-Directed Learning: A Tool for Lifelong Learning," one of the top five most read articles of the year. *The Journal of Marketing Education* is the leading peer-reviewed, international scholarly journal that focuses on the latest techniques in marketing education and emphasizes new course content and effective teaching methods.

To explore the relationship between self-directed learning and workplace learning, Boyer, the paper's lead author, conducted research over 30 years, in five countries, and across multiple academic disciplines. Boyer utilized self-directed learning in an undergraduate sales management course and an MBA selling and sales management course to provide supporting evidence and included practical advice for educators seeking to use the methods to promote lifelong learning skills in students.

**INCI WINS 'MOST  
DOWNLOADED PAPER' AWARD**

Professor of Finance **A. Can Inci, Ph.D.**, won an award from the European Financial Management Association for the "Most Downloaded Paper" for "Dynamic Relations between Stock Returns and Exchange Rate Changes." The article was published in the January issue of the *EFM Journal*. Inci received his award in June at the association's annual meeting in Amsterdam.

The paper examined the relationship between stock returns and exchange rate changes in five major European countries, the USA, Canada, and Japan by taking into account dynamic effects, including lagged changes of variables, and employing causal relations. Inci found that lagged exchange rates have a significant impact on stock returns.

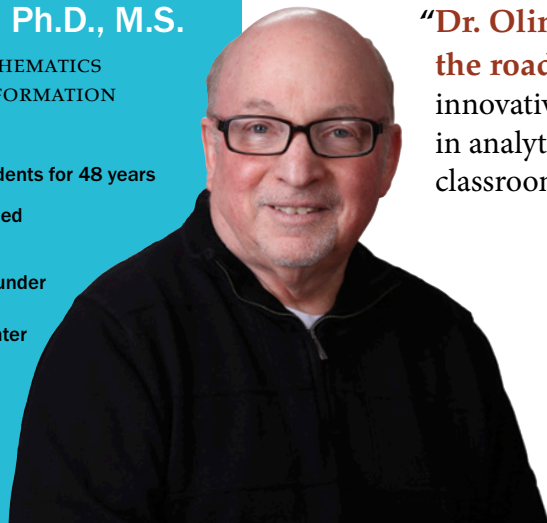
Inci was also quoted on *Wallethub.com*, along with

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**Alan Olinsky, Ph.D., M.S.**

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- Co-director and co-founder of Bryant's Advanced Applied Analytics Center
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**SPOTLIGHT ON: FACULTY  
 (CONTINUED)**

fellow Professor of Finance **David Louton, Ph.D.**, about factors retirees should consider when deciding where to retire.

“Retirees should consider states and local governments that provide the most generous social services and health benefits,” Inci advises. “Retirement locations where fixed costs are clear and variable costs are minimal are ideal.”

**FREINER’S RESEARCH  
 EXAMINES TRADE IMPACT  
 ON JAPANESE FARMERS**

Associate Professor of Political Science **Nicole Freiner, Ph.D.** twice published articles about her research on the Trans-Pacific Partnership and its effect on Japan in *The Conversation*. The accord strengthened trade relationships among 12 countries on The Pacific Rim including the United States, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada.

Freiner spent part of the summer in Japan interviewing traditional rice farmers about

the potential disruption that the agreement will have on their crop.

“There is a cost (to this partnership),” Freiner says. “In Japan’s case, it was allowing increased imports of farm products and lowering some tariffs, aspects of the agreement that could significantly harm its farmers, especially those who grow its most important traditional crop: rice.”

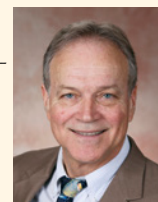
Freiner says: “Japan will not only open up its rice market to more U.S. competition but will also allow for foreign investment and corporate land ownership through its investment protec-

tion measure. Small farms simply can’t compete with this intensive large-scale production.”

Freiner also helped coordinate a joint conference with Roger Williams University, *Conversations on China*, in November. Several distinguished and internationally renowned scholars spoke on a range of topics including cultural traditions, history, the arts and contemporary issues.

**‘GUNS IN AMERICAN  
 SOCIETY’ EXPERT  
 WIDELY QUOTED**

In the wake of a shooting at an Oregon community college and renewed calls for gun control, Professor of Sociology **Gregg Carter, Ph.D.**, was widely quoted about demographic trends among gun rights activists by media, including *Agence France-Presse*.



**Gregg Carter, Ph.D.**

There are some long-term demographic trends that point to a shift in attitudes and the waning power of the gun rights lobby, Carter says. Gun rights activists tend to be white Republicans while women, immigrants, and people of color tend to be more likely to support both Democrats and gun controls, and their numbers are growing, he noted.

Carter, the editor of *Guns in American Society: An Encyclopedia of History, Politics, Culture and the Law*, said that while gun sales have been very strong for the past two decades, the overall rate of gun ownership is actually down.

The *Agence France-Presse* article was picked up by several publications including Yahoo!, as well

**FACULTY INNOVATION GRANTS FOSTER INNOVATION**

With the support of the Faculty Innovation Grant program, Director of the Bryant Center for Program Innovation **Michael Roberto, D.B.A.**, Trustee Professor of Management, says these award-winners “are doing amazing work, bringing innovative programs into the classroom.”

The Fourth Annual Faculty Innovation Grants for new initiatives that represent “a true bold innovation in how we educate our students,” have been awarded for the 2015-2016 academic year to:

- Associate Professor of Marketing **Stefanie Boyer, Ph.D.**—Using Cartoon Technology to Teach Sales
- Professor of Accounting **Lookman Buky Folami, Ph.D.**—Development of New Graduate Course on Business Valuation
- Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems **Kevin Mentzer '91**

and Professor of Computer Information Systems **Janet Prichard, Ph.D.**—3D Printing

- Lecturer in Modern Languages **Alexandra Place**—“Bring Your Own Device” Pedagogies for Foreign Language Teaching and Learning
- Associate Professor of Marketing **Srdan Zdravkovic, Ph.D.**—Experiential Learning Project in the International Business Program

Previous recipients include:

- 2014-2015**
- Associate Professor of Applied Psychology **Allison Butler, Ph.D.**
- Lecturer in Finance **Mara Derderian, M.B.A.**
- Professor of English and Cultural Studies **Terri Hasseler, Ph.D.**
- Lecturers in Modern Languages **Heather Moon** and **Alexandra Place**
- Professor of Finance **Jack Trifts, Ph.D.**

**2013-2014**

- Assistant Professor of Economics **Aziz Berdiev, Ph.D.**
- Associate Professor of Marketing **Stefanie Boyer, Ph.D.**
- Associate Professor of Sociology **Sandra Enos, Ph.D.**
- Professor of English and Cultural Studies **Martha Kuhlman, Ph.D.**
- Lecturer in English and Cultural Studies **Paul Swift**

**2012-2013**

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- Professor of Anthropology, African Studies, and Music **Alex Perullo, Ph.D.**
- Associate Professor of Marketing **Srdan Zdravkovic, Ph.D.**

as many French and Spanish publications.

An internationally recognized expert who is frequently sought out by media throughout the United States and abroad, Carter was also featured on the CBC News website saying that “the chances of a breakthrough (to tighter gun control laws) are not good.”

### ROBERTO EXPERTISE ON WORKING IN TEAMS FEATURED IN FAST COMPANY

Trustee Professor of Management **Michael Roberto, D.B.A.** shared his expertise in team-building with *Fast Company* magazine in a September story titled “How to Create an Environment of Collaboration.”

All-star teams don’t always win athletic competitions, Roberto says. When there are too many [star] players on a team, egos can get in the way as each person tries to stand out. The same can happen in business.

“Instead,” he advises, “think carefully about the roles you need

filled on the team. Select people with complementary skills and capabilities. Establish shared norms and ground rules. And build a climate in the team where people can speak candidly.”

In the article, Roberto says there are techniques teams can use to gather new thoughts. “Rather than simply cold-calling silent folks in meetings, leaders can talk to quieter individuals before meetings to ask them to come prepared to share their ideas,” he says. “That technique can help broaden participation in team meetings.”

At Bryant, Roberto, director of the University’s Center for Program Innovation and leader of the IDEA (Innovation Design Experience for All) development team, plunges teams of first-year Bryant students into a 72-hour immersion program where they work together, utilizing design thinking to generate creative solutions to real-world challenges faced by local businesses and nonprofit organizations.

### ANNAVARJULA NAMED COLLEGE OF BUSINESS DEAN

After an extensive nationwide search, Bryant has appointed **Madan Annavarjula, Ph.D.**, as Dean of the College of Business.

The move underscores Annavarjula’s role in growing the university’s nationally recognized undergraduate and graduate international business offerings since he came to Bryant in 2006.

“Today’s students graduate into a world of unprecedented change and complexity, and Dr. Annavarjula has been a leader in creating innovative Bryant programs that prepare students with the global perspective that is a prerequisite for success,” said President Ronald K. Machtley.

“Madan’s appointment as Dean of the College of Business positions the University with deep expertise in international business. His passion for helping students



understand the interconnectedness of cultures and economies has helped elevate Bryant to a top-ranked institution where students from around the world come to learn and prepare themselves for success in the global arena,” noted Provost Glenn Sulmasy.

According to Annavarjula, Bryant is positioned at the forefront of global education. “Bryant has a global community wherein the faculty and students succeed together,” he says.

Annavarjula has served as Associate Dean of Bryant’s College of Business since 2013. He was previously associate professor and International Business program coordinator. He received Bryant’s Excellence in Teaching Award and was inducted as a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, The National Leadership Honor Society, in 2010. Annavarjula received his doctorate in international business from Temple University’s Fox School of Business, his MBA in marketing management from India’s Karnatak University, and his bachelor’s degree from India’s Gulbarga University.

