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INSIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALUMNI

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## Meet the 2017 Alumni Achievement Award recipients

Alumni Achievement Awards were presented in five categories on March 24, 2017 – Distinguished Alumnus Award; Distinguished Alumnus Award, Graduate School; Young Alumnus Leadership Award; Nelson J. Gulski Service Award; and Distinguished Faculty Award.

“These alumni and our faculty member embody the level of success in their professions, community service, and engagement with the University we strive to cultivate,” says **Robin Warde P’17**, director of alumni and parent engagement.

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD (ESTABLISHED 1981)

**P. James Brady III '81**

embodies the professional drive, business acumen, and global perspective that Bryant strives to instill in every student. Drawn to the accounting major by the enthusiasm and expertise of the faculty, he credits his education and Bryant professor Michael Lynch, J.D. (a favorite faculty member), with launching his career. Lynch arranged an internship at Peat, Marwick, Mitchell



P. James Brady III '81

& Company that became Brady’s first post-graduate job. Currently Chief Operating Officer for Grant Thornton LLP, a world leader in independent audit, tax, and advisory services, Brady also serves on nearly a dozen boards. “I’m enormously humbled and proud to be the recipient of this award,” he says.

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD, GRADUATE SCHOOL

**Daniel Shorr '03 MBA** found a home and mentors at Bryant. Management professors Lori Coakley, Ph.D., and Jim Segovis, Ph.D., took Shorr “under their wings” and “made my experience at



Daniel Shorr '03 MBA

Bryant exponentially greater.” Now Partner, Managing Director, and Director of Acquisitions at SMS Financial, a privately-held financial services and investment firm he co-founded with three like-minded entrepreneurs, Shorr says the firm’s goal is to help clients fix distressed portfolios. The firm has

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Alumni Engagement Day featured business and industry experts including Sandra Coletta '88 MBA, former executive vice president and chief operating officer of Care New England, and Wayne Yetter '73 MBA, '96H, whose 30-year career in the pharmaceutical industry included executive positions at Merck and Pfizer and as the founding CEO of Astra-Merck.

## Alumni Engagement Day featured lively, informative discussions

Starting Alumni Engagement Day with the 12th annual Financial Services Forum, featured keynote speaker and Bryant Trustee **Bob Brown '86**, Head of Institutional Fixed Income, Fidelity Investments, who shared his expert perspective on fixed income markets and how the Trump presidency may affect them.

Alumni from the Archway Investment Fund and Bryant’s Wall Street Council hosted panels on Pathways in Financial Services for students and on Market

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### WARREN ALPERT FOUNDATION:

## Challenge grant supports and promotes Bryant’s growing School of Health Sciences

Balancing mission-driven organizational goals with expert management skills and financial acumen in health care has never been so crucial. This is why the Warren Alpert

Foundation partnering with the University through a \$2.5 million challenge grant is both timely and impactful.

“I thank the Warren Alpert Foundation for creating this challenge grant, thereby allowing donors to maximize the impact of their gifts.”

– **George Vecchione '06H**  
Former Bryant Trustee and  
Former President and CEO  
of Lifespan

“Professionals who speak the languages of business and medicine can close the knowledge gap between financial management and health services,” says **David Wegryn '86**, Vice President for University Advancement.

Adds Glenn M. Sulmasy, J.D., LL.M., Provost and Chief Academic Officer, “Data analytics, strategic planning, and operational best practices will create a more cost-effective and efficient process and facilitate communication between doctors, administrators, and patients.”

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# NAC CORNER

## Become part of our global alumni network

For the last two years, I have served as president of the Alumni Association and its volunteer leadership group, the National Alumni Council. During this time, attendance at our alumni programs has grown by 40 percent, and we have expanded our global reach through

online professional development webinars with more than 1,100 participants from around the world.

Bryant's increased global presence has led to the addition of international alumni networks. Joining already established groups in London and Panama are new efforts to bring together alumni in India, Hong Kong, the Dominican Republic, and Ecuador.

Although we understand that many alumni can't regularly attend regional events – either because of geography or family and job commitments – we hope that you will stay engaged by reading our publications including *Bryant* magazine and our monthly enewsletter, *Beyond the Archway* (if you are not



**Glen Martin '81, '87 MBA**

currently receiving the enewsletter, send an email to [alumni@bryant.edu](mailto:alumni@bryant.edu)).

You can also tap into our worldwide network of alumni on your computer or mobile device, either through Bryant's online alumni directory, or through Alumnifire, a web-based program that allows students, alumni, and even parents to connect through a free and secure web interface. This network allows you to serve as an informal advisor to students interested in your career path and industry or you can volunteer to interact with students, through job shadowing or informational interviews.

Bryant's Alumni Association is committed to maintaining a strong network for all our graduates. Connect with me directly if you want to learn more (you can find my contact information through the online directory), or visit our website at [alumniconnect.bryant.edu](http://alumniconnect.bryant.edu) and explore our upcoming events, webinar programs, career advice, and more.

Although this will be my last column as NAC president, I will remain involved with Bryant and hope to connect with you soon – online, on campus, or at an upcoming alumni event.



**BRYANT UNIVERSITY**  
Alumni Association



## Alumnus/Trustee opens opportunities for students

A group of Bryant Finance Association students was invited to the Boston Security Analysts Society 31st Annual Market Dinner by Bryant Trustee **Louis Page '89, P'17**. Former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke (at left with Page) spoke at the dinner. "We were honored to be invited by Mr. Page," says **Anthony Salzillo '18**. "It was so interesting and a great opportunity for us to hear from these professionals and network with them."

# DISCOVER THE POWER

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## NETWORKING AT ALUMNI EVENTS



### January 10 | Hong Kong

Alumni living and working in Hong Kong met with Bryant MBA students this January for a networking reception hosted by **Eric Handa '97**, **Vivian Li '13**, **Alex Yeung '12**, and **Sean Hung '13** are pictured here with four graduate students from the Global Immersion Experience.



### January 11 | New York, NY

**Student-Alumni Career Networking Night**  
**Denise (Daily) Dunn '86** and **Maddie Simonsen '14** were among a successful group of alumni who offered career advice to current students. This event was graciously hosted by Grant Thornton LLP.



### January 12 | Boston, MA

#### Student-Alumni Career Networking Night

A passionate group of alumni and students gathered in Boston to talk about careers and life after Bryant. Special thanks to Liberty Mutual for hosting this event.

# Many flexible shadow/mentor opportunities exist for alumni

Winter break in January has traditionally been a time when Bryant students – most in their freshman or sophomore years – shadow alumni to learn more about industries and career paths. Think of it as an informational interview that is interactive.

The advantage to job shadowing is its flexibility for the alumni mentors – from an hour or two on a single day, to a full day at work, and beyond. Alumni and students are even exploring virtual opportunities, which work especially well for international placements, or when someone works out of his or her home.

Some companies, like The Hartford, pick one day as “job shadow day” and host multiple students.

**“I was surprised at how engaged the students were. They asked thought-provoking questions, and many of them had a clear vision of what they were looking for in their future company.”**

– **Tiago Marinho '15**

thought-provoking questions, and many of them had a clear vision of what they were looking for in their future company. Our guest speakers and I were pleasantly surprised at the maturity and curiosity of everyone who attended.”

Student feedback of their Hartford experience was overwhelmingly positive “...it was an eye-opening experience...” “I learned a lot about The Hartford...” “I am extremely interested in pursuing an opportunity with The Hartford.” Exactly the kinds of responses that companies like to hear.

