

# Engage

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INSIGHTS  
AND  
OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR ALUMNI

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## Five important reasons to attend Reunion@Homecoming 2017

We could easily come up with more than five, but let's get down to basics. Reunion is a time to reconnect with your Bryant friends in person and revisit the campus where you spent four formative years and made connections that will last a lifetime.

Why come back? After all, depending on your graduation year, you already follow your closest friends on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and/or Snapchat. If you live internationally, you are linked together on What's App or We Chat, or you want to actually see those folks who have no digital footprint – they still exist!

Bryant's campus exudes a sense of place and pride that's as strong as our drive to excel. And what about visiting the Rotunda? Seeing if the Country Comfort still stands? Checking out the Archway? Or taking a trip down memory lane on the East Side campus. Some things, you can only experience in person. So here we go:

**1 School spirit.** Whether you are an Indian or a Bulldog – the Black and Gold spirit is a strong as ever. Besides football, which now has a tradition of more than 15 years, Bryant has an official fight song, a 60-member pep band, two dance teams, and cheerleaders! You're going to catch the spirit too when you attend the Bryant vs. Fordham football game on Saturday afternoon.

**2 Tour Campus.** You'll want to see it all – new and old. The award-winning Academic Innovation Center, named one of the best designed facilities in the country this year, and the transformed Fisher Student Center will be on your tour. Later, you can peel off and visit that townhouse or dorm where you lived. Best of all, since you are an

alum you can walk right through that Archway and relive the memory of your commencement!

**3 The Rotunda.** Remember sitting on the benches around the ficus trees? The shape and feel (and echo) of Bryant's landmark campus crossroad is still the same, and students still gather in the Rotunda between classes. Clubs still host fund raisers and games. At Reunion, we turn the Rotunda into an indoor tent, displaying class flags across the ceiling, hosting a welcome reception on Friday, and a hypnotist Friday night. On Saturday, our 1990's party will be inside with live music.

**4 The Country Comfort/ Cornerstone.** No, it's not a bar anymore (sorry folks who remember those Super Giants). Those days are long gone, since the drinking age in RI has been 21 for almost 30 years. However, the facility is now an open space where innovative ideas will take shape in the form of student-initiated entrepreneurship. Reunion parties for the classes of 1977, 1982, and 1987 will be nearby so you can tour the renovated building.

**5 Faculty and tailgating.** Many of your favorite faculty come back every year for reunion. Want to see someone in particular? Let us know and we'll invite him or her to join us. The faculty tailgate is an annual event and everyone is welcome – and you'll probably even catch a few minutes with Ron and Kati Machtley.

### EXPANDING THE WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

THE CAMPAIGN FOR BRYANT'S BOLD FUTURE

Throughout our history, Bryant's hallmark has been inspiring students to excel.

Since the launch of our capital campaign, gifts from alumni, parents, and friends have been put to use strategically and immediately. Already, the campaign has had a transformative and lasting impact on the student experience, the faculty experience, and the momentum of the University as a whole. Our trajectory is undeniable.

Visit campus and you'll see the campaign's positive impact everywhere you look. New facilities have inspired innovative ways of teaching and learning. New programs are challenging students to achieve success at rates other colleges envy. And new academic positions are setting new standards of excellence.

Your participation will allow us to position Bryant even more competitively for the future. To learn more, look for *Bryant* magazine's annual philanthropy issue in your mailbox this summer or visit [www.bryant.edu/giving](http://www.bryant.edu/giving).



Enthusiastic Bryant alumni and students gather at TripAdvisor's Needham, MA headquarters.