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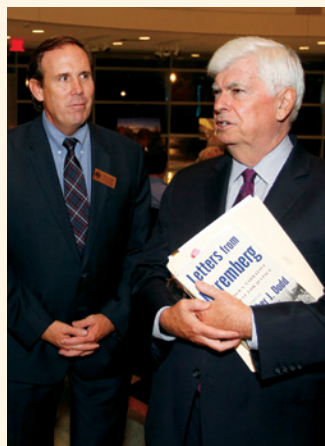
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**GENOCIDE CONFERENCE  
 DREW SCHOLARS FROM  
 AROUND THE WORLD**

The Hon. Christopher Dodd, who served as a U.S. senator from Connecticut for 30 years, discussed *Letters from Nuremberg: My Father's Narrative of a Quest for Justice* in the keynote address opening a two-day symposium on "Genocide in World History," hosted at Bryant by the Department of History and Social Sciences. The book details the work of Thomas J. Dodd, lead American counsel in the post-



Provost Glenn Sulmasy and former U.S. Sen. Christopher Dodd at the *Genocide in World History* symposium.

World War II Nuremberg trial of crimes against humanity.

Panel discussions featured presentations by scholars from England, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Nigeria, South Africa, the Netherlands, and the United States. Specialized topics explored included: The Holocaust in His-

torical and Legal Perspective; Resistance, Rescue, and Resilience in Response to Genocide; and Can Genocides Be Prevented?

The international scholars and historians included 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. His third book is, *A World History of War Crimes* to be published this fall by Bloomsbury Press (London).

**HASSENFELD INSTITUTE  
 POLL: RHODE ISLANDERS  
 WANT JOBS AND  
 BRIDGES FIXED**

Widely covered by local media, the latest poll by the Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership at Bryant University identifies some of the most pressing issues facing Rhode Island today—including how to fix the state's ailing bridges. The poll is the second of three that the Institute and Fleming Associates will conduct over the course of the year to track public opinion on key issues facing state leaders.

While 75.9 percent of people surveyed said the state spends too little on maintenance of roads and bridges, almost 70 percent said they would not

support an increased gas tax for bridge and road repair.

A majority of those asked (52.6 percent) did support a toll on large trucks—21.1 percent said they strongly support the idea and 31.5 percent said they are somewhat supportive. Some 43 percent said they oppose it.

While 63.3 percent say it's important for the Pawtucket Red Sox to remain in Rhode Island, there was little support for any kind of public expenditure to make that happen.

Job opportunities ranked as the most important problem facing the state, followed by taxes and government corruption.

Education, and its role in providing children with skills they need, continues to concern those polled. Nearly 60 percent said the public schools are average or below in providing children with tools for 21st century jobs. More than 50 percent said there is too much focus on standardized testing and 45.7 percent said too little is spent on K-12 education.

**SAS DAY EXPERTS FOCUS  
 ON DATA MINING**

The Bryant University Advanced Applied Analytics Center (AAAC) hosted its second annual Analytics using SAS Day on Nov. 4. Speakers from the SAS Institute, the private sector, and academia discussed topics including "Big Data" in the health sciences and data mining.

**Daniel Hebert '13**, an associate analyst at 84.51°, returned to campus as one of the presenters and spoke about the analytics tools he uses to uncover customer insights for supermarket giant Kroger, the second-largest retailer in the United States.

Hebert examines trends among shoppers to design specific coupons for its loyalty card holders.

Hebert, an Honors Program graduate who majored in marketing with a concentration in applied statistics, was thankful to AAAC co-directors **Richard Glass, Ph.D.**, professor of computer information systems and **Alan Olinsky, Ph.D.**, professor of mathematics and computer information systems for mentoring him during his time at Bryant.



Among the distinguished SAS Day speakers at Bryant was Daniel Hebert '13.

"They were amazing mentors," he says. "They have been incredibly supportive to me, even after leaving Bryant. I still email Dr. Olinsky all the time to let him know how I'm doing and bounce different ideas off him.

"Bryant provided an amazing foundation for me in getting my feet wet in the analytics space," he says. "Having the SAS courses and hands-on experiences helped me jump right into the professional role I now hold. Bryant helped me build a willingness to learn."



With the topping off of the building in October, the work of the Academic Innovation Center Faculty Building Committee is far from completed, says Trustee Professor of Management and Director of the University's Center for Program Innovation **Michael Roberto, D.B.A.**, committee chair. The group's work now "focuses on how we will change the way we teach to take full advantage of new kinds of spaces" and on providing training to faculty in preparation for the building's opening next year.

Hebert joined a number of other accomplished speakers at SAS Day including:

- Carlos Lara, Principal Solutions Architect, SAS Institute
- Deirdre M. Heisler, Director, Analytic Consulting, Epsilon Corporation
- André de Waal, Analytical Consultant, SAS

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#### **Women's Summit®**

"It would be impossible to produce the Women's Summit without our sponsors," says **Kati Machtley**, co-founder and director of the Women's Summit. "They are a tremendous resource to us—not only providing funding for our speakers, luncheon, and more, but also for offering many networking opportunities to our attendees. In addition,

their expertise and real-world experience are invaluable on the program committee."

The Women's Summit educates and empowers women to advance professionally, develop personally, and work toward financial security. More than 1,000 people attended last year's day-long conference, which sold out within hours of registration opening.

**Amica Insurance**, this year's Platinum Sponsor, supports the Women's Summit because women make up two-thirds of its workforce, says Lisa Melton, CPCU, assistant vice president of corporate communications at Amica. "The daylong event focuses on empowering women in their professional and personal lives. Plus, the energy is just phenomenal—we're honored to be a part of this celebration of women's lives!" The Amica Companies Foundation was named a 2012 Champion for Philanthropy for its enduring and generous support of Bryant University.

#### **World Trade Day**

World Trade Day brings hundreds of industry professionals

and business executives together to share strategies for facing today's shifting global business environment, their plans for future growth, and the best practices to help them succeed. In May, Bryant's 30th annual World Trade Day focused on "Changing Global Dynamics: Creating Opportunities for New England" and featured more than 40 speakers and panelists who provided in-depth information on all aspects of international trade.

**Ray Fogarty '79**, director of the Chafee Center for International Business, which hosts World Trade Day, says: "With the support of our sponsors, we are able to expand and broaden our services to promote economic growth through international trade. By embracing Bryant University," Fogarty notes, "these company sponsors also reap the benefits of the Bryant community, through educational programs, internships, networking opportunities, and connections with our students, faculty, staff, and alumni."

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**SPOTLIGHT ON: CAMPUS  
(CONTINUED)**

Honored as a 2015 Champion for Philanthropy for its generous and multifaceted partnership with the University, **Taco, Inc.**, has been the Platinum Sponsor for World Trade Day for many years. **John Hazen White, Jr.**, CEO of the global leader in manufacturing of hydronic systems and equipment for residential, light commercial, industrial, and OEM markets, says: "I have involved Taco in World Trade Day at Bryant for all these years because I view the day as an incredibly valuable opportunity to not only learn about international business issues and deal-

ings from professionals, but it is also a day to network with peers succeeding in markets that are potentially interesting for others. World Trade Day at Bryant is a unique and wonderful event and a true testimony to the hard work of Ray Fogarty."

**MACHTLEY CENTER  
EVENT FEATURES  
'HEROES OF REFORM' IN  
RHODE ISLAND**

Rhode Island will not attract new businesses until the state establishes an Ethics Commission, says **Alan Hassenfeld '85H**, chairman of the Executive Committee of Hasbro, Inc., the Rhode Island-based multibillion-dollar international toy company.

"No one is coming in while it's still the Wild West here," he said.

Hassenfeld, whose passion to improve the state's political climate and governance led him to establish the Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership at Bryant University, was one of the all-star cast of heroes of the Rhode Island reform movement featured during Bryant's fifth annual ethics event, "Getting the Government We Deserve." The Hassenfeld Institute, he said, was founded as a tool to "help the next generation become better leaders, more ethical leaders."

Joining Hassenfeld, a former Bryant trustee and honorary degree recipient, at the forum were:

- former Rhode Island Auditor General **Ernest Almonte '78, '85 MST, '09H**;
- former Rhode Island Attorney General Arlene Violet;
- former executive director of Common Cause RI Phil West, whom the *Providence Journal* once dubbed "the godfather of political reform in Rhode Island," and was at the center of citizen agitation for the reform of Rhode Island politics and government.
- former U.S. Congressman and Rhode Island Lieutenant Governor Robert Weygand.

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**U.S.-CHINA INSTITUTE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF BUILDING BRIDGES**

The U.S.-China Institute at Bryant University is celebrating its 10th anniversary of providing students and faculty with broad global perspectives and experiences and offering China-related services to businesses and communities.

Since its founding, the Institute has been led by **Hong Yang, Ph.D.**, Bryant’s vice president for International Affairs, and has facilitated academic, business, and culture exchanges with institutions and officials in China.

“China has been a cornerstone of our international strategy,” says President **Ronald K. Machtley**, who proudly welcomed the historic first class of Chinese students in September to Bryant Zhuhai, the only

to learn, research, and work in China. Escorted by faculty, Bryant students visit China each year, capping a semester’s study through the Sophomore International Experience. Earlier this year, seven Bryant professors and staff members traveled to China for a six-week executive training program at the Guangdong Electric Power Design Institute.

Bryant and the China University of Geosciences (CUG), bring Chinese and American students together for a coast-to-coast study trip in the western United States. They learn cross-cultural communication, American history and social sciences, business and natural sciences while establishing friendships.

The Institute also promotes the value of learning the Chinese language with programs includ-



*The traditional Chinese Tea Ceremony is one of many cultural events the U.S.-China Institute offers to enhance the global perspective of students. The Institute celebrates its 10th anniversary this year.*

U.S.-China joint four-year undergraduate business degree program in China.

The U.S.-China Institute has provided scores of faculty and students frequent opportunities

ing STARTALK, designed to expand and improve the teaching and learning of strategically important languages not widely taught in the United States.