In addition to The Hartford, CVS in Woonsocket, RI, and more than 70 alumni from around the region signed up to host students. Alumni staff are working with the Amica Center for Career Education to expand job shadowing opportunities year-round using Bryant’s new Alumnifire website, where alumni can sign up and students can search for matches.



Tiago Marinho '15 (left) and Matthew Beckius '16 finalizing the list of Bryant students attending The Hartford’s Bryant Job Shadow Day.

## Be a Career Champion for Students

Alumni are Bryant’s greatest resource. Please consider sharing your knowledge and expertise to connect students to career opportunities, resources, and information. Consider partnering with us by:

- **Posting an opportunity**—Help your employer connect with a pipeline of talented students.

- **Encouraging your organization to hire Bryant seniors**—through on- or off-campus recruiting programs, video-conference interviews, and participation at career fairs.
- **Providing internships**—Increasingly, employers use internships as a strategy for identifying new talent.
- **Participating in the Shadow Program**—Host a student for a full- or half-day or half day and allow she or he to observe your work environment and learn more about your position and career path.
- **The Alumni/Student Career Link**: Mentor students and help them succeed in their career exploration and search.
- **Participate on career panels and site visits**: Educate students about your industry and career field.

To learn more about how your organization can help Bryant students find the right career, please contact the Amica Center for Career Education at 401-232-6090 or [careers.bryant.edu](http://careers.bryant.edu). You can also sign up to provide advice via Alumnifire. Please see the ad on page 2 for details.

**SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2017**  
**REUNION @ HOMECOMING**

*Make plans now to attend Reunion 2017 and enjoy a full weekend of fun.*

Arrive Friday evening for our annual Alumni Welcome Reception and a campus pep rally, bonfire, and fireworks.

Saturday features campus tours, our annual Alumni Memorial Service, tailgating, football, and special post-game reunion celebrations for all classes ending in 2 or 7.

Reunion committees are forming now – so if you graduated in a class year ending in either 2 or 7, reach out to the alumni staff at [alumni@bryant.edu](mailto:alumni@bryant.edu) and let us know you’d like to help plan your class events.



### January 19 | Hartford, CT

#### Student-Alumni Career Networking Night

The State Capitol of Connecticut was the perfect location to host our Hartford January networking night. Connecticut Regional Alumni Network Chair **Carole LaRochelle '89** is pictured networking with two Bryant students.



### January 29 | The Villages, FL

Alumni gathered at The Waterfront Inn in The Villages for a Sunday afternoon reception. Seated are: **Alfred '50** and **Virginia Bolton**; **Richard '67** and **Carol Carlson**; **Bruce '68** and **Marion Young**; and **Connie Madden '78** and **Paul Shilling**.



### January 27 | Sarasota, FL

**Joe '74 MBA** and **Karen LaPlume** hosted a reception for alumni and parents on the West Coast of Florida at their home in Sarasota.



## 2017 Alumni Achievement Awards

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handled more than \$2 billion of commercial credit facilities across all 50 states, Canada, and Puerto Rico. Shorr is grateful for the award, noting, "It feels good to be recognized for the success you've achieved."

### NELSON J. GULSKI SERVICE AWARD

For **David Gold '71**, promoting Bryant University is as natural as breathing. Whether he's chatting with an employee's child, visiting distant family, or conversing with a fellow traveler, Gold never misses an opportunity to extol Bryant's benefits. Shortly after enrolling at Bryant in the mid-1960s, Gold postponed his studies to serve in the military in Vietnam. Now the CEO of Gold Machinery Group, he also dabbles in film photography, and all the proceeds from the sales of his work fund the Victor Gold Memorial Scholarship at Bryant. Gold was "shocked and pleasantly surprised to receive the award and credits President Ronald K. and Kati C. Machtley with sparking his enthusiasm for Bryant.



David Gold '71

Since selling Under30CEO.com, a company/website he founded six months after graduating, last year, Wilson has concentrated on his Under30Experiences business, a global group travel company he founded in 2012. "My time at Bryant shaped me as a leader," he says. "I'm thrilled to be practicing those skills today."

### DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD (ESTABLISHED 1981)

**Sandra Enos, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Sociology, joined academia fifteen years ago after a distinguished career in public and community service that included work in the prison, child welfare, and public policy sectors. She has earned a national reputation in the field of service learning and helped develop Sociology as a major field of study in Bryant's College of Arts and Sciences as well as Sociology's service learning programs. Her rich career experiences inform her research and teaching, and Enos is well-known for deepening Bryant students' understanding of the world. "To be recognized by former students," Enos says, "is for me the truest measure of the value of the work we hope to do."



Sandra Enos, Ph.D.

### YOUNG ALUMNUS LEADERSHIP AWARD (ESTABLISHED 1989)

When **Matt Wilson '08** graduated from Bryant University, he was already a recognized entrepreneur and leader. The campus chapter of the Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization was founded and recognized as the top entrepreneurship organization during his two-year tenure as president. He also earned personal accolades as National Student Leader of the Year.



Matt Wilson '08

## Alumni Engagement Day

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Financial Services Forum Keynote Speaker Robert P. Brown '86, Head of Institutional Fixed Income at Fidelity Investments, talks with students after sharing his perspective on the economy.

Trends for our alumni and other professionals. A new panel, Women in Finance, was added (see story page 5).

Leaders in the health care industry, including three alumni and a parent, came back to campus to discuss "The Business of Health Care – Innovation and Opportunities."

A discussion about innovation and entrepreneurship was led by Trustee Professor of Management Michael Roberto, DBA. Innovation and growing opportunities for entrepreneurs in today's business climate were discussed in the session on "Start Up Solutions."



## NETWORKING AT ALUMNI EVENTS



### February 7 | Sherman Oaks, CA

Los Angeles-area alumni reconnected at Augustine Wine Bar in Sherman Oaks. They received an update on what's happening on the Smithfield campus and discussed ways to strengthen the Bryant network in California.

### February 15 | New York, NY

New York-area alumni warmed up fireside at Hudson Common this winter. **Jennifer Quinn '95, David Suaviso, Jr. '96, and Rita Williams-Bogar '76** were among those alumni. David and Rita both serve on Bryant's National Alumni Council.



### February 9 | Newport Beach, CA

An enthusiastic mix of Bryant alumni gathered at Bosscat Kitchen and Libations in Newport Beach; many of them meeting for the first time.



# Women in Finance: Thriving in the industry

The field of finance – especially financial services – is far more people-oriented than most people realize and could benefit greatly from the addition of women, agreed the five high-placed executives who recently served as panelists to discuss “Women in Finance.”

Keynote speaker Susan Baker, Vice President at Trillium Asset Management, hadn’t planned on entering the financial

Chief Financial Officer and Managing Director of Goldman Sachs’ Investment Banking Division. “Networking is the number one most important action you can take to secure and further your career,” she says. “I joined Goldman Sachs right out of college, but left for several years when my husband was pursuing an advanced degree in Michigan. When we returned to New York, I picked up the phone, called

Executive Director and manages operations and serves on the steering, screening, and due diligence committees. “I have been blessed to have great men and women in my career to open doors,” says Rousseau.

realizing I wanted to be hands-on with the client. Follow your heart.”