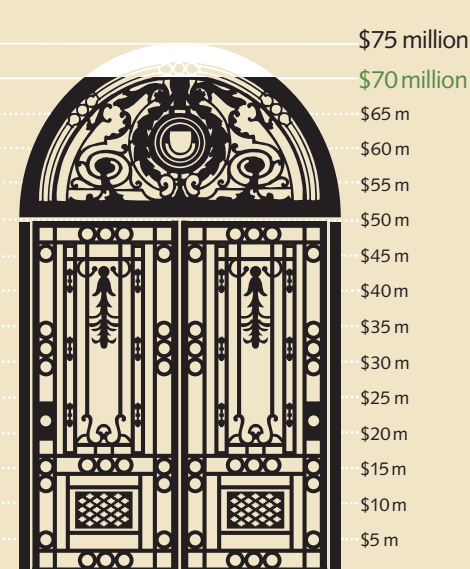
## Corporate Friends Embrace the Bryant Community

**TripAdvisor** is one of a growing number of corporate friends that enthusiastically help build and galvanize the Bryant community. Happy to showcase their fantastic new headquarters in Needham, MA, TripAdvisor played host to students from the International Business Association along with alumni representing a wide range of class years and career paths.

The evening consisted of a tour and informational session for the students

about potential career paths at TripAdvisor followed by a networking reception. The room was bursting at the seams for this sold out program and the loud din of energized conversations reflected the success of the evening. Professor Ramirez, Director of the International Business Program organized a panel of four alumni to talk about working in a global economy. The panel featured **Noel Watson '97**,

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[www.bryant.edu/social](http://www.bryant.edu/social)

# REUNION @ HOMECOMING



*Register online:*  
[www.bryant.edu/reunion](http://www.bryant.edu/reunion)

Friday, September **22**

**Black and Gold Golf Outing**

*Crystal Lake Golf Club, Mapleville, RI*

**11 a.m. Registration**

**12 p.m. tee-off**

Join Bryant alumni, friends and coaches on the golf course to help raise money for Black and Gold Athletics!

**Bryant Champions for Philanthropy Dinner**

(by invitation)

*Stepan Grand Hall, George E. Bello Center*

**6-9 p.m.**

Dinner and a salute to Bryant's Champions for Philanthropy award recipients.

**REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN FOR REUNION @ HOMECOMING**

Pick up your registration materials and name tag.

All alumni who register in advance will receive a special reunion welcome gift and discounts.

**FRIDAY, September 22**

*Alumni Office in Unistructure*

**4-6 p.m.**

**OR**

**SATURDAY, September 23**

*Registration Tent in the Tailgating Area*

**10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**50th Reunion Weekend Welcome**

*Admissions Atrium*

**2-4 p.m.**

Enjoy coffee, tea and a light snack while you pick up your Reunion registration packet and reminisce with your classmates. Transportation will be provided from local hotels.

**All Alumni Welcome Reception**

*Unistructure Rotunda*

**6-9 p.m.**

Kick off the weekend with your classmates at our opening reception. Enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and live guitar music with John Erikson in the Roto! Join in the fun for our hypnotist show at 8 p.m.

**Hypnotist David Hall**

*Janikies Theatre*

**8-9 p.m.**

Back by popular demand! See Boston comedy hypnotist David Hall perform, with the audience as part of the show. Free for alumni and students.

**Bryant Bonfire and Fireworks**

*Fisher Student Center Patio*

**9:15 p.m.**

Share in the magic as President Machtley lights up the night at our traditional bonfire on the pond followed by fireworks!



**50th Reunion Celebration Weekend and Archway Society Registration Form (formerly Loyal Guard)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST, MAIDEN NAME, LAST NAME  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET, CITY/STATE, ZIP  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Guest name \_\_\_\_\_  
GUEST BRYANT CLASS YEAR

Reunion @ Homecoming Registration Fee           \$15.00          

**Friday, September 22, 2017**

2:00-4:00 pm	50th Reunion Weekend Welcome	Comp.	_____
6:00-8:00 pm	Alumni Welcome Reception	\$25.00 pp	_____
8:00-9:00 pm	Hypnotist - David Hall	Comp.	_____
9:00 pm	Bryant Bonfire & Fireworks		

**Saturday, September 23, 2017**

9:00-9:30 am	Alumni Welcome Breakfast	Comp.	_____
9:30-10:30 am	Interfaith Service of Remembrance		
11:00-2:00 pm	50th Reunion Pre-Game Reception and Ticket	\$25.00 pp	_____
	(Classes invited: 1942-1972)		
1:00 pm	Bryant Football vs. Fordham		
	(Your football ticket is included in the cost of the reception.)		
5:00-8:00 pm	Archway Society 50th Induction Ceremony and Dinner	\$40.00 pp	_____
	(Classes invited: 1942-1972)		

Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Bryant University, and mail to Bryant University Alumni Engagement Office, 1150 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI 02917-1284. If you wish to pay by credit card, please call Alumni Engagement at (401) 232-6040. Thank you.