The Institute has also partnered

**PRESIDENT’S CULTURAL SERIES: BOYD AND METCALF**



**Australian classical guitarist Rupert Boyd and cellist Laura Metcalf performed in concert on Nov. 4 as part of the President’s Cultural Series. President Ronald K. Machtley and Kati Machtley hosted a reception for Bryant Leadership Council donors prior to the performance.**

with local schools in Rhode Island and surrounding areas through the Confucius Classrooms initiative. Students and teachers learn about Chinese language and culture through various programs. Bryant University is also the first institution in New England authorized by China’s Ministry of Education to offer standardized Chinese language tests.

Throughout the year, the U.S.-China Institute hosts numerous programs on the Bryant campus including the Mid-Autumn Festival and a Chinese New Year celebration as well as a summer exchange program with the China University of Geosciences. The Institute also sponsors a special Chinese-themed *WaterFire* in Providence that attracts more than 40,000 visitors.

**MACHTLEY WINS NASPA REGIONAL PRESIDENT’S AWARD**

President **Ronald K. Machtley** was awarded the Region I President’s Award by NASPA, Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, in November.

The NASPA award is presented to a college or university president or chancellor who has, over a sustained period, advanced the quality of student life on campus by supporting the institution’s student affairs staff and initiatives. Region I encompasses New England, eastern Canada, and Western Europe.

Today's teams, student-athletes, and coaches continue a tradition of athletic excellence as the Bulldogs compete at the highest level of NCAA Division I competition.

**BRYANT'S STATE-OF-THE-ART STRENGTH & CONDITIONING CENTER READIES STUDENT-ATHLETES FOR FALL COMPETITION**

In August, Bryant officially opened the new Bulldog Strength & Conditioning Center, a 10,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility that enables teams to work out together.

"This weight room is second to none and gives our athletes the best chance to reach their ultimate potential in their sport," says **Craig Buckley**, head strength and conditioning coach.

"It's a great feeling to see smiles on the faces of your student-athletes as they walk into inspiring new facilities," says Athletic Director Bill Smith. "This beautiful new facility demonstrates our commitment to giving our student-athletes everything they need to be successful."

The center, one element of the Bryant Builds campaign that includes new academic and athletic facilities on campus, was made possible through the generous support of an anonymous donor and is the first ath-



*The state-of-the-art Bulldog Strength & Conditioning Center opened in August and helped student-athletes prepare for a busy fall season.*

The building includes weight-lifting stations, workout areas, a nutrition station, and an indoor turf sprint area. It more than doubles the space and resources available to Bryant's 22 Division I teams of 550 student-athletes.

letic component to be completed. A new Sports Medicine and Training Center will provide student-athletes with the care and support necessary for competition at the highest level.



**The Bulldog's win over Duquesne in front of a Bulldog Stadium record-crowd of 8,364 got Homecoming @ Reunion off to a great start.**

Also under construction is a new Indoor Practice Facility. "Since moving to Division I, Bryant has proven that we can compete," says President **Ronald K. Machtley**. "We have earned national recognition for the strong academic and athletic performances of our student-athletes."

**BASEBALL TEAM RANKED ONE OF THE TOP 100 COLLEGE TEAMS OF THE ERA IN THE COUNTRY**

The Bryant University baseball team has been ranked one of the top 100 college baseball teams of this era in the country, coming in at No. 72 in a ranking released by *D1Baseball.com*.

One of the top teams in the Northeast over the past six years, the Bulldogs have won five of the last six Northeast Conference Regular-Season titles and won back-to-back tournament championships in 2013 and 2014.

In all, Bryant has posted two 40-win seasons and five 30-win seasons in the past six years.

Of the 100 teams unveiled, the Black & Gold are ranked ahead of some of the top teams in college baseball. They are slated in front of Michigan State, Iowa, Ohio State, Virginia Tech, Long Beach State, Kennesaw State, and Wichita State.

Bryant has won 179 games over the past five years, second only to Stony Brook, which is ranked No. 65, in the Northeast. In 2013, the Bulldogs won a program and NEC record 45 games on the way to their first-ever NEC tournament title and their first NCAA Tournament. Bryant capped the magical year with a victory over Arkansas in the Manhattan (Kansas) Regional, the first NCAA Tournament victory for the University at the Division I level.



## TWO GRIDIRON GREATS NAMED TO NEC'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY TEAM

Former football standouts **Jordan Harris '14** and **Jeff Covitz '15** were named to the Northeast Conference's 20th Anniversary Team. Both Bulldogs are among the greatest to play their respective positions in NEC and Bryant history.

Harris finished his career with 193 catches for an NEC-record 3,735 yards. He enjoyed one of the greatest single seasons in NEC history when he caught 61 passes for 1,243 yards and 15 touchdowns en route to being named NEC Offensive Player of the Year in 2012. He was a four-time All-NEC selection.

Covitz wrapped up his illustrious career last fall, leading the Bulldogs to their best season in Division I history. He set a single season record with 23 tackles for loss and became the NEC's all-time sack leader with 29.5. He was a three-time First Team All-NEC selection and was named the NEC Defensive Player of the Year in 2014.

## VOLLEYBALL NETS 3 MAJOR NEC AWARDS

Coming off a record-setting 19-win season that saw the program earn its first Division I postseason berth, the volleyball team nabbed three major Northeast Conference accolades, including Setter of the Year in sophomore **Vika Nesterov** (Kfar Saba, Israel), Rookie of the Year in rightside **Sophie Hoekstra**

(Millersville, Md.) and Coach of the Year in **Theresa Garlacy**.

## FOOTBALL DEFEATS BROWN FOR FIRST TIME IN PROGRAM HISTORY

Led by receiver **Chad Ward '16** (Delray Beach, Fla.), who hauled in eight catches for a career-high 180 yards and two touchdowns, and a defense that forced five turnovers—four of which occurred

in the red zone—the football team defeated in-state rival Brown University, 20-16, for the first time in program history.

Ward's effort earned him the Gold Helmet award from the New England Football Writers' Gridiron Club of Greater Boston, an award recognizing the region's best performance of the week.

The following week, the Bulldogs jumped out to a 10-0 lead at #1 nationally ranked Coastal Carolina before dropping a hard-fought 31-17 decision.

## BASKETBALL TEAMS TO MAKE FIVE NATIONAL TELEVISION APPEARANCES

The men's basketball team will be featured three times on national TV, while the women will make two appearances. Both squads will be a part of the NEC's first-ever ESPN3 quadruple-header on January 23.

In addition, the men will make an appearance on CBS Sports Network on Jan. 7 at Wagner. The team's home game on Feb. 11 against Fairleigh Dickinson will be broadcast on MSG and Fox College Sports.



## FRATTAROLI FAMILY GIFT BOLSTERS FOOTBALL PROGRAM

Timed with their son's graduation, **Nancy and Donato Frattaroli P '15** have made a gift to the Black & Gold Fund for Bryant Athletics, designated to the football program. **Gianni Frattaroli '15** made appearances for the Bulldogs on defense and special teams on the way to earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Today he is finding success managing Artú, a family-run restaurant in Boston's North End and Beacon Hill.

Football ranks highly among Gianni's most formative experiences at Bryant. "His coaches had a big influence on him. I saw with Coach Fine that so many players improve," says Donato. The competitive nature of Division I talent also provided a clear benefit. "The best players," Donato says, "Gianni was trying to catch up with them, and that made him try even harder."

Perhaps even more than official team activities, the strong

personal connections will have a lasting impact. Gianni's teammates formed his core group of friends, with many of whom he remains close.

This well-rounded experience of competitive athletics, personal growth, and lasting friendship inspired the Frattarolis to give. "This is based on Gianni's experience the whole time he was at Bryant," says Donato, "with the friends he made and how they all stuck together. This is for others to have that same experience."

The Frattaroli family owns and runs several restaurants, including Lucia, a fixture in Boston's North End for the past 40 years. In addition to his duties as a business owner and chair of the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, this proud Bryant parent anticipates a lasting relationship with the University.

"It's a great school," says Donato. "Bryant's got a piece of my heart. In the future, if I can help, I will do so."

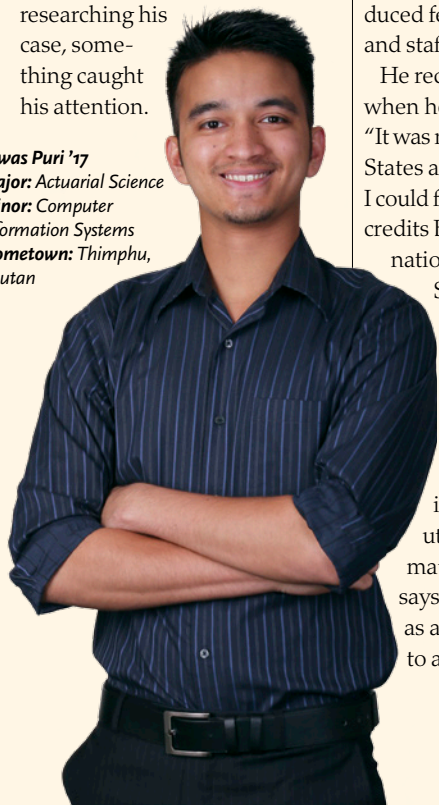
A student-centered culture and purposeful academic and co-curricular programs prepare graduates to make a difference throughout their lives.

### DIWAS PURI '17: TEST SCORE EARNS HIM A FULBRIGHT AND HIS PARENTS' FREEDOM

In 2013, **Diwas Puri '17** (Thimphu, Bhutan) took a test that would not only change his life, but alter the fortunes of his family. The test would qualify him for citizenship in Bhutan, which he needed to be eligible for a Fulbright scholarship awarded only once every two years to a Bhutanese student.

Puri scored so high on the test that he came to the attention of Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, the King of Bhutan. Puri told the King of his desire to attain citizenship so he could attend college in the United States. While the king was researching his case, something caught his attention.

**Diwas Puri '17**  
Major: Actuarial Science  
Minor: Computer  
Information Systems  
Hometown: Thimphu,  
Bhutan



Puri's parents had been imprisoned for more than a decade for unauthorized political activity. Puri was raised by relatives and traveled cross-country to see his parents in prison whenever he had the chance.

Soon after Puri received his Fulbright scholarship and arrived at Bryant, the King granted his parents release from prison.