## BRYANT’S FAR-REACHING ALUMNI NETWORK

Magnus says, “What’s most important is the company you work for. Is it a great fit? How do they feel about mobility? Research the companies, not just the job, because with a company that’s a good fit for you, you will be encouraged to move around departments to find a job that best suits you. And then, what we can do individually is talk to and mentor other women beyond those who are direct reports.”

Other pieces of advice from the panel include: “Be fearless,” from Sullivan-Klett; “Speak up at meetings because that shows your interest and intellect,” from Rousseau; and “Don’t second-guess yourself,” from Baker.

“Be open to any and all opportunities,” says Destefanis. “You have an amazing resource in Bryant’s alumni network that provides paths to the Big Four accounting/consulting firms. Use it...and be one.”

**“It’s incumbent upon us – women in finance – to redefine the industry.”**  
–Jane Sullivan-Klett '07

“We must all reach down extend a hand to help someone else clear hurdles and open discussion to career development.”

Jane Sullivan-Klett '07 is a financial advisor with Sullivan Financial, LLC in South Glastonbury, CT, serving business owners, non-profit organizations, retirement plans, individual clients, and families. “I think it’s incumbent upon us – women in finance – to redefine the industry,” she says. “What you do when you first get out of college is probably not what you will do the rest of your life. I’ve worked sales, desk, and research jobs before



Jane Sullivan-Klett '07 (not pictured), Cristina Destefanis '13, Jennifer (Schwall) Rousseau '11, Lynn (Rapoza) Magnus '99, and Susan Baker discuss finance with their audience.

industry. She was an English major who went on to earn her master’s in Administration, Planning, and Social Policy from Harvard University Graduate School of Education. “Careers are more like jungle gyms than ladders,” she says. “And that’s okay.”

At Trillium, she leads and participates in numerous advocacy initiatives on a wide range of issues including sustainable sourcing, environmental health, labor and human rights, and board diversity. “Social, ethical, and environmental change accounts for \$1 out of every \$5 in investing dollars,” Baker says. “And it’s not just political correctness to pursue greater diversity. McKinsey & Co. has produced a number of studies showing that gender-diverse teams lead to greater profitability.”

## NETWORKING FOR SUCCESS

Lynn (Rapoza) Magnus '99 took a more direct route to her financial career. Bryant’s first Financial Services graduate, she is

a former colleague, and asked him if he knew of any companies hiring. Turns out, he was, and I got the job on the spot.”

Networking is a natural extension for successful finance executives, says Cristina Destefanis '13, Financial Advisor, Destefanis Financial Services/Cantella & Co. Inc. She launched her career through an internship she obtained as a sophomore at State Street – one she was offered by a Bryant alumnus. “I really enjoy talking to people,” she says. “That’s why I went into sales at John Hancock after graduating. When I realized that financial services was my calling, I relied on my network to move into that area. I’ve been fortunate that both men and women have gone to bat for me.”

## EXTEND A HAND

When Jennifer (Schwall) Rousseau '11 graduated, she began working at Cherrystone Angel Group, an angel investing group. She has since become



Led by two student moderators, the first-ever Women in Finance event drew a crowd of more than 200 students, faculty, and alumni eager to network with and learn from the distinguished alumni panelists.



## February 23 | Stamford, CT

Alumni had a wonderful time catching up at Del Frisco’s Grille in downtown Stamford. They discussed strengthening the Stamford-area network and future events to be held there.



## February 24 | Lincoln, RI

It was a night of bowling and reconnecting at CW Lanes and Games in Lincoln! Alumni of all ages came out to have some fun. Pictured (L to R): Cheryl (Goerke) Miller '84, Jeff Mias '83, Sandy Spencer '83, Donna (Pintauro) Kaehler '83, and Wally Kaehler '82.



## March 2 | Miami, FL

Dean of the College of Business Madan Annavarjula was the guest speaker at an alumni get-together at the Miami home of Eric '94 and Julie Bertrand. Pictured (L to R): Andres Pereda '14, Alexi Bello '13, Dean Annavarjula, Nico Eceizabarrena '14, and Andres Leon '13.



## YOUR GIFT COUNTS

### EXPANDING THE WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

THE CAMPAIGN FOR BRYANT'S BOLD FUTURE

Did you know more than 18,000 alumni, parents, and friends have contributed \$69 million in gifts and pledges to *Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future*? That is an extraordinary accomplishment for our University community.

You might think we would be satisfied with such success, but we still have more work to do to reach our goal of raising \$75 million by June 2018.

In this issue of *Engage*, you will read stories highlighting inspirational acts of generosity as well as discerning strategic investments in Bryant's students and programs. As you read, I ask you to consider how you can participate in this extremely important initiative to educate tomorrow's leaders.

Your participation matters! Each year an average of 10 percent of Bryant alumni

contribute to The Bryant Fund, yet amazingly more than 50 percent have contributed at least once since graduation. That tells me that we know Bryant University is a worthwhile investment.

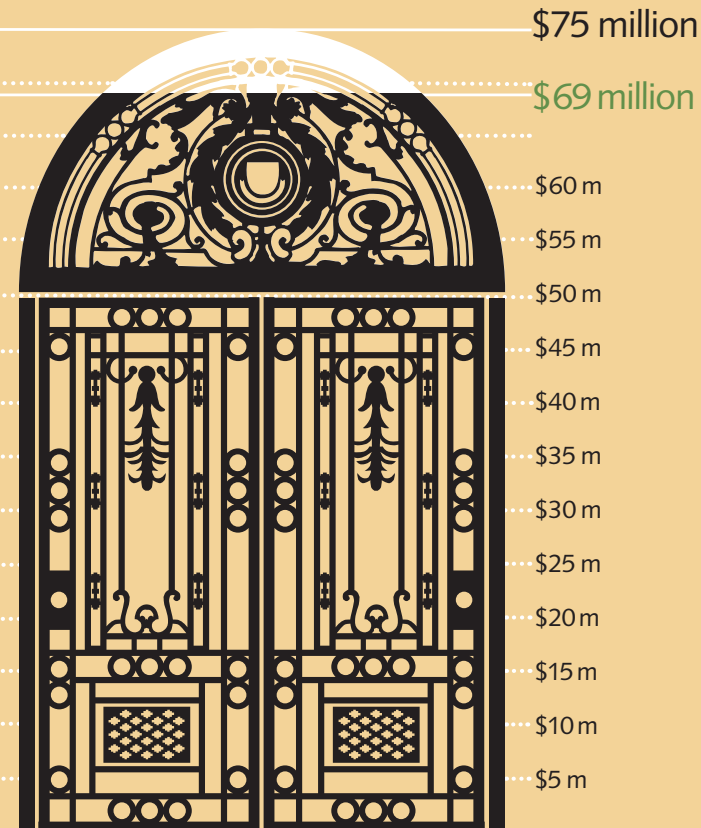
Our alumni participation rate (the annual percentage of alumni who support Bryant's mission by making a gift) is seen as a measure of alumni satisfaction. The number directly affects our ranking in publications such as *U.S. News & World Report*. A stronger ranking enhances the value of every Bryant diploma. I ask you to consider making Bryant a priority for your philanthropy so we can double our participation during this Campaign.

Please, don't wait.

A gift of \$25 or \$100 will raise Bryant's rankings among our peer institutions – and make a significant difference in the life of a student.