**Pregame Reunion Receptions and Tailgating**

A special section of the parking area has been set aside for you to gather with classmates. Register early to bring your car in the tailgating section for \$25, or park elsewhere and join your friends - each major reunion class will have a private tent.

Register for all reunion activities, including Tailgate Parking, at [www.bryant.edu/reunion](http://www.bryant.edu/reunion) or call (401) 232-6040. Leave your car at the hotel and take the shuttle to campus!

**Tailgaters: Can it!**

Bring aluminum and plastic rather than glass bottles as a safer alternative. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Please Note:**

Due to limited space, we cannot accommodate buses, campers or vehicles longer than 20 feet in the tailgate area. Parking for large vehicles is available near the townhouses.



# 2017: SEPTEMBER 22-23



## Saturday, September 23

### Alumni Welcome Breakfast and Interfaith Service of Remembrance

Ronald K. and Kati C. Machtley  
Interfaith Center  
9-10:30 a.m.

Join us for a complimentary welcome breakfast prior to the annual Interfaith Service of Remembrance, where you're encouraged to share memories and celebrate the lives of Bryant classmates who are no longer with us.

### Alumni Athletics Games

Various Locations  
9, 10, and 11 a.m.

Former Bryant athletes take to the fields for friendly matches in each sport. Check with coaches for teams and times. Games are free, but register to have lunch in the Black & Gold reception area for a small fee.

### Pregame Reunion Receptions and Tailgating

Make sure to secure your tailgate pass for the reserved area in the parking lot.  
10 a.m. - Halftime  
See "Tailgating" box for information.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

#### Campus Tours

Get Reacquainted with Bryant's Campus: Tours leave every half hour (10, 10:30, 11, 11:30) from the new Academic Innovation Center, adjacent to tailgating area.

#### Alumni and Family Information Sessions

Fisher Student Center  
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

- **Choosing the Right College for Your Teenager** - Bryant alumna and college counselor Donna Neary '82 and Admission office staff will lead you through the admission process for selective colleges like Bryant and share tips to make your high school student stand out.
- **Developing a Business and Marketing Plan** - Bryant alumna Ezenwayi Amaechi '04 will lead you through the process to launch your business or idea.

### Memorabilia Tent

Bulldog Stadium  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Show your Bulldog spirit! Don't go home without a keepsake from the Bryant Bookstore. Registered alumni receive a 15% discount coupon.

### Class of 1967 - 50th Reunion - Pregame Reception

Tent adjacent to the Strength and Conditioning Center  
11:00 - End of Halftime

Join your classmates before and during the Bryant-Fordham football game in a covered tent near the Bulldog Strength and Conditioning Center. Enjoy a complimentary drink, barbecue fare and root for the Bulldogs against the Rams.

### Reunion Lunch Options

Bulldog Stadium  
Food and beverage concessions are available in the Stadium.

### Bryant Football vs. Fordham

Bulldog Stadium  
1-4 p.m.  
Cheer the Bulldogs to victory on our home turf against the Rams.

### Reunion Class and Affinity Parties

See blue box below.

### Accommodations

Lodging in the area fills up quickly, so please reserve your accommodations now. Visit [www.bryant.edu/reunion](http://www.bryant.edu/reunion) for a complete list and rates. Mention Bryant Reunion for special rates.