"They were so proud of me," he says, noting that although he has not seen his parents in person since they were released, he talks to them frequently over Skype.

Puri continues to make his parents proud by involving himself in the Bryant community. He is a member of the Model United Nations Club and hosted a Global Community Hour that introduced fellow students, faculty, and staff to his native country.

He recalls having culture shock when he arrived on campus. "It was my first time in the United States and all I had was what I could fit in two suitcases." He credits Bryant's Office for International Students and

Scholars with helping make his transition as smooth as possible.

After graduation, Puri, an Actuarial Mathematics major, aspires to enter a Fulbright training program that will utilize and enhance his math skills. One day, he says, he would like to serve as a Bhutanese ambassador to another country.

### ASPIRING ENTREPRENEUR TIM LEVENE '17 RECEIVES CHANGEMAKER FELLOWSHIP

**Tim Levene '17** (Weston, CT) was named a Rhode Island Change-maker Fellow for the 2015–2016 academic year. The fellowship is awarded to an aspiring entrepreneur from each college and university in Rhode Island.



**Tim Levene '17**

"I am excited to start working with the other fellows and make a positive contribution to student entrepreneurship in Rhode Island," Levene says.

The program aims to better integrate students and recent graduates into Rhode Island's startup ecosystem, open entrepreneurship opportunities to new populations, and strengthen the flow of talent that drives startup success. A joint initiative between Social Enterprise Greenhouse and Founders League, it was made possible by a \$200,000 grant from the Blackstone Charitable Foundation.

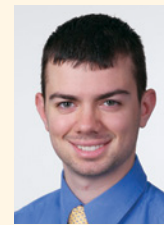
"My personal goals for the program are to support student entrepreneurs at Bryant and to emulate our successes at the other schools," Levene says. He meets weekly with fellows from other universities, shares information, and connects peers to local resources for entrepreneurs in Rhode Island.

Levene, who is double majoring in entrepreneurship and applied analytics, is co-founder of The Levene Group, a holding company for aspiring entrepreneurs and their startup ventures.

### TWO PEAS IN A (PRESIDENTIAL) POD MEET ON C-SPAN

Even before he graduated from high school, **Kurt Deion '16** (Cranston, RI) had visited the resting places of all 38 deceased U.S. presidents. Since then, he's visited every vice presidential burial site as well.

Deion's interest in presidents started with a book he read at 7. He visited his first four presidential gravesites in 2003 at age 8. The next year, after learning that C-SPAN



**Kurt Deion '16**

founder Brian Lamb, inspired by historian Richard Norton Smith, had visited every single presidential grave, Deion decided to do the same.

This year, Deion wrote and shared that story with Lamb. In August, Lamb interviewed Deion for an hour. Their conversation aired on C-SPAN's Q & A.

That wasn't the only highlight of Deion's summer. He spent 10 weeks interning in Washington, D.C., with the U.S. Capitol Historical Society. Deion is considering graduate school after graduation, and aspires to one day be a director at a presidential library.

### EMMANUEL BALANDI '16: AT HOME AT BRYANT

From Nepal to Burkina Faso, and Mauritania to Chad, **Emmanuel Balandi '16** has lived in many unique places, and is proud to call Bryant home.

"Bryant has been welcoming to me," Balandi says. It was my first time coming to the United States.

His first week at Bryant, Balandi participated in 4Mile, a cultural

and leadership program designed for first-year international and domestic multicultural students.

In 2013, he started a Model United Nations Club to broaden students' global acumen through discussions about current events, international issues, politics, foreign policies, and legal issues. He is proud of creating a marketing campaign for 4Mile that helped in recruiting more than 140 students. He also serves as a member of the Bryant Senior Advisory Council.

"The best thing about Bryant is if there is something you want to see get done on campus, you have the resources available to accomplish it," he says.

Balandi is an International Business major with concentrations in global supply chain management, finance, and global studies. He hopes to secure a job on Wall Street after graduation and to pursue a master's degree.

"For now, I am focused on completing my Honors thesis, a development plan to resolve the water scarcity issue in the Lake Chad Basin region."



**Emmanuel Balandi '16**  
Major: International Business with concentrations in Global Supply Chain Management, Finance, and Global Studies  
Hometown: Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso



Members of the Bryant Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization traveled to Kansas City, MO, with the aim of retaining the title of National Best Chapter. Bryant was one of four chapters to be nominated for the award out of the 400 that applied. (L-R) Josh Velez '17, Jacqueline Canal '16, Ashley Chabot '16, James Imre '18, Chelsey Mancini '18, and James Grant '16.

### MBA STUDENTS CONTRIBUTE SOLUTIONS TO BUSINESS PROBLEMS THROUGH HANDS-ON PRACTICUM

Even before graduating, Bryant's full-time MBA students solve real-world complex dilemmas. In their rigorous capstone course, student teams are management consultants for National DCP, LLC (NDCP), Dunkin' Brands' exclusive purchasing, distribution, and supply chain provider, and Richline Group, Inc. (Richline), a Berkshire Hathaway division, among others.

"Students acquire invaluable skills by working with a company as a client," says Associate Professor of Management **James C. Segovis, Ph.D.** They prepare by participating in a simulated learning experience to plan and scope complex projects, and learn negotiation, leadership styles, as

well as consulting principles and practices.

"Our MBA students... 'walk the walk,'" says Associate Dean of the College of Business **Madan Annavarjula, Ph.D.** "They don't learn how to swim by reading books and studying cases; they actually swim—with the sharks."

To help students acquire work experience desired by employers, Annavarjula, Segovis and **Gerald Cohen**, the Chafee Center's International Trade Specialist and coordinator of practicum programs, developed this practicum that began in the summer of 2014. Today, there's a waiting list of companies wanting to participate in a program where students deliver real-time results to companies.

In 2015, Mark Hanna, Richline's chief marketing officer, asked a team to analyze Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) country-of-origin labeling regulations for gold and precious metal jewelry, which don't recognize Richline's domestic investment to transform the metals into jewelry. The team also evaluated the FTC's more favorable rules for other products and international regulations. Committed to

changing FTC's rules, Hanna has shared the Bryant MBA team's "incredible paper and full dossier" with public officials.

"Hanna ... let us run with [the project]," recalls **Colleen Kelly '15 MBA**, who enjoyed delving into these political processes. "The win in our mind is that we gave ... Richline a great report and dossier."

"These projects are a win-win-win—for the clients, the students, and the University," Cohen explains. "Some companies have an epiphany when they discover what our MBA students offer." Several participating companies have hired some newly minted MBAs.

### SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT STUDENTS WIN REGIONAL COMPETITION

In September, for the second time in three years, Bryant Global Supply Chain Management students won first place in the Bose Supply Chain Case Competition. Two teams of five seniors competed against nine teams of students from five different universities.

The Bryant students included:

- **Cameron Barnett '16**
- **Jamison Lobisser '16**
- **Emily McLaughlin '16**
- **Emily Socha '16**
- **Michelle Williams '16**

"We are very proud of our Bryant GSCM team who spent two grueling weeks preparing for the competition by analyzing and presenting sample cases to the Global Supply Chain Management faculty," says Associate Professor of Marketing **Teresa McCarthy, Ph.D.**, Global Supply Chain Management Program director.

With more than 44,000 alumni worldwide, Bryant graduates come together as a community to lead and support the University as it welcomes the next generation of students.

**WALL STREET COUNCIL  
FEATURES FORMER FED  
CEO'S ECONOMIC INSIGHT**

"Right now, we are in a unique position where North America is the epicenter of global economy," **Richard Fisher '14H**, the former president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, told the Bryant University Wall Street Council in November.

"We are very far ahead of everyone else in the world, including the Chinese, in our efficiency."



Fisher shared his insights about the U.S. and global economy at

*Former President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas  
Richard Fisher '14H*

the Council's first annual reception Nov. 18 in the *New York Times* Building in New York City.

The Wall Street Council is an alliance of alumni, parents, and friends dedicated to enhancing Bryant University's profile in the world's iconic financial center. The Council helps Bryant students launch careers in finance and provides networking opportunities for established professionals. Launched a little more than a year ago, the Council has 18 members in the financial services arena, all Bryant alumni and parents.

President **Ronald K. Machtley** said: "It really was thrilling to look out and see everyone come together for a common goal: Bryant, student success, and

helping the next generation of alumni become successful. It's an exciting time to be at Bryant and an exciting time to enter the world of finance."

The audience of students, faculty, parents, alumni, and guests networked with Fisher and members of the Council.

"We want to help our students and I challenge members of our Council to go out of their way to speak to students and find out how they can mentor them and be part of their success," said **Stephen Tully '98**, one of the Council's founding members. "We want a place for the students to connect directly with alumni."

**"Not only was I able to network with Bryant alumni, but I had the privilege of listening to one of the great economic minds of my time."**

**Nicholas Zacchilli '16**

"Much of my success is attributable to connections made at these events," said **Nicholas Zacchilli '16** (Londonderry, NH). "The Wall Street Council is one of the primary reasons I was able to obtain an internship this past summer in New York City. Tonight, not only was I able to network with Bryant alumni, but I had the privilege of listening to one of the great economic minds of my time."



**Reunion @ Homecoming 2015**

A record crowd of more than 8,300 alumni, students, faculty, parents, friends, and rivals crowded the campus on October 16. Reunion @ Homecoming day featured tailgating, reconnecting, meeting new friends, and cheering the Bulldogs football team on to a 38-17 victory over the Duquesne Dukes.

**NEW VENTURE COMPETITION:  
VICTORY IS SWEET**

YummyBazaar.com, specializing in food from around the world, delighted the judges at Bryant University's New Venture Competition on Oct. 16. Company co-founder **David Meskhi '01** won the competition and was awarded the \$20,000 top prize.

"Starting the business, we took a lot of risks, invested a lot of savings, and put our hearts into the enterprise," Meskhi said. "It was

rewarding to have that recognized." The funds will be "incredibly helpful in the context of a lean startup."