David C. Wegrzyn '86  
Vice President for University Advancement  
*Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future*



## The Fryers: Invested and Engaged Alumni and Parents

In the dual roles of alumni and parents – son Ryan is a member of the class of 2019 – the Fryers are dedicated members of the Bryant community. Their shared commitment to preparing students for success can be seen in the new classrooms and flexible breakout spaces they funded in the Academic Innovation Center to honor Accounting Professor Michael Lynch, who Jeff credits as a mentor and friend.

The Fryers' gifts reflect their philanthropic passion: to create dynamic and technology-rich teaching-learning environments that will benefit all students.

As parents, the Fryers agree that Bryant "is the whole package" and suggest that also is why the University is able to garner such widespread support. **"Bryant offers everything you want your child to have,"** explains Jeff. **"It's a spectacular education in a safe, welcoming environment. The faculty and administrators care about students and where they are going. The facilities are gorgeous and with best-in-class academics, students have every opportunity to be successful."**

The Fryers, who chair the Bryant Parents Council, were honored with the "Outstanding Parents" award as part of the 2016 Champions for Philanthropy

gala awards dinner for their unwavering support of the University and donations of time and money to further its strategic goals.

Jeff recently retired from his position as chief tax officer at Alexion Pharmaceuticals. Kim, who spent 17 years in the mortgage industry, is an



Bryant Parents Council Chairs  
Jeff '91 and Kim (Roy) '92 Fryer P'19

active school and community volunteer. Without hesitation, both attribute their own success to Bryant. "Bryant gave us the chance to be successful," says Jeff. "There were people at Bryant who helped us get ahead. It's the 'circle of life' that brings us back around to make sure we are here helping the next generation of students."

The many benefits of Bryant that the Fryers extol both reflect and attract the support the University receives. "There are so many opportunities here," says Kim. "Your gift can be tailored any way you want."

## Catherine Parente '78: A pioneer who broke barriers

Catherine Parente '78 was a pioneer at Bryant and in the workplace. She chose to major in accounting at a time when the field was dominated by males. "Sometimes I was the only woman in my class," she recalls. She became one of Rhode Island's first female partners in a CPA firm in 1987 and is the first woman to be named a partner at Sansiveri, Kimball & Co., LLP, where she specializes in fraud examination and financial forensics.

The hard work Parente invested to graduate with Summa Cum Laude honors at Bryant also is evident in the professional certifications she has earned: Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA), Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV), Master Analyst in Financial Forensics (MAFF), and Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF).

### INHERITED WORK ETHIC

It's a work ethic she saw modeled by her late parents, Ernest and Grace D'Acchioli. "I was a first-generation college student and my parents worked very hard to give me and my sister that opportunity," says Parente.

To honor their memory, Parente established the **Parente Accounting Scholarship Fund** in 2014. "The idea of establishing a scholarship was intriguing to me as a way to help another student in some small way."

### FOCUS ON SUCCESS

She found it gratifying to meet the scholarship recipient, knowing full-well the focus it takes to achieve success at Bryant and beyond. A successful summer internship with one of the Big Four public accounting firms led to an offer of a full-time position. The scholarship recipient's connection to Bryant and drive to succeed will continue with enrollment in the University's Master of Professional Accountancy program.

Parente understands that a scholarship recipient's academic achievements are, in no small part, the result of receiving the scholarship. It reduces the financial burden of a college education, making it easier for the student to focus on the learning and leadership experiences that are at the core of a Bryant education. She knows, too, that a scholarship is a source of pride that the student's achievements and sacrifices to excel have been recognized.

# New Resources for International Business and Supply Chain Management

*Gift will propel two of Bryant's signature programs to the next level of excellence*

Bryant University has received a \$500,000 commitment over eight years for International Business and Global Supply Chain Management. This generous pledge will significantly enhance the academic and co-curricular offerings in both areas of study.

The anonymous gift was made in support of *Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future*. Building on teaching excellence through support for the people and programs that enrich learning is one of the pillars of the campaign.

"This tremendous gift is a reflection of the commitment Bryant has made to interdisciplinary and international education," says **Madan Annavarjula, Ph.D.**, Dean of the College of Business and

**"The emphasis placed on these fields will ultimately benefit many student and faculty constituents, as well as the industry and the institution."**

—**Madan Annavarjula, Ph.D.**,  
Dean of the College of Business

Professor of International Business. "Business education today has to be taught in a multidisciplinary fashion. Our International Business and Global Supply Chain Management programs are highly interdisciplinary in their approach. The emphasis placed on these fields will ultimately benefit many student and faculty constituents, as well as the industry and the institution."

For the Global Supply Chain Management program, the funding will support a series of Supply Chain Management seminars for students, faculty, and industry leaders; mini-grants to faculty to support related research and conference activities; outreach to high

**"When you bring in visionaries and expose students to learning and networking opportunities with industry executives, that is the type of offering that sets a new standard for undergraduate supply chain management programs."**

—**Teresa M. McCarthy, Ph.D.**,  
Director of Global Supply Chain Management Program

students to learning and networking opportunities with industry executives, this experiential content enhances the classroom content, and further establishes Bryant's Global Supply Chain Management as a world-class program."

Support for the International Business program includes six annual grants for high-achieving students to participate in Bryant's Sophomore International Experience; creation of an International

member. It creates a culture of excellence. Everything we are doing has a measurable outcome," he adds, noting that ensuring impact was particularly important to the donors.

**"This gift will be instrumental in taking us to the next level."**

—**Andres Ramirez, Ph.D.**,  
Director of the International Business Program



Coordinator of the nationally acclaimed International Business Program Andres Ramirez, Ph.D., engages students in timely discussions.

schools to introduce the discipline and showcase the academic and experiential opportunities available at Bryant; and co-curricular activities to provide students with real world experience that complements classroom learning.

"Supply Chain Management is a newly emerging, highly employable, and desirable course of study," explains **Teresa M. McCarthy, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Marketing and Director of the Global Supply Chain Management program. "One of the things I am most excited about is the Supply Chain Management Seminar series. When you bring visionaries to campus and expose

Business Award for Excellence in Faculty Research; development of an International Summer Camp focusing on global leadership; and creation of short-term executive-in-residence and alumni-in-residence programs that will allow students to engage with seasoned and emerging international business leaders.

"This gift will be instrumental in taking us to the next level," says **Andres Ramirez, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Finance and Management and Coordinator of the nationally acclaimed International Business Program. "Every initiative has a purpose; it goes beyond the particular student or faculty

Bryant's International Business program has been ranked third in the nation by College Factual/USA Today and enrollment in the Global Supply Chain Management concentration is expected to grow by 50 percent each year for the next two years. "But we would not want to rest on our laurels," explains Dean Annavarjula. "Bryant has always taken pride in its student-focused culture. Everything we do has to benefit the students in some way, shape or form. These particular grants are going to the common cause of student enrichment."

## Wozniak Wows

Bryant University's **Trustee Innovation Series** hosted an engaging conversation with Apple Computer co-founder Steve Wozniak for an enthusiastic crowd of 1,300 Bryant students, alumni, faculty, and staff. The brilliant engineer, successful international business executive, and

whose inventions, the Apple I and Apple II computers, helped launch personal computing and revolutionized access to information and forged one of the most successful technology brands in history.

Members of Bryant's Leadership Council, Parents Council, and the Wall

**"When you're young, you have the greatest mental energy, and the greatest physical energy—meaning you can stay up late—of your life.... Don't waste it... You've got to work hard when you're young to really turn an idea into something successful."**

**"And I always encourage people to know as many disciplines as you can, and not just one tiny, tiny specific one, because it's much more rewarding to you in the end."**

—**Steve Wozniak**

reluctant celebrity was down-to-earth and energized to be talking with the crowd.