#### In Smithfield/Lincoln:

**Holiday Inn Express**  
(401) 231-6300/(877) 424-6423

**Hampton Inn & Suites (Group Code: BRH)**  
(401) 232-9200

**Courtyard by Marriott**  
(401) 333-3400

All Seasons Inn & Suites  
(401) 232-2400

#### In Providence (no special rate is available at the following):

**Renaissance Providence Hotel**  
(401) 276-0010/(800) 468-3571

**Providence Marriott**  
(401) 272-2400/(800) 937-7768

**Providence Biltmore**  
(401) 421-0700/(800) 294-7709

**Omni Providence**  
(401) 598-8000/(800) 937-8461

**Courtyard Providence**  
(401) 272-1191/(800) 321-2211

### Individual Class and Affinity Gatherings, Saturday, September 23

We want you to enjoy the energy of Reunion @ Homecoming, and a few special programs are in the works. Our shuttle will circle continuously among campus, Parente's, Blackie's, The Last Resort, and area hotels. If you are celebrating a reunion, we hope you join us at your class party:

#### 5th Reunion - Class of 2012

The Last Resort (Effin's),  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

#### 10th Reunion - Class of 2007

The Last Resort, 3-5 p.m.

#### 15th Reunion - Class of 2002

The Last Resort, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

#### 20th Reunion - Class of 1997

Rotunda, 4-7:30 p.m.

#### 25th Reunion - Class of 1992

Rotunda, 4-7:30 p.m.

#### 30th Reunion - Class of 1987

Koffler Center, 4-7:30 p.m.

#### 35th Reunion - Class of 1982

Tent adjacent to pond,  
4-7:30 p.m.

#### 40th and 45th Reunions - Classes of the 1970's

Tent adjacent to former  
Country Comfort, 4-7:30 p.m.

#### 50th Reunion- Archway Society (1942-1972 welcome)

See box above and registration form on p. 2 for more information.

#### Bryant Pride 25th Reunion Celebration

All interested LGBTQ alumni are invited to join in a weekend celebration of the 25th anniversary of "The Group" that became Bryant Pride.  
Fisher Student Center, Pride Center,  
4-7:30 p.m.

We can help coordinate on or off campus space and food for your class or special group. Contact us at [alumni@bryant.edu](mailto:alumni@bryant.edu) and put Reunion Plans, Class of \_\_\_\_ in your subject line.

### Reunion year classes are on Facebook!



Classes that end in a "2" or a "7" will find more specific information about their class reunions on the Bryant Alumni Association Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/bryantalumni](http://www.facebook.com/bryantalumni)). Click on the "Events" tab, and contribute to the discussion. Post photos, suggest activities, and encourage others from your class to join you.

### Stay safe, and let Bryant be your designated driver



With all the new improvements on campus, parking is a challenge. Get chauffeured door-to-door on Friday and Saturday! Routes will run continuously among the area hotels:

- All Seasons Inn & Suites - Smithfield
- Courtyard Marriott - Lincoln
- Hampton Inn & Suites - Smithfield
- Holiday Inn Express - Smithfield

For added convenience, from 8 p.m. to closing, the shuttle will stop at Blackie's, Parente's, Last Resort, Tavolo, and Stillwater Tavern.



## SPREAD THE WORD

### CALENDAR

#### July

##### Nantucket, MA

July 5, 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM  
Bryant Reception at  
The Patio at Nantucket Prime

##### New York, NY

July 20, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM  
Alumni Reception at Pier A  
Harbor House to welcome  
new alumni

##### Boston, MA

July 27, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Alumni Reception at the  
Lawn on D to welcome  
new alumni

##### Saratoga Springs, NY

July 29, 12:00 PM to  
3:00 PM  
Alumni lunch and day at  
the races

#### August

##### San Juan, PR

August 13, 4:30 to 6:30 PM  
Welcome new student  
reception

##### Wakefield, RI

August 17, 6:00 PM to  
10:00 PM  
Dinner and The Producers  
at Theatre-by-the-Sea

#### September

##### Smithfield, RI

September 22-23  
Reunion@Homecoming

*New alumni events are  
added weekly. Check  
[alumniconnect.bryant.edu/](http://alumniconnect.bryant.edu/)  
events for the updated  
calendar and to register.  
Check [www.bryantbulldogs.com](http://www.bryantbulldogs.com)  
for athletic contests  
in your area.*