Meskhi, who holds an MBA from Harvard, is the company's chief financial officer. His partner and co-founder, Rebecca Chou, is chief executive officer.

The competition, now in its fifth year, drew business plans from more than 30 applicants, all of whom received valuable business advice from alumni mentors.



The 5th annual New Venture Competition brought in amazing ideas and business plans from all over. This year's grand prize winner of \$20,000, David Meskhi '01 (center, front), won with YummyBazaar.com, a delivery service for food from around the world. Runner-up Shain Waugh '00 (far right) and his partner claimed \$5,000 for educational website Nurse Intuition.

Judges included **Eric J.**

**Bertrand '94**, managing director of Lincoln Road Advisors, LLC; **David Cooley '82**, owner of Analog Preservation LLC; **Brian Cowley '82**, managing director of Cowley Ventures; the 2013 New Venture Competition winner, **Daryl Crockett '82**, CEO, inventor, and founder of Gray Systems, Inc., dba Validus & Validatum; and **Jay Weinberg '85**, president of The Jay Group.

After hearing pitches from 10 finalists, including four students, the judges also recognized:

- Alumni runner-up **Shain Waugh '00**, \$5,000 for Nurse Intuition, a comprehensive educational website and social platform that bridges the gap between the student and novice nurse to a professional.
- Student winner **Lindsey Lerner '15**, \$8,000 for Level, a marketplace fostering relationships between local food and beverage establishments and music artists in Rhode Island.
- Student runner-up **Nick O'Hara '17**, \$2,000 for Charging Chair, a beach chair that charges phones and portable electronic devices through two USB ports.

The competition, designed to spotlight alumni enterprise and support promising new ventures, is sponsored by the Office of Alumni Engagement in coordination with Bryant's Entrepreneurship program. Forbes ranked Bryant No. 34 on its list of America's top 50 entrepreneurial colleges and *College Factual*

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## JOHN PANACCIONE '86, '94 MBA: A QUIETLY EFFECTIVE LEADER IN THE GULF WAR AND IN THE CORPORATE WORLD

The cultures of military and civilian life are worlds apart, says **John Panaccione '86, '94 MBA**. "In the civilian world, there are 99 reasons why something is not going to work; in the military world, there are 99 reasons why something will succeed," says Panaccione, president and CEO of LogicBay, a privately held provider of cloud-based software. LogicBay's customers include Caterpillar, Daimler Trucks, and Texas Instruments. Before LogicBay, which he co-founded in 2003, he served as an executive vice president of sales and marketing at Cognitive Arts, ran the ser-



vices organization of a Paul Allen-founded software business called Asymetrix, and led a technology team at MetLife.

As a commuter student enrolled in ROTC, who also worked his way through Bryant, Panaccione recalls his undergraduate years "a great segue into the military experience." Panaccione later fought in the Gulf War where, as a 27-year-old Army officer and paratrooper, he led a combat unit of 90 paratroopers in the elite 82nd Airborne Division. "My biggest challenges and proudest moments occurred during my six years of active duty," he says. The military provided an unparalleled environment where he developed expertise in decision-making, critical thinking, and leading teams.

He left the Army on a Friday and was in a Bryant MBA class the following Monday. Applauding Bryant's approach of using real-world experience, Panaccione credits the blend of skills learned at Bryant and in the Army as instrumental to his career success.

Passionate about encouraging fellow veterans, Panaccione, a Wilmington, NC, resident, co-founded a nonprofit organization, VETToCEO (vettoceo.org) in 2013. The organization helps veterans apply the decision-making and leadership skills they learned in the military to explore buying or establishing a business. More than 500 veterans have participated in the free online program, he notes.

Read more at: [www.bryant.edu](http://www.bryant.edu)

*USA Today* ranked Bryant No. 5 in Entrepreneurial Studies.

Prizes were donated by Bryant alumni and friends.

### LT. GEN. JOHN "TOM" SHERIDAN '75 MBA HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE IN SPACE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

**John "Tom" Sheridan '75 MBA** has spent a lifetime looking to the stars, first as a distinguished member of the U.S. Air Force's space programs and now as a senior executive with Vencore, a company that provides information solutions, engineering and analytics for the U.S. government.

Sheridan's myriad contributions to the management of a significant space or space-related

program or project were recently recognized by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), who awarded him the von Braun Award for Excellence in Space Program Management for 2015. AIAA is the world's largest technical society dedicated to the global aerospace profession.

A retired Lieutenant General with the U.S. Air Force, Sheridan enjoyed a long and distinguished military career, culminating in his role as the Commander of Space and Missile Systems Center and the Air Force PEO for Space at the Los Angeles Air Force Base in California. In this position, Sheridan was responsible for more than 5,000 employees nationwide

and an annual budget of \$10 billion. His responsibilities as commander included managing the research, design, development, acquisition, and sustainment of satellite, launch, and command and control systems.

After retiring from the military in 2011, Sheridan brought his knowledge and expertise into the private sector, assuming the role of senior vice president and general manager with Vencore, where he oversees a division of the companies' Space Group. Sheridan also holds a B.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of Connecticut and an M.S. in resource strategy from the National Defense University.

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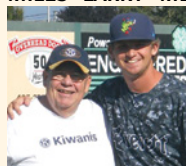
**1947**  
**JOSEPH MANDATO**, of Johnston, RI, donated the uniform he wore during his three-year tour with the Army during World War II, and it is now on display at the Battleship Cove Naval Heritage Museum in Fall River, MA. While serving overseas, he responded to a letter sent by the Bryant College Service Club. His correspondence was included in the “Bryant College Goes to War” research project in which Professor Judy Barrett Litoff, Ph.D., and her students examined more than 1,300 letters received by the Bryant College Service Club from 1942 to 1945.

**1967**  
**ANTHONY “TOBY” STRIANESE**, of Clifton Park, NY, a professor in Schenectady County Community College’s School of Hotel, Culinary Arts, and Tourism, was awarded the 2015 SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence. “Professor Toby

Strianese’s positive impact on his students has been nothing short of profound, meaningful and in some cases, life-changing,” the school said in announcing the award.

Strianese has taught at SCCC since 1974 and served as the department chair from 1991 through 2008.

**1968**  
**MILES “LARRY” MERWIN**, of Brierley, WA, threw out the ceremonial first pitch at a game hosted by the Everett Aquasox, the single A minor league affiliate of the Seattle Mariners. The catcher for the pitch was Kyle Wilcox, who was drafted in the sixth round of the Major League Baseball draft in June. As a Bryant junior, Wilcox went 7-3 with a 3.24 ERA in a team-high 80.2 innings. In his first season as a professional, he appeared in 19 games and posted a 3.47 ERA.



**1977**  
**PHYLLIS (ROSE) FISH A.S.**, of Peace Dale, RI, and her husband, Larry, were featured in the June 2015 issue of *National Clothesline*, a trade publication for drycleaners, wetcleaners, and all garment-care professionals. They own Pier Cleaners, which has three locations in Rhode Island and Connecticut.

**LOIS WIMS**, of Warwick, RI, was named the new provost and vice president for academic affairs at Worcester State University. She most recently served as dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at the Community College of Rhode Island. Earlier in her career, she was the first female police officer in Central Falls, RI. She later served on the governor’s select commission to improve community relations and racial sensitivity within Rhode Island’s police departments. She has a Ph.D. from the University of Rhode Island and has served in academic leadership positions at Bristol Community College, Salve Regina University, the University of Rhode Island, Mercy College, and the University of South Alabama.

**1981**  
**GLEN MARTIN ’87 MBA**, of Cumberland, RI, has been appointed as a financial advisor and financial-services representative at Baystate Financial. He joined the firm from Bank of America and brings more than 30 years of experience to the position.

**GEORGE THOMSON, CPA**, of South Windsor, CT, was named chair of MetroHartford Alliance’s Strategic Partners. He is principal and director of accounting and auditing services at Filomeno and Company, P.C., a certified public accounting and business advisory firm. MetroHartford Alliance’s Strategic Partners include more than 130 investors that represent a broad segment of the Hartford region’s most important employers.

**1982**  
**SUSAN (GOODREAU) DOTY MBA**, of Tyler, TX, a senior lecturer in economics at the University of Texas at Tyler, has received the UT System Board of Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award. The honor recognizes overall commitment and excellence in undergraduate teaching among UT System faculty members. She has worked at UT Tyler since 2009 and also is the founding director of the UT Tyler Center for Economic Education and Financial Literacy.

#### DARYL CROCKETT SHARES DATA EXPERTISE AT SAP CONFERENCE

A recognized leader in data validation, data conversion, data modeling, data integration, and analytics, **Daryl (David) Crockett ’82**, was selected to speak at Managing Your SAP Projects 2015, which took place in November in Las Vegas. She presented on “Avoiding Data Danger:



How to Mitigate Data Risk During Your Next Project.”

Crockett shared information on incorporating data quality as an essential, integrated dimension in project plans; how to integrate formal data validation into a project plan; insight into data conversion; and best methods for engaging a business in testing its own data.

Crockett, of Southborough, MA, is CEO and president of ValidDatum, a company focused on helping commercial and

government clients with data related project management and services. In addition to serving as the CEO and president of ValidDatum for 18 years, she is also CEO and co-inventor of AMIGO™ Software—patent-pending implementation and information governance software, designed specifically for highly regulated industries.

Crockett is an innovative international consultant and C-level executive with a wide variety of industry and imple-

mentation experience including life sciences, software, government, media, financial services, high-tech, import/export, manufacturing, footwear and apparel, real estate and small business development.

The winner of Bryant’s 2013 New Venture Competition, Crockett was among the entrepreneurial alumni who served as judges for the 2015 competition this fall.

**BOB FUSCO, JR.**, of Glastonbury, CT, has taken over operation of Robert's Food Center, an independent supermarket in North Madison, CT, which he opened 31 years ago with his parents. He has a master's degree in food marketing from St. Joseph's University.