President Ronald K. Machtley guided lively conversation with Wozniak from his youth as a curious kid who tinkered with transistors to his success as an innovator

Street Council engaged with Wozniak at a private reception at the Callahan House after the April 6 event.

Through his legendary career, Wozniak has been involved in numerous business and philanthropic ventures, focusing pri-



Apple Computer Co-Founder Steve Wozniak engaged with Bryant leadership donors and friends in a reception following his Trustee Innovation Series appearance.

marily on computer capabilities for education and emphasizing hands-on learning and creativity for students. Wozniak currently is Chief Scientist for Fusion-io. His autobiography, *iWoz: From Computer Geek to Cult Icon*, is a *New York Times* bestseller.

Wozniak received the highest honor bestowed on America's leading innovators, the National Medal of Technology, in 1985 from President Ronald Reagan. Other honors include induction into the Inventors Hall of Fame and receipt of the Heinz Award for Technology and the Hoover Medal given for outstanding extra-career services by engineers to humanity.

"Engagement with the great minds and talents of our times provides educational experiences that help us to expand our horizons and challenge assumptions about the world and role of individuals," says President Machtley.



## The Comfort finds new life

Bryant alumni from the 1970s and 1980s fondly recall their informal work and play space on campus – the Comfort.

“Walking to the Comfort, scrambling to get to the coveted second floor before it was shut off, and laughing the night away while Supergiants were replenished are some of my fondest memories of Bryant,” says **Greg Steiner '85**. “It was so much more than the campus bar. It was *the place* where we had



The Comfort, pictured above in 1983, was so much more than the campus bar. It was the place where students, including members of BRYCOL, engaged in after-hours interpersonal and financial management training. The space, pictured at right, is ready to be transformed into a vibrant makerspace for students interested in launching innovative projects and products.

many after-hours of interpersonal and financial management ‘training programs’ with the people who would become life-long friends.”

Steiner, co-owner of a third-generation family-run building and development company in Fairfield County, CT, was thrilled to hear plans were underway to revitalize the Comfort for a reimagined purpose.

“When I heard that the administration was talking about re-opening the Comfort, I didn’t hesitate to get involved. My life’s work in the construction business allowed me to see the ‘diamond in the rough’ of this building.”

### INNOVATION SPACE

Steiner donated the lead gift toward this \$500,000 renovation project. One of his classmates also donated to the project with a gift of \$15,000.

“I think that transforming the Comfort into a vibrant ‘makerspace’ is brilliant and exactly in line with the skills we members of BRYCOL developed there,” says Steiner. “The building would serve as a unique meeting place for students interested in launching their own innovative projects and products. It would include an area for concept development to help students from all fields of study to design, build, and showcase their big ideas.”

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If you haven’t been back to Bryant, you are encouraged by Steiner to see firsthand all the spectacular changes and world-class facilities that have been added as part of *Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant’s Bold Future*. This momentous \$75 million fundraising effort, the largest in the University’s history,

advances Bryant to the next level of excellence and global prominence, for the benefit of all students and alumni. “As an alum, I am so honored and proud to be part of this progress,” he says.

### JOIN THE INITIATIVE

To bring this vision of an entrepreneurial ‘incubator’ to life, the University needs to raise \$500,000. “I am asking all Bryant alums to join me in making a gift to this initiative,” says Steiner. “I’m proud to play a part in helping this building, which had such an impact on my Bryant experience, continue to thrive as part of our alma mater’s innovative landscape for current and future students. I hope the next generation of Bryant students can explore their dreams and aspirations in this building the way we all did.”

All gifts, large or small, make a difference and can be made over multiple years.

Contact Susan Detri-Souve, Bryant’s Regional Development Manager, at 401-232-6173 or [sdetri@bryant.edu](mailto:sdetri@bryant.edu), to make a gift or for more information.

## Paul DeLomba '60: Proud alumnus has given back more than half a century

As a young graduate, **Paul DeLomba '60** was earning \$425 a month at Price Waterhouse and supporting a young family. He celebrated his promotion to manager in 1965 with his first gift to Bryant, beginning a legacy of continuous giving that has spanned more than 50 years.

“Giving is important to me because it shows a sense of pride,” explains DeLomba, who readily admits that Bryant has first priority for his philanthropy. “The quality of a Bryant education is outstanding and that’s a source of pride. It’s a world-class institution.”

### SUPPORTING MANY BRYANT PRIORITIES

DeLomba’s generosity has included gifts to the Bryant Fund, the Campaign for Bryant in 2000, and the current capital campaign. He and his wife have established the Paul and Ruth DeLomba Endowed Scholarship, to which they contribute regularly.

He also has supported the scholarship program for Bryant students sponsored by PwC throughout his life-long career there. PwC’s practice of matching employee gifts to qualifying organizations has greatly increased the impact of DeLomba’s sustained giving.

### POSITIONED TO COMPETE SUCCESSFULLY

DeLomba credits Bryant with helping him realize that his skills were a natural fit for the accounting profession and positioning him to compete successfully with graduates from schools that were more prestigious at the time. He passed his CPA exam on the first sitting and was the first Bryant alumnus to be named a partner in the firm.

“It takes both inclination and means to give,” notes DeLomba, “We couldn’t be more proud of the institution Bryant has become. I hope new grads feel the same way.”

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## Daniel Santos '52: Focusing on Bryant’s reputation

For more than four decades, **Daniel Santos '52** has made giving to Bryant University a philanthropic priority. His annual gifts to the Bryant Fund are inspiring – an unbroken record of consecutive giving that has spanned his life and career. For the past 20 years, Santos’ support has been at the leadership level of \$1,000 and above. With matching gifts from his life-long employer, New York Life, the impact of those gifts has been doubled.

### INSPIRED TO GIVE BACK

What inspires such loyalty to Bryant and constancy in giving? For Santos, like many other alumni, it’s a desire to “give back” and express appreciation for an education that was the foundation for his success. But, he also believes that his support enables Bryant to advance its mission and reputation. “Bryant gave me so much, I want to see it succeed on a national level,” he explains.

He closely follows Barron’s annual college rankings and has enjoyed watching the University’s reputation and reach expand across the nation and around the globe. “When Bryant’s reputation is enhanced, that also enhances the value of our degree. That’s my intent. If my little share can help Bryant succeed, then I’m going to do that.”

### WITNESSING A GROWING REPUTATION

A native of Lowell, MA, Santos relocated to Kentucky following his post-graduation military service. “When I first came to Louisville, people outside of New England had not heard of Bryant,” recalls Santos. “Today, Bryant is widely known and it’s gratifying to see what the University is doing around the world.”

Santos has made plans to continue his legacy of giving. He is a member of Bryant’s 1863 Society, having named the University as a beneficiary in his will.

To learn more about how you and Bryant can both benefit from naming the University in your will, or to find out about other planned giving options, please contact Ed Magro, J.D., at (877) 353-5667 or email [emagro@bryant.edu](mailto:emagro@bryant.edu) for details.