### PARTNERSHIPS

Notices from 5/1/17 through 6/2/17

#### 2002

Dung Le '08 and Ian Wilson Jr. '07  
on 9/1/16

#### 2007

Alayne Sadler '07, '09MBA and  
Austin Chappell on 10/22/16

#### 2010

Mikaela Clancy '10MBA and  
Dino Caparco '10MBA on 6/25/16

#### 2011

Pooja Kothari to Rishab Singhal '11  
on 5/6/17

#### 2012

Jennifer Horowitz '12, '13MPAC  
and Kevin Javier '12 on 12/15/16

### ADDITIONS

Notices from 5/1/17 to 6/2/17

#### 2002

Ella Eileen to  
Lauren (Dooley) '02 and  
Michael Nappi on 8/16/16

#### 2006

Francisco Robert to  
Francisco '06 and  
Christine (Loreface) Oliveira '09  
on 5/15/17

#### 2009

Theodore Samuel to  
Colby (Banks) '09 and  
Brian Scott on 3/24/17

### ALUMNI WEDDINGS



May 6, 2017 | Mumbai, India  
Pooja Kothari and Rishab Singhal '11



June 25, 2016 | Newport, RI  
Mikaela Clancy '10MBA and  
Dino Caparco '10MBA



September 1, 2016 | Newport, RI  
Dung Le '08 and Ian Wilson Jr. '07



October 22, 2016 | Warwick, RI  
Alayne Sadler '07, '09MBA and Austin Chappell



December 15, 2016 | Jackson, NH  
Jennifer Horowitz '12, '13MPAC and Kevin Javier '12

To view more full-size wedding photos and to see names of all alumni in attendance, please visit [Facebook.com/BryantAlumni](https://www.facebook.com/BryantAlumni)

Submit your "Partnerships" and "Additions" to the Office of Alumni Engagement by emailing [alumni@bryant.edu](mailto:alumni@bryant.edu) or enter a class note through our online directory at [www.bryant.edu/alumni](http://www.bryant.edu/alumni). Send wedding photos that feature a group of Bryant alumni to [alumni@bryant.edu](mailto:alumni@bryant.edu). Resolution of photos should be "print-quality" (generally 300 pixels/inch).



Mini reunion of Bryant alumni in Newport, RI on 4/29/17. Left to right: Jeff Adam '83, Doug Boule '80, Geoff Merrill '80, Rich Siden '80 and David Barrett '80. Not pictured but present for the weekend was Ellen Wilson '79.



Former Bryant Alumni Association President Richard Carriere '82, '87MST and his wife Louise received the United Way's Tocqueville Society Award this May recognizing their service to the community.

### Corporate Friends Embrace the Bryant Community continued from page 1

VP Finance and Chief Accounting Officer at TripAdvisor, **Brittaney Browne '14**, Compensation Analyst at TripAdvisor, and two alumni of the first graduating class of the IB program, **Rebecca Pilla '08** and **Robert Fox '08**.

*"Thanks to the TripAdvisor team for hosting us and becoming part of the educational experience of our students. So much of what needs to be learned happens outside the classroom. Thanks also for allowing our alumni to connect, not only with each other but also, current students. Events like this make a big impact on the Bryant Community."*

—Andres Ramirez, Ph.D.,  
Director, International Business Program  
& Associate Professor of Finance

If your company is interested in sharing space and helping to foster the Bryant network, please don't hesitate to reach out to [alumni@bryant.edu](mailto:alumni@bryant.edu). In cities across the nation, we are happy to see the Bryant community grow.

#### CONTACT US

To submit personal or professional news and photographs, visit our Web site at [www.bryant.edu/alumninews](http://www.bryant.edu/alumninews).

Contact us at [alumni@bryant.edu](mailto:alumni@bryant.edu) or (401) 232-6040 with questions or ideas for future stories.

#### STAY IN TOUCH

Find us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) by searching "Bryant Alumni." Join Bryant's secure online community by going to [alumniconnect.bryant.edu](http://alumniconnect.bryant.edu) and clicking on "Connect."

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