**1984**

**RODNEY HUEBBERS MBA**, of Boerne, TX, was named chief operating officer of Cancer Treatment Centers of America Medicine & Science. His focus is on the development and implementation of clinical programs throughout the CTCA enterprise. He has more than 30 years of senior-level experience and most recently served as president and chief executive officer of University Health System in Shreveport, LA.

**1986**

**CAROL (RIZZIO) CONKLIN**, of Old Saybrook, CT, was elected to the Old Saybrook Board of Selectmen in November. She has worked as an accounting unit supervisor at The Hartford Insurance Group and Black & Decker.

**CAROLYN JEAN "C.J."**

**(MCGOWAN) TUDINO**, of Narragansett, RI, a front-office employee at Narragansett Elementary School, was named one of the recipients of the 2015 Knights of the Rockingham Arch award, an honor given to "public-spirited citizens." She previously served as president of the PTO and has volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America.

**1987**

**JEFFREY BROWN, CFP**, of Barrington, RI, was recently profiled in *The Triad Times*, a quarterly newsletter published by Triad Advisors for its nearly 600 representatives and independent investment adviser affiliates. He has operated the Brown Advisory Group for 16 years and focuses on retirement planning and asset management for business owners and high-income professionals. He previously served as a financial planning instructor for Bryant's Executive Development Center.

## MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT EXECUTIVE JIM WULFF '88, LEARNED LEADERSHIP LESSONS AT BRYANT

"If you're going to take a leadership position, you've got to get yourself organized," says **Jim Wulff '88**. Wulff, now senior director for the San Francisco Bay area office of Point B, Inc., a consulting and venture investment firm, learned that lesson at Bryant. Back then, Wulff, the match secretary for the men's volleyball club team, was "a disorganized mess," who mistakenly scheduled a practice when the team was booked to compete in a match. An embarrassed Wulff was benched for that contest and no one enjoyed playing an actual match in the old "MAC," but lifelong friendships with several teammates ensued.



Of his promotion this summer, Wulff says: "I'll stay close to clients, but I'll also exercise some new muscles by helping grow the business, developing other associates, and influencing how we approach our market." Wulff appreciates serving clients across all industry sectors, but he notes, "In the Bay area, there's an obvious affinity for the high-tech sector. It's hard not to enjoy the rush that comes with it." Point B, which is 100 percent employee-owned, was named one of the best workplaces in the United States by *Fortune* magazine, and is regularly honored as an exceptional place to work. In discovering what he did—and didn't—enjoy in every position, Wulff gained wisdom. An insurance company in Seattle was a bad fit: "I wasn't looking for stability; I was looking for big

problems to solve." That realization spurred him to seek the right entrepreneurial opportunity.

Shortly after 9/11, Wulff found Point B, one of the only Seattle businesses hiring at the time. He was hired as a senior associate for Point B, which was growing rapidly by 2011. Reflecting on his professional trajectory, he said, "I was my own worst enemy ... in not believing in myself earlier on ... I wish I'd been more bold and less patient in my career."

He has no regrets about Bryant, however. Not only did he acquire strong foundational business and computer science skills that continue to benefit him, Wulff met his wife, **Jenna Parmelee '88**, at freshmen orientation.

**MITCHELL JOHNSON**, of Raleigh, NC, has joined LEO Pharma as vice president of sales for its U.S. region. He has more than 25 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry with an emphasis in sales management. Most recently, he was vice president of sales for respiratory at GlaxoSmithKline.

**1989**

**BETH (LEMAY) BOMBARA**, of Simsbury, CT, executive vice president and CFO of The Hartford Financial Services Group Inc., was named No. 20 on *Business Insider's* list of the top 50 female CFOs in America. Before joining The Hartford in 2004, she was a senior manager in Deloitte and Touche's audit practice and a partner at Arthur Andersen.

**MICHAEL LINDBERG**, of Attleboro, MA, has been named senior vice president and senior lending officer at Bank of Canton, where he oversees the bank's commercial real estate and commercial and industrial lending programs. He has 30 years of commercial lending and portfolio management experience. He is a member of NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association, and he recently served a two-year term on the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce's development committee.

**1990**

**STEVE COYLE**, of Newburyport, MA, was named senior vice president and director of subadvisory and institutional retirement at OM Asset Management. He has more

than two decades of experience in financial services, primarily building subadvisory relationships in the mutual fund and variable annuity channels. Most recently, he was managing director and head of the U.S. subadvisory business for State Street Global Advisors.

**1991**

**HAL HORVAT MBA**, of Cranston, RI, is the new chief lending officer at Centreville Bank. He is responsible for directing all aspects of lending, including commercial, residential, consumer, cash management, and business services. He previously served as the chief operating officer at Mansfield Bank in Mansfield, MA.

1992

**ANNETTE (NERENBERG) LARABEE**, of South Glastonbury, CT, has been selected as chairwoman of the Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce's board of directors. She is senior vice president of business banking at Webster Bank. She is a longstanding member of the chamber's board and of its executive committee. She has more than 20 years of banking experience, serving as an FDIC bank examiner, a credit department manager, and as chief lending officer for a community bank.

1993

**CHRIS SCHIAVONE**, of Westport, CT, has joined 400 Capital Management, a structured credit investment manager, as director of special situations investment management. He joins the firm from Perella Weinberg Partners, where he was a senior analyst. He's also served as a managing director at Bank of America Securities.

1994

**RICK SORENSEN**, of Simsbury, CT, who is CFO at Hartford-based Insurity, a company that specializes in making and selling software and services for property and casualty insurers, was named by the *Hartford Business Journal* as its CFO of the year in the category of private companies with more than 100 employees. He joined the company in 1996.

1995

**DREW DISKIN**, of Chesterbrook, PA, was named chief marketing officer and vice president of WizeHive, Inc., an online business process application software company. He has more than two decades of experience as a marketing executive and business development professional. He has worked for the University of Pennsylvania Health System, Stevens Institute of Technology, and Dolce Hotels and Resorts.

**ROSS WHITTAKER**, of Boston, MA, was named market development manager for North America at InterSystems, a leader in data management, integration, and analytics software solutions. He most recently was regional sales director at Merrill DataSite.

1996

**ROBERT BAXTER MBA**, of Warwick, RI, founder of CBC, L.L.C., maker of the Hidden in Plain Sight Wind Energy Systems, won the \$10,000 first prize in the Get Started RI Pitch Competition sponsored by Cox Business and Inc. magazine. The idea for the technology was the result of a client interaction when Baxter ran a consulting business. Currently, there is a full-size prototype running on the Spring House Hotel on Block Island.

**TRICIA (ADAMS) BOUCHER**, of Pembroke, NH, was elected as treasurer of the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, a Concord, NH-based science museum. She is a supervising senior accountant at Nathan Wechsler and Co., PA.

**MICHAEL CIARCIA**, of Windsor Locks, CT, chief financial officer of Newington-based Costello Industries, a heavy highway construction firm, was



the *Hartford Business Journal's* CFO of the year in the category of private companies with 100 or fewer employees. He joined the company in 2013 and has held financial leadership positions in several industries for more than a decade.

**JAMES WILLIAMSON**, of Basking Ridge, NJ, will be named vice president of ACE Limited's Chubb Group and division president of its North America retail small commercial unit. The appointment is effective in the first quarter of 2016, when ACE Limited, a global provider of insurance products, is expected to complete its acquisition of Chubb, a worldwide property and casualty insurance provider.

1997

**RHONDA DELSIGNORE-MULLIGAN**, of Lincoln, RI, a senior mortgage advisor with Province Mortgage Associates, has been voted a Five-Star Mortgage Professional by her peers. She has received this distinction each year the contest has been conducted in Rhode Island. She joined Province Mortgage in 2005 and has won numerous President's Club honors and top sales awards.

JENNIFER PARKHURST '07 MBA,

of Smithfield, RI, was promoted to regional human resources director at Fidelity Investments, where she has worked in HR and staffing roles for 15 years. She is a past president of the Bryant Alumni Association.

2000

**ERICKA (HAGENAARS) AYLES**, of Beverly, MA, joined Brookwood Financial Partners, LLC, a leading real estate investment and asset management company, as its managing director and director of finance. She previously worked as a client manager for JDJ Family Office Services, a private financial and administrative service company for high-net-worth families and individuals.

**LISA (CHAPDELAINE) GNATEK, MST, CPA**, of Claremont, NH, has been promoted to manager at Tyler, Simms and St. Sauveur, CPAs, P.C., an accounting and professional services firm in Lebanon, NH. She has been with the firm since 2013.

**MICHAEL MOREL**, of Boston MA, was named assistant vice president and business development officer at The Cooperative Bank, a full-service community bank specializing in commercial real estate and business lending throughout Massachusetts. Before joining TCB, he was vice president of Eastern Bank.

**ADAM QUINLAN MBA**, of Coventry, RI, has been appointed the chief financial officer for the University of Rhode Island Foundation and Alumni Association. Most recently, Quinlan was the chief financial officer for the R.I. Commerce Corporation. Before that, he served as vice president of commercial services at Coventry Credit Union, president of Quinlan Mortgage and Financial Group, business adviser to the R.I. Small Business Development Center, and a senior financial analyst with Allmerica Financial Corporation.

2001

**DARCI (BROWN) BLY**, of Matthews, NC, has opened her third Anytime Fitness location. Anytime Fitness, a gym with locations around the world, has been named the "Top Global Franchise" by *Entrepreneur* magazine.

LAURA (MELENKIVITZ) CIRILLO,

of East Longmeadow, MA, has been promoted to media supervisor on Cronin and Company's media and analytics team. She joined the advertising agency in 2007 and most recently served as senior media planner/buyer.

**ROB FULLER, CPA**, of Dover, NH, a staff accountant at Dumais & Ferland, CPAs, was re-certified as a certified public accountant by the New Hampshire Board of Accountancy. He previously served as a staff accountant at Great North Property Management and as the general manager and controller of the Sunningdale Golf Club.

2002

**SHAWN CADIME**, of Fall River, MA, was elected to the Fall River City Council. He was the highest vote getter in the November election. He is town administrator in Seekonk, MA, and is president of the Two Forty-Six Consultant Group, which focuses on the financial and operational management needs of the public sector.