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## NO BETTER PLACE TO MAKE AN INVESTMENT

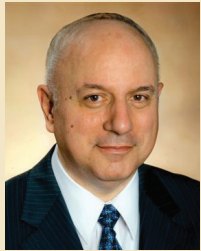
“Partnering with the Warren Alpert Foundation to advance the School of Health Sciences will dramatically expand our academic offerings and provide new opportunities for health care professionals to better work within a dynamic and often complex industry,” says Sulmasy.

“The challenge grant presents a unique opportunity for alumni, parents, and friends who want to make a difference at Bryant,” says Wegrzyn. “Every gift coming in to Bryant through June 30 will be matched by the Warren Alpert Foundation, effectively doubling it.”

Donors will play a foundational role during the program development phase, as the University designs innovative classes, connects with industry leaders, and acquires essential course materials, he adds.

Counted among the donors is **George Vecchione '06H**, the former Bryant Trustee who is credited with turning around the finances of a troubled hospital system during his 13-year tenure as President and Chief Executive Officer of Lifespan, Rhode Island’s most powerful hospital network.

“I am delighted to participate in the Warren Alpert Foundation challenge grant in support of the University’s School of Health Sciences,” says Vecchione. “Our health care ‘system’ is vast and complex and in need of



George Vecchione '06H

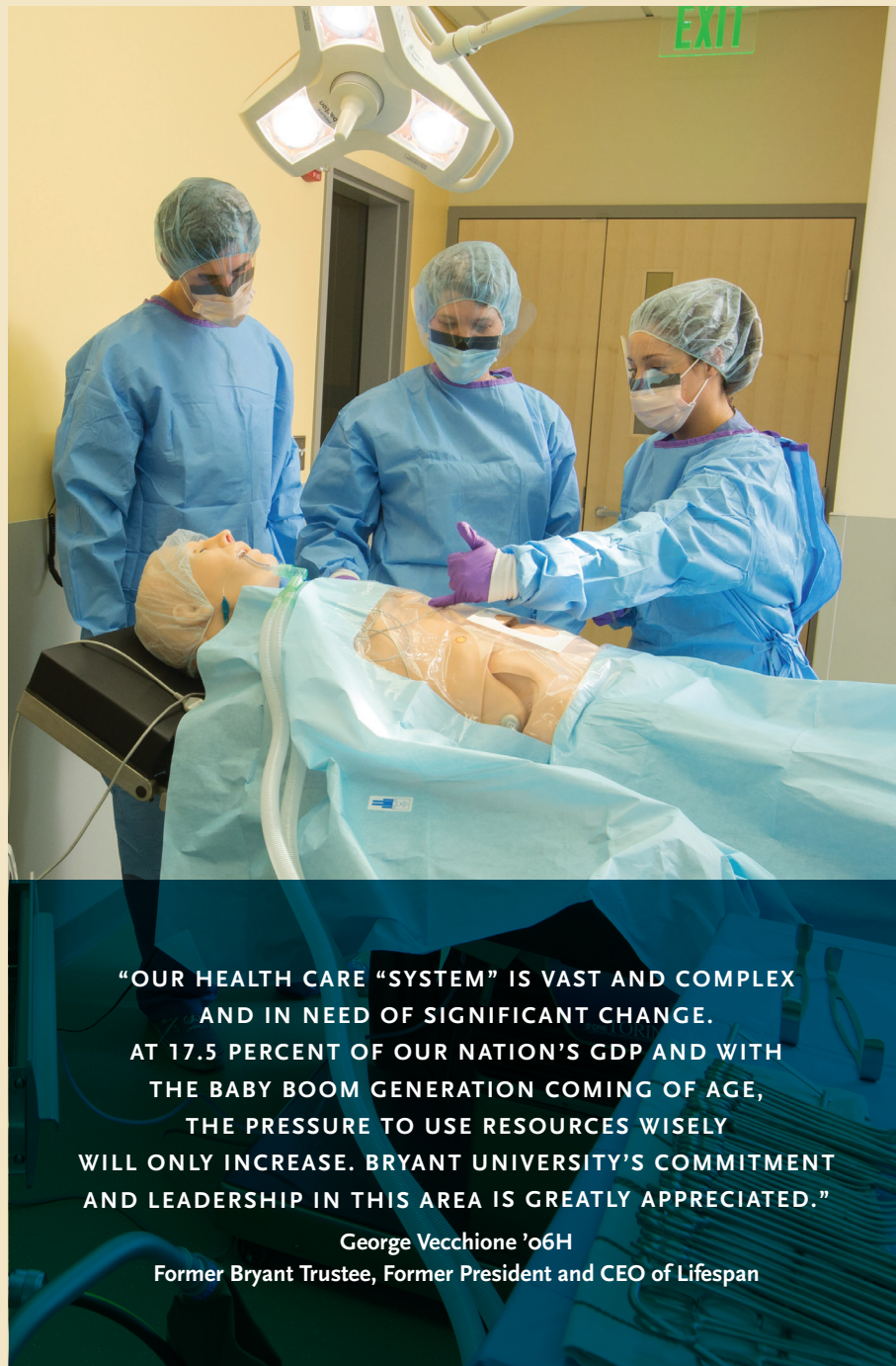
significant change. At 17.5 percent of our nation’s GDP and with the baby boom generation coming of age, the pressure to use resources wisely will only increase.

Bryant University’s commitment and leadership in this area is greatly appreciated. I thank the Warren Alpert Foundation for creating this challenge grant, thereby allowing donors to maximize the impact of their gifts.”

**“There is no better place [than Bryant] to make an investment, in our opinion.”**

—Clifford and Kim Garnett P'13

“Diversification of the academic programs being offered by Bryant University is of interest to us, but only if the added programs make sense in the master plan. And these health care programs do,” say **Clifford and Kim Garnett P'13**, parents of Brooke '13, who were recognized as Bryant Champions for Philanthropy in 2012. “With delivery of high quality health care continuing to be a major challenge in society today, programs that advance services to patients and providers while reducing costs to both deserves our attention. Bryant’s goal is to provide the marketplace with well-trained professionals who are innovative leaders in the field, and launching this new enterprise requires capital. The recent addition



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of the School of Health Sciences with Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies is further evidence of the progressive thinking of Bryant University and President Ronald K. Machtley. There is no better place to make an investment, in our opinion.”

## INCREASING DEMANDS

Health care represents 17.5 percent of the country’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP) with anticipated growth of 5.8 percent a year through 2025. Georgetown University’s Center of Education and Workforce estimates that the sector will add an additional 5.6 million jobs in the next six years.

Increasing demands for high-quality care at manageable costs drive the need for businesses and practitioners to think and operate innovatively.

Bryant’s School of Health Sciences will prepare students to address these imminent issues and emerging needs by educating future leaders and innovators in an industry that continues to evolve and change.

The matching gift challenge is part of Bryant’s historic capital campaign, **Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant’s Bold Future**, which has raised \$69 million toward the campaign’s \$75 million goal.

Bryant celebrated its newest alumni as the School of Health Sciences graduated its first class of Physician Assistants (PAs) on March 25th. After receiving their Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies diplomas, the newly

## HERE’S HOW TO DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

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certified health care providers took the “Physician Assistant Oath,” pledging to “hold as my primary responsibility the health, safety, welfare, and dignity of all human beings.” Since its inception in 2014, the Bryant PA program has grown by 50 percent, and philanthropy is helping the University build on efforts to integrate this clinical side of health care with Bryant’s core strength in business education.

## INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Bryant alumni have been distinguished leaders in the health care sector for decades, paving the way for the University to establish the School of Health Sciences in 2014 with the launch of its first clinical program, the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS). Peter Fos, D.D.S., Ph.D. in Health Care Decision Analysis, M.P.H. in Health Systems Management, and David Fine, Master of Hospital Administration, both long-time, respected health care industry executives, have joined Bryant’s administration and faculty to help develop an integrated best-in-class curriculum.

As Bryant’s School of Health Sciences continues to grow, the University will expand its role as a resource for leaders in health care management, physicians and other health care providers, hospitals, and health care delivery systems on how best to anticipate and address changing dynamics in the practice of medicine.

The innovative health care leadership program will anticipate the future of health care, integrating emerging trends with best practices, featuring:

- Distinguished faculty in business and medicine
- Hybrid online coursework
- Immersive learning opportunities at health care organizations
- A capstone practicum handling real-world challenges in health care administration

## AT THE HEART OF THE U.S. ECONOMY

Recognizing these marketplace drivers and trends, Machtley identified health sciences as an important growth area for the University in its strategic plan, Vision 2020.

“For more than 153 years, Bryant has been at the forefront of delivering exceptional education that anticipates the future and the needs of students in a changing world,” said President Machtley. “Health care sits at the heart of the U.S. economy, and as a leading University with a strategic focus on business, Bryant is boldly positioning the School of Health Sciences programs to prepare innovative leaders for the future of our health care system.”



## NICK CANDITO '10: Opportunity looks a lot like work

**Nick Candito '10**, co-founder/CEO of Progressly (a cloud-based Operational Performance Management solution), recently appeared on the Forbes 30 under 30 list – and it wasn't by chance. "One of my favorite pieces of advice quoted often while I was growing up is, 'opportunity looks a lot like work,'" he says.

Candito's experience as a member of Bryant's football team showed him the importance of individuals working together toward a common goal, and it's something he believes is an essential ingredient for professional success.

Progressly employees are "very diverse in terms of age, race, gender, and perspective," he says. Moreover, Candito makes it a point to ensure that all employees have input. "As long as everyone understands our broader vision and their role in executing against our

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strategy, I believe in letting individuals have ownership over their work."

Although many companies often try to only hire people with direct experience, Candito thinks there's room for another approach. "I've always believed that you recruit character and train skill," he says. "If you're lucky, your senior staff will have a strong intersection of the two."

Candito also looks for confident leaders who aren't intimidated by others'



success. "A leader must have the courage to make decisions that build up others within the group," he says. One of the most meaningful lessons he's learned as an entrepreneur is that sometimes it's best to take one step at a time. "Since our product is focused on optimizing performance, incremental thinking is also incredibly useful in putting us in the right position to make proactive decisions based on the latest information. We're streamlining process for Fortune 500 brands and it's helpful to remember that value in keeping people aligned even in smaller organizations like ours."

Early on, Candito struggled with the idea that he wouldn't have all the answers all the time. He now says, "You won't know everything, so don't pretend to. People will see right through it and lose respect for you. You can learn something from almost everyone you meet or work with – it just takes a little humility."

## BETH BOMBARA '89: Regard for colleagues drives passion

**Name a leadership role in accounting or finance and Beth Bombara '87** has done it. A certified public accountant, she has been a manager or partner at two of the nation's premiere public accounting firms.

Now the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of The Hartford, Bombara is responsible for finance, treasury, capital, accounting, and investor relations. She has served in a wide range of positions there since 2004.

Bombara has been the company's controller; ensured compliance with

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the Sarbanes-Oxley Act; managed the corporate accounting, accounting policy, and Wealth Management finance functions; and led the company's finance transformation program.

Bombara's passion for her work is driven by her high regard for colleagues. "It's all about the team that works together to get to an outcome," she says. "For me it's all about the 'how' – not just the 'what.'"

She believes every leader has the responsibility to guide and influence the next generation of leaders by serving as a mentor and role model.

"When we think about why we're successful and what we've achieved, it's been because people have been there to help us. I think I have a responsibility to help the next group of leaders as they are coming up and to extend a hand to them."



Bombara credits her parents with inspiring her to work hard and forge her own path to success and influence.

"They have been there for me since day one – in my successes and in my greatest challenges," she explains. "They created the person that I am today. What they taught me, I've used throughout my whole career."



## NETWORKING AT ALUMNI EVENTS



**March 5 | Boca Raton, FL**

Alumni gathered at Truluck's in Boca Raton, FL, to hear a guest speaker from the Bryant campus, Dean of the College of Business Madan Annavarjula, on a Sunday afternoon in March.



**March 8 | San Mateo, CA**

Bryant Professors Michael Roberto, Lori Coakley, and Jim Segovis met up with Bay Area alumni at Kingfish Restaurant. The professors updated our alumni about Bryant and all the exciting projects in the works. Pictured (L to R): Professors Mike Roberto and Lori Coakley, **Guillaume Sabourin '16**, **Ryan Stone '13**, and **Karlie Tiscia '12**.



**March 9 | San Francisco, CA**

Bryant Professors Michael Roberto, Lori Coakley, and Jim Segovis traveled to San Francisco to reconnect with former students and area alumni. Pictured (L to R): **Breanna Weaver '12**, Kari Silverman, Coakley, **Aaron Santos-Pereira '14**, and **Brittany Franco '16**.

## MATTHEW VEVES '10: In demand around the world

As a specialist on the chemicals knowledge consulting team in McKinsey & Company's North American Knowledge Center, **Matthew Veves '10** helps clients understand the strategic implications of material science disruptions relating to their area of business. His focus is on knowing what's on the horizon in a fast-paced industry – and recognizing how to make the most of it.

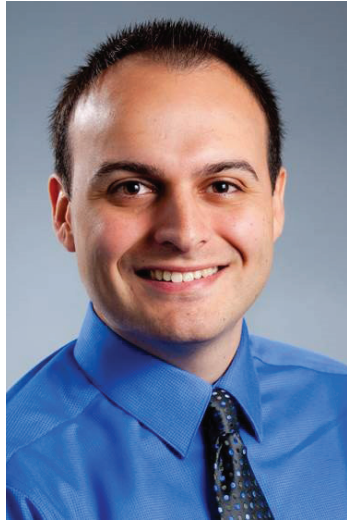
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–Matthew Veves '10

Veves made his mark as Bryant University's first Entrepreneurship major, and quickly set himself apart as an innovator by helping to organize the Social Entrepreneurship Rhode Island Summit, a day-long conference of 400 people at the University that featured nationally known experts on social entrepreneurship.

“I've always been interested in the areas where business and science overlap,” he says. “What I do is take scientific innovation and help translate that into a business context for our clients.”

His expertise in a growing and ever-changing field means he is in demand around the world. “I've spoken with clients on five continents about advanced materials. I would say that, collectively, I've spent half a year of my time at McKinsey in Southeast Asia. I've just returned from my sixth trip to Europe in the last year,” Veves says.



The constant change of pace is one of his favorite parts of working at McKinsey. “I like that it's constantly pushing me to be better and to learn more. It's also something different every day, either from a content perspective or just a different type of challenge in terms of interacting with a client. It forces you to grow quite a bit.”

Veves credits Bryant's supportive atmosphere for helping to cultivate his innate desire to push himself. “One of the cool things about Bryant is that there's quite a bit of support for risk-taking,” he says. “If you want to try something new, like I did with the conference – well, you can go do it. I think that the University does a good job of fostering that.”