**EDWARD IZBICKI**, of Manalapan, NJ, was promoted to vice president of medical products and services contracting for Managed Health Care Associates, Inc. He joined the company in 2006 and has served as a national account manager and a director of sales.

2005

**ASHLEIGH MCLEAN**, of Plymouth, MA, was part of the Class of 2015 inducted into the Plymouth/Plymouth-Carver Athletic Hall of Fame. Playing both singles and doubles at Bryant, she helped put the Bulldog women's tennis program on the map. The squad made it to the conference tournament for the first time her freshman year and then advanced to the NCAA Division II tournament the three years after that. McLean earned a master's degree at Gonzaga University and is now a senior new business analyst with the Aramark Company in Norwell, MA.

**QUENTIN PHIPPS**, of Middletown, CT, the community relations manager for the Charter Schools for Excellence, was named to *Hartford Business Journal's* annual list of 40 Under Forty that recognizes



## BARRY NICKERSON: ACCOUNTING + ANALYTICS = DREAM JOB FOR ARMY VET

### Barry Nickerson '12, '15 MBA

knows a thing or two about dedication. A distinguished Army veteran, he earned two Purple Hearts and six commendation medals, including one for valor in combat, prior to beginning his educational journey.



Nickerson's commitment to obtaining an education was equally impressive. As an undergraduate and later as an MBA student, he attended

school full-time while also working 30 hours a week and with his wife raising their three children. "My time in the military taught me the importance of perseverance and time management," he says with a chuckle.

Today Nickerson is realizing the rewards of his efforts, working as an information technology auditor for Citizens Bank, a job he landed immediately after graduating. Although he's only been on the job a short time, he's delighted with the position, which he says perfectly merges his undergraduate degree in

accounting and his MBA with a specialization in analytics.

Nickerson credits his education at Bryant for thoroughly preparing him for the demands of the job. "Bryant has a reputation as a great business school, which is why I didn't hesitate to enroll," he says. "I knew my educational experience at the University would provide me with the best opportunities to find employment after graduation."

Bryant's outstanding accounting program was the initial draw, Nickerson says, and several courses with Professor Kathleen

Simons, MST, DBA, CPA confirmed his decision. "I took three or four undergraduate accounting classes with Kathy Simons as well as one graduate course, all of which were excellent. Professor Simons is very methodical in her approach and holds her students to a high standard. If you do as she asks, you learn a tremendous amount, which I did.

"My life experiences gave me a different perspective on education," Nickerson says. "When I finally got to school, I really cherished the process."

exemplary Greater Hartford professionals. He was elected treasurer of the city of Middletown in 2011.

### 2006

**KATIE MCINTOSH MST, CPA**, of Smithfield, RI, was promoted to manager at DiSanto, Priest & Co. a Warwick-based accounting firm. She has more than nine years of experience in tax planning, individual and corporate tax compliance and financial statement services. She currently is the vice president of the Bentley Foundation, a charitable organization that provides support within the community.

### 2007

**JEFFREY FIORINI**, of Tampa, FL, has been named the automation manager for Adams Automation, a leading fluid power and automation distributor. He previously served as a senior sales engineer at Keyence.

**JULIE TÉTREAU**, of Broad Brook, CT, was named a partner and part-owner of Wallace and Tetreault Realty. She sold multiple homes while still a college student, and by age 24 was the company's top salesperson. She maintains a multi-million dollar real estate sales business and manages a rental property business.

### 2008

**JEFF HARGER**, of Terryville, CT, has joined Quintessential Wines as senior sales administrator. He is based in the company's midtown Manhattan office. Most recently, he was based in Spain for SteepRock, a leader in cloud-based software and services in the global life sciences industry.

**KRIS HART**, of Boston, MA, was named among the "10 Most Innovative People in Golf Marketing" by *Golf Inc.* magazine. He is CEO at Nextgengolf, Inc. The company originated as a Boston-based affordable golf membership program for recreational college students called CollegeGolfPass. His business plan won Bryant's 2012 New Venture Competition.

**AMBER (TORREY) MCGONIS, CPA**, of Enfield, NH, has been promoted to manager at Tyler, Simms & St. Sauveur, CPAs, P.C., an accounting and professional services firm in Lebanon, NH. She interned with the firm in 2007 and joined the organization full-time in 2008.

### 2009

**MICHAEL GARCIA MBA, CPA**, of Hope Valley, RI, was promoted to principal at the accounting firm of Sansiveri, Kimball & Co, L.L.P. He has 12 years of audit and accounting

experience and is the team leader of the firm's manufacturing and distribution specialty team. He is a member of the board of the Rhode Island School of the Future.

### 2010

**JESSICA DAVID MBA**, of Providence, RI, has been promoted to senior vice president of strategy and community investments at the Rhode Island Foundation, a proactive community and philanthropic leader dedicated to meeting the needs of the people of Rhode Island.

**KAITLIN SIDORSKY**, of Providence, RI, earned her Ph.D. in political science from Brown University. As part of her dissertation, she conducted the first national survey of female state legislators and political appointees. Little research exists on officials in appointed office, so the results of her survey provide one of the first comprehensive snapshots of the pipeline to state-level political appointments that also includes state boards and commissions.

### 2012

**PAUL HANLEY**, of Leicester, MA, a senior financial manager at Citizens Bank, was featured in a *Providence Business News* story about development programs the bank has created to bolster talent in its commercial, finance, and audit divisions.

### 2013

**WHITNEY ROGERS**, of Tyngsboro, MA, was named the volunteer assistant coach for UMass Lowell's women's soccer team. It is her first college coaching job. A defender, she played two years of varsity soccer at Bryant after starting her collegiate career at Bentley. At Bryant, she was twice named to the Northeast Conference Honor Roll.

### 2014

**CAROLINE GOSSELIN**, of Mystic, CT, has been appointed a staff accountant at Rodman & Rodman, P.C. a full service CPA firm. She is pursuing a master's degree in accounting from St. Joseph's College in Maine, and plans to sit for the CPA exam upon graduation. Most recently, she was an accounting assistant in the controller's office at Bryant for more than three years.

**JEFFERY SIATTI, MBA**, of North Kingstown, RI, was recently selected by Citizens Bank for its Commercial Banker Development Program. Siatti was one of only 13 selected from a highly competitive applicant pool for this 12-month program that combines intensive classroom instruction with credit analysis writing and two in-depth business line rotations.

MARGARET (SHEARER) MORLEY '32  
*August 21, 2015*

LOUISE (COOPER) IRELAND '33  
*October 20, 2013*

WESLEY C. CRAWLEY '36  
*July 19, 2015*

EVA (BERRY) STEPHENSON '36  
*May 16, 2015*

MARGUERITE (MCCRUDDEN)  
MCKAY '38  
*May 10, 2015*

ALICE ROE-GRENIER '38  
*February 24, 2015*

SHEILA (KRUPA) PIETRASZEK '39  
*June 15, 2015*

BERNICE (MARTIN) YOUNG '39  
*May 24, 2015*

SELMA (SCHWARTZ) TILL '41  
*February 18, 2011*

ROLLAND H. BLANCHETTE '42  
*June 6, 2015*

ANTHONY S. CECE '42  
*August 24, 2015*

EDGAR P. JOHNSON, JR. '42  
*May 16, 2014*

JUNE (SHORE) STEIN '44  
*September 15, 2015*

RUTH (WALLACE) RHEAUME '45  
*June 17, 2015*

SALLY A. BAKER '46  
*May 16, 2015*

PAULINE (HOLMAN) HADLEY '46  
*August 11, 2015*

MARY MATRULLO '46  
*March 14, 2015*

PALMA (RICCI) ZAMPINI '47  
*August 18, 2015*

ARTHUR G. JOHNSON '48  
*October 21, 2013*

CHARLES P. KING '48  
*June 29, 2015*

ROBERT E. LYNCH '48  
*June 27, 2015*

MARY E. MULLANEY '48  
*January 22, 2010*

DOROTHY (HILL) SMITH '48  
*March 20, 2015*

ELINOR (COSTELLO) CASEY '49  
*April 8, 2015*

EDWARD COPPOLA '49  
*August 30, 2015*

ROBERT L. DANESI '49  
*August 23, 2015*

SALLY (GREMS) KNUTTI '49  
*July 3, 2015*

STEPHEN G. KOWALIK, SR. '49  
*June 15, 2014*

LEO H. LEMOINE '49  
*August 23, 2015*

MARGARET (NOLAN) MCCLAIN '49  
*June 8, 2015*

JANET (BEYERSDORF) MILLER '49  
*May 20, 2015*

ROBERT J. MURRAY '49  
*August 27, 2015*

HOWARD S. KATZ '50  
*December 9, 2012*

JOSEPH KUCZYNSKI '50  
*April 26, 2012*

PAUL M. LE COMTE '50  
*June 18, 2015*

JOSEPH L. GELORMINO '51  
*July 23, 2015*

JOHN P. HALPIN '51  
*June 10, 2015*

ROBERT J. MCKEE '51  
*April 1, 2015*

JACK W. SIMPKIN '51  
*July 3, 2015*

JOSEPH SKORUPA '51  
*June 29, 2015*

RAYMOND L. VALAITIS '51  
*May 17, 2015*

MARY (MAGILL) ALTOMARE '52  
*September 1, 2015*

CARL GUDAIN '52  
*August 7, 2015*

ANN (D'ALESSIO) MILANO '52  
*June 5, 2015*

JOSEPH S. PAPANDREA '52  
*October 11, 2009*

LEROY B. SIMMONS '52  
*July 18, 2015*

WALTER C. TILLINGHAST '53, '88H  
*June 24, 2015*

MARCIA (MACMANUS) DONELLY '54  
*November 8, 2013*

GABRIEL A. FOLCO '54  
*July 6, 2015*

LOUIS F. GIOFFREDA '54  
*August 13, 2015*

PATRICIA (HOWARD) REYNOLDS '54  
*January 11, 2013*

ANTONIO M. SOUSA JR. '54  
*August 16, 2015*

JERRY BALEMIAN '55  
*September 20, 2007*

ARNOLD P. ROBBINS '55  
*June 12, 2015*

## AN ESTATE GIFT HONORS A LIFELONG PASSION FOR BRYANT

**William J. Fox '64** was a marketing major who enjoyed a long and distinguished career with Union Wadding Company. He rose from regional manager in 1979 to vice president for sales and marketing, the position from which he retired in 2004. He had previously worked for Sealtest Foods and The West Bend Co.

Fox consistently demonstrated his special bond with Bryant by his attendance and active participation at numerous alumni events. As a guest speaker at World Trade Day, Fox represented Bryant alumni and strengthened the University's leading position as a resource for businesses operating in the global marketplace.

For nearly 30 years, Fox made regular contributions to the University. When he included a gift to Bryant University in his estate plans, he became a member of the 1863 Society, named for the year Bryant was

founded. In doing so, he joined a distinguished list of alumni who have combined a lifetime of commitment to Bryant with the ultimate tribute of a planned gift.

The six-figure gift he bequeathed to Bryant is a significant addition to the resources the University needs to fulfill its mission of educating and inspiring students to discover their passion and become innovative leaders with character around the world.

Fox, who died in August 2014, is remembered by his niece, Rebecca Hayes, as a man who "had many passions in life, the ocean and boating, golf, friends, and family, and most certainly Bryant.

"He loved his alma mater," Hayes recalls. "He was very proud to be an alumnus and was actively involved. My uncle always attributed his professional success to his education at Bryant."

PAUL R. THEROUX '55  
February 17, 2015

JULIE (CONSOLINI) TISCHOFER '55  
September 4, 2015

PAUL A. BIADASZ '56  
August 2, 2015

LAWRENCE BROWN '56  
January 6, 2015

JAMES R. GUCKIN '56  
July 11, 2015

RICHARD F. PENDLETON '56  
June 12, 2015

MARIE (TUTALO) ACCIARDO '57  
December 11, 2014

STANLEY P. CYBULSKI '57  
August 15, 2015

JACK S. LINDSAY '57  
May 3, 2015

GILBERT D. FIOLA '59  
May 10, 2013

ALEXANDER W. MUNRO '60  
July 3, 2015

EDWARD R. MURPHY '60  
August 4, 2015

JOSEPH V. MEGA '61  
August 12, 2015

NICHOLAS R. NOVIELLO '61  
May 25, 2015

CYNTHIA (BERLINSKY) OSIT '61  
June 6, 2015

BRIAN E. TERHUNE '62  
October 14, 2014

BARBARA (MCCARTHY) FRAHER '64  
June 30, 2015

DAVID L. BIXLER '65  
March 21, 2014

PETER J. CASTELLI '65  
June 25, 2015

ELMIRE (WEINGARTNER)  
HAMMOCK '67  
September 6, 2015

KATHLEEN (IACO) CELONA '68  
June 15, 2015

## IN MEMORIAM

**WALTER C. TILLINGHAST '53, '88H**, who served as a member of the Bryant Board of Trustees from 1975 to 1983, including a term as the board chair, died June 24, 2015. He was appointed an Active Honorary Trustee in February 1984 and served in that capacity until his death.

Tillinghast began his career with the Horton-Noyes Agency and was President of the Hillsgrove Realty Company. He joined the Spaulding Company in 1968, and retired as president of the Stoughton, MA, microfilm engineering, printing and services company.

An active alumnus, he served on the Bryant Alumni Council Executive Committee and as chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee. In 1983, Tillinghast was awarded the Gulski Service Award, one of five Alumni Achievement Awards presented each year.

In 1995, Tillinghast and his wife, Barbara L. (Young) Tillinghast '57, were honored as Bryant Partners in Philanthropy at the NSFRE's Celebration of National Philanthropy Day.

**STEVEN T. SOULOS**, a former associate professor of Marketing, died on September 23, 2015.

After serving in the U.S. Navy, Soulos enjoyed a successful career as a marketing and advertising executive. During his time as advertising manager with Hasbro, the Rhode Island-based multinational toy and board game company, he worked with the team to create the marketing vision for the company's iconic GI Joe. He was featured in the GI Joe documentary: *The Story of America's Movable Fighting Man*.

Later, Soulos changed careers and came to Bryant. From 1970 through February 2003, he taught marketing, sharing that experience and others with students.

RONALD M. CLAVE '69  
June 10, 2013

JOHN J. GOVERNOR '69  
August 2, 2015

JOHN M. FAHEY '70  
April 19, 2015

JOSEPH C. KNIGHT, JR. '70  
August 31, 2015

EDMUND G. HARPIN, JR. '73  
May 21, 2015

MICHAEL R. NOLETTE '73  
September 8, 2015

WARREN C. BROWN '74  
August 20, 2015

ROBERT J. THOMSON '74  
August 6, 2015

CLIFFORD W. YEE '74  
August 7, 2015

DEBORAH (HUGHES) TYLER '75  
August 28, 2015

THOMAS K. WHITE '75  
July 20, 2012

RUTH (BUCKMAN) COSTA '76  
December 18, 2014

GEORGE A. MONFETTE '76  
July 20, 2015

WILLIAM E. KRUEGER '78  
May 2, 2014

CHARLES W. MILLER '79  
July 23, 2015

DAVID M. DOAR '80  
July 23, 2015

DEBRA (MOORE) ROSS '81  
June 6, 2015

TRACEY L. GIEGERICH '83  
July 10, 2015

ROBERT S. GRIFFITH '83  
July 20, 2015

ANNE (WATERMAN) BOWEN '85  
December 2, 2014

DONALD H. MCKENZIE '85  
November 20, 2013

CAROL (CHASSE) FRIGON '86  
August 23, 2015

RICHARD A. DESHAIES '88  
July 10, 2015

CARLTON E. BURNHAM, III '89  
March 30, 2015

MARGARITA (MOIR) MONIZ '89  
August 25, 2015

ROBERT G. DUPRAS '90  
March 21, 2013

PAULA (HEFRON) TRABUCCO '92  
April 23, 2015

LYNN (LUGISKI) GINGRAS '94  
May 10, 2015

JODY (VAUGHN) HARRISON '95  
March 28, 2015

DAVID P. NILES '10  
July 14, 2015



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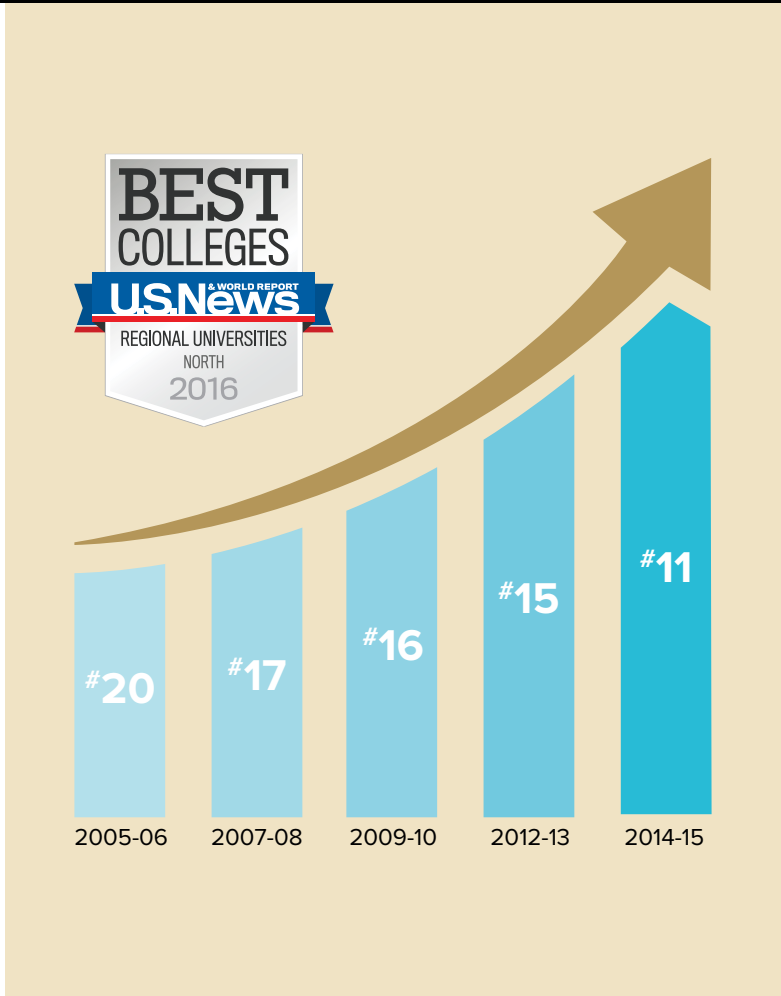
## Philanthropy Generates Resources That Propel Bryant in National Rankings

| Top Colleges for Applied Mathematics |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| #1                                   | <b>Brown University</b><br>Providence, RI        |
| #2                                   | <b>Harvard University</b><br>Cambridge, MA       |
| #3                                   | <b>Stony Brook University</b><br>Stony Brook, NY |
| #4                                   | <b>Stanford University</b><br>Stanford, CA       |
| #5                                   | <b>Bryant University</b><br>Smithfield, RI       |
| #6                                   | <b>Johns Hopkins University</b><br>Baltimore, MD |

### Top Ranked Academic Programs

- #3 International Business
- #3 Marketing
- #4 Accounting
- #5 Applied Math
- #5 Entrepreneurship
- #5 Management

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In the **Top 5** best 4-year business degrees  
*College Factual/USA Today*

Among America's **Top Entrepreneurial Colleges**  
*Forbes*

**#9** For Study Abroad  
*Institute of International Education*

**A Best Value** for Investment Return  
*Princeton Review: Colleges That Pay You Back, MONEY, SmartAsset, Educate to Career*

**A+** for Immediate Post-Graduation Earnings  
**A+** for Mid-Career Post-Graduation Earnings  
*College Factual/USA Today*