“It's better to skin your knees in college than when you're out in the workforce,” he reflects. “Being able to step out into the world and deal with uncertainty and ambiguity, and to take calculated risks, has been a definite asset in my career.”

## CAMPUS VISITS MADE PERSONAL



Several members of the Class of 1982 planned a mini weekend reunion in Narragansett in January and gathered on Saturday at the Ronald K. and Kati C. Machtley Interfaith Center to remember their classmate, **Steve Peeters '82**, who passed away in October 2016. Pictured are **Dave '82** and **Sue Esposito**; **Sue (Caprio) '82** and **Nick '82 DeCarlo**; **Gail and Marty '82 Van Buiten**; **Paul '82** and **Lynn (Murphy) '82 D'Adamo**; and **Rich '82** and **Vicki Goldberg**.

Be sure to contact the Office of Alumni Engagement if you plan to visit.

Whether living near or far, alumni are encouraged to come to campus and tell us about their Bryant experiences. Email [alumni@bryant.edu](mailto:alumni@bryant.edu) with your expected visit date.



### February 28 | Smithfield, RI

Multicultural Bryant alumni shared their career and life experiences with current students on campus recently. Thank you to our alumni panelists for staying involved on campus: **Christano Andrade '03**, **Wilberte Paul '07**, **Philip Clinton '00**, **'05 MBA**, **Evelyn (Burgos) Hayes '02**, **Aliana Soto '04**, and **Shanel Anthony '02**, **'03 MBA**.



### March 10 | Fort Myers, FL

JetBlue Park at Fenway South was the setting for a Boston Red Sox game and BBQ in Ft. Myers, FL, for alumni. Pictured at the BBQ near the Bryant banner are **Richard '76** and **Catherine Blake** and **Paul '84** and **Jean Gustafson**.



### March 11 | Naples, FL

The Naples St. Patrick's Day Parade celebration with our Bryant trolley is long-standing tradition for off-campus events. After marching alongside the trolley throughout the parade route, we enjoyed a traditional Irish meal and entertainment at the Bellasera Hotel.



### March 16 | Boston, MA

Some alumni may remember playing “Big Bingo” at Bryant. We recreated the game at The Living Room in Boston and dished out an array of Bryant swag for competition winners.

With more than 70 Alumni programs around the globe each year, we can't run all the pictures we would like to highlight in Engage. Photo albums from all events are located on [Facebook.com/BryantAlumni](https://www.facebook.com/BryantAlumni). You can view Bryant's photo albums without a Facebook account.



## SPREAD THE WORD

### CALENDAR

#### May

**Needham, MA**  
May 3, 6-8 PM  
Alumni & student networking @ TripAdvisor

**Providence, RI**  
May 10, 7:30-9 AM  
Providence Breakfast Series @ the Providence Marriott, Orms Street

**Smithfield, RI**  
May 19  
2017 Bryant University Commencement

**Smithfield, RI**  
May 24  
World Trade Day at Bryant University

**London, UK**  
May 26, 6-8 PM  
East India Club

**Foxboro, MA**  
May 27, 10:30 AM Tailgate  
Noon 1st Games starts  
NCAA Men's Lacrosse  
Final Four @ Gillette Stadium

#### June

**Newport, RI**  
June 3, 4-7 PM  
Opening Day at Newport Polo

**Providence, RI**  
June 21, 7:30-9 AM  
Providence Breakfast Series @ the Providence Marriott, Orms Street

#### July

**Nantucket, MA**  
July 5, 4:30-6:30 PM  
Patio at Nantucket Prime

**New York, NY**  
July 20, 6-8 PM  
Class of 2017 Welcome Reception @ Pier A Harbor House

**Boston, MA**  
July 27, 6-9 PM  
Class of 2017 Welcome Reception @ Lawn on D

**Saratoga Springs, NY**  
July 29, Noon Lunch,  
1 PM Racing begins  
Easy Goer at the Races

#### September

**Smithfield, RI**  
September 22- September 23  
Reunion @ Homecoming

New alumni events are added weekly. Check [alumniconnect.bryant.edu/events](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 12/21/16 through 3/21/17

**1985**  
Dave Kaiser '85 and  
Jessica Thomas on 8/15/16

**2005**  
Robert Carey '05, '07 MBA  
and Cheryl Ostrander '08

**2011**  
Janeka Haas '11, '11 MPAC  
and Jeff Doyle '11 on 9/10/16

**2012**  
Jackie Ammirato '12 and  
Tim Peabody '12 on 10/1/16  
Abby Whittaker '12 and  
Eric MacCarthy '12 on 9/30/16

### ADDITIONS

Notices received from 12/21/16 through 3/21/17

**2004**  
Adele K. to Nicole (Meunier) '04  
and Anthony DeiCicchi '05  
on 7/21/16

**2008**  
Bryce Aaron to  
Jessica (Valentini) '08  
and Matt Richard '08  
on 1/15/17

**2009**  
Scarlett Rose to  
David '09 and Alana Almonte  
on 1/28/17

**2010**  
Addison to Jessica (Beck) '10  
and Scott Weiner  
on 12/25/16

### ALUMNI WEDDINGS



June 17, 2016 | Provincetown, MA  
Cheryl Ostrander '08 and Robert Carey '05,  
'07 MBA



September 30, 2016 | Haverhill, MA  
Abby Whittaker '12 and Eric MacCarthy '12



October 1, 2016 | Huntington, NY  
Jackie Ammirato '12 and Tim Peabody '12



September 10, 2016 | Bar Harbor, ME  
Janeka Haass '11, '11 MPAC and Jeff Doyle '11

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)

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### THE BRYANT ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAM



#### South Africa

August 18 – September 3

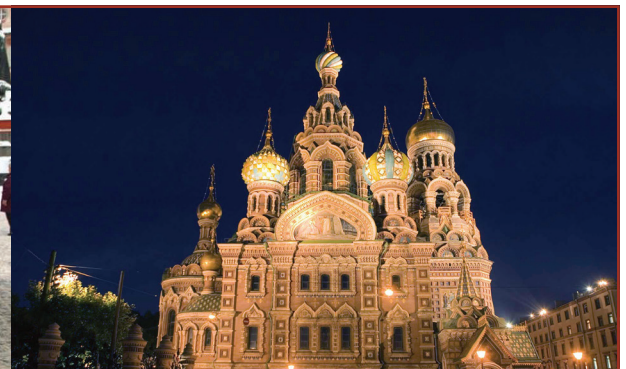
Journey to the southern tip of Africa to a country that defies comparison. South Africa boasts a spectacular combination of scenery, cities, and amazing wildlife. One day you're out on the Savanna, spying on leopards and lions; the next, you're sipping a crisp Chenin Blanc and feeling the breeze off the Indian Ocean.

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#### Christmas Markets – Budapest, Vienna, and Prague December 3-13, 2017

Join us as we head to Eastern Europe's festive Christmas markets of Budapest, Vienna, and Prague and revel in holiday cheer. Enjoy the opulent Schonbrunn Palace in Vienna, the beauty of Budapest by night, and sweeping views of Prague from the Charles Bridge.



#### Baltic Cruise – Amsterdam to Russia June 30 – July 13, 2018

Meet in Amsterdam, then board the exquisite Celebrity Eclipse for a 12-night cruise with stops in historic European and Scandinavian ports to and from St. Petersburg, Russia.

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