From Bryant College to Bryant University: What’s In a Name?

Well, it’s official. After a period of extensive discussion and input by faculty, staff, students, alumni, and Bryant’s leadership team, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously that Bryant College will become Bryant University, effective August 25, 2004.

“The change to University is the logical next step in the continued development of our institution,” says John D. Callahan ’56, chairman of Bryant’s Board of Trustees.

Bryant’s undergraduate and graduate programs have evolved over time to extend the core business focus. As Bryant University, we continue to ensure that students gain the high-level knowledge, applicable skills, and a global context in which to think, live, and work.

As a University, Bryant’s organizational structure will change to include a College of Business, a College of Arts and Sciences, and the Graduate School. There will be individual deans for the College of Business and for the College of Arts and Sciences, with an associate dean for the Graduate School.

Stretching Geographic and Intellectual Boundaries

Our change to Bryant University will also allow us to take the Graduate School to the next level by giving our traditional business education a more global context. Our strategy emphasizes three regions: Asia, Latin America, and Europe. The international focus for the Graduate School will enable us to create joint partnerships abroad, further expand our distinguished position in business education, and allow us to explore new methods for delivering a Bryant education to more students here and around the world.

What does this mean for Alumni?

The Bryant University community will remain very supportive of alumni because we recognize that the relationships and individual connections you developed here are an essential part of the Bryant experience. On a professional level, as we continue to enhance the reputation of Bryant here and abroad, the value of your degree will increase. Bryant has a 141-year history of strategic thinking and a willingness to change in order to meet the ever evolving marketplace, but our core values continue to guide us.

Distinctive education – Academic Excellence

Bryant’s high-quality curriculum with its business core will continue to drive our progress as an outstanding provider of higher education. Bryant’s strength is a unique fusion of business, liberal arts, and technology in the context of practical applications.
Additions

Audrey John to Marcy
(Brown) '86 and Donald
Fleming on 6/24/03
Rebecca Anne to
Elizabeth (Donnie) '87
and Andre Rondeau on
6/23/04
Mallory Erin to Robert
J. '88 and Mary Anne
McCaffery on 6/26/04
Katherine Lilie to Regis
(Drouin) '88 and
George Wilson on
7/20/03
Sarah Elizabeth to
Kimberly (Cobb) '89
and Neil Augustine on
7/26/04
Kira Nicole to Deana
(Lambert) '86, '96MBA
and James Horne on
6/26/04
Jackson Thomas to Lori
(Neifier) '86 and Daniel
Rehalf on 7/12/03
Connie Cosker to Kelly
(Cobcar) '89 and
William Seander on
7/4/04
Victoria Ann to
Michelle (Menibro) '90
and Sal Piccarotta on
4/8/04
Luke Alan to Kristen
(Daigneault) '90 and
Mark Gibson on 4/24/04
Colin James to James R.
'90 and Michelle
(Osborne) Lopes '96 on
7/25/03
Evan Anthony to John
A. '90 and Nada Maseto
on 7/29/04
Cathy Joyce to Kristen
(Robinson) '90 and
Matthew Wirth on
10/1/03
Mary Jane Louise on
5/21/02 and John
Francis on 2/21/04 to
Douglas J. '91 and
Jennifer Higbee
Mallory Ann to Ann
(Cheli) '91 and Gregory
J. Tymon '92 on 6/7/03
Jack Preston to Bridgett
E. Casey '92, '91 and
Meghan E. Larchery '92,
'00MBA on 5/15/04
Nathan Daniel to Susan
(Moore) '92 and
Benjamin P. Ferrero Jr.
92 on 1/27/04
Catalina Isabel to
Rolando A. '92 and
Pamela (Gutierrez) Lora '93
on 2/16/04
Caroline Nicole to
Peter J. '92 and Nicole
Roy on 3/15/04
Camryn Alexandra to
Michael W. '92 and
Mark Smith on 3/7/03
Ashlin to Peter A. '92
and Kimberly Steckman
on 4/8/04
Jenna Ranzi to Aaron D.
'93 and Carol
Geraghty on 3/22/04
Jenna Jeanne to Jackie
(Crothers) '93 and
Casey Hooper on 3/23/04
Cole MacLean to
Heather (MacLean) '94
and Scott Higgins on
4/21/04
Jonathan Brian to Brian
R. '94 and Lynn (Cuozzi)
Pearson '04 on 3/6/04
Kathryn Rachel to
Drew A. '95 and
Meredith Derrin on
3/19/04
Hannah Marion on
6/17/02 and Emma
Mandel on 3/15/04 to
Shannon (Lizzi) '95 and
John Fahey
Madeleine Kristine to
Karen (Acreti) '96 and
Ted Kleeman on
3/21/07
Nicole Joy to Tracey
(Ross) '96 and Peter
Weise on 3/8/04
Brooke Abby to James A.
16/95 and Melissa
Zahorsky on 2/26/04
Matthew Lawrence to
Jean (Madinch) '96 and
Jason Bury on 3/23/03
Alexis Rose to Nicholas
T. '96 and Roseann
(Baldasso) Bozio '96 on
3/19/04
Baily Rose to P. Phillip
'96, '03MBA and Vicki
(Roy) Cloutier '96 on
5/21/04
Peter Gregory to Brian
J. '96 and Vanessa
(Atkin) Fitzer '96 on
5/25/04
Kelise Connelloy to
Bethany L. (Connelloy)
'96 and Ryan Wadovics
on 2/28/04
Benjamin Patrick to Lisa
(Myers) '97 and Derek
Bazire on 2/14/04
Madeleine Marie to
Jacqueline (Maslow) '97
and Chad Daley on
10/29/03
Joshua Michael to Tricia
(LeBlanc) '97 and
Michael Rebello on
4/29/04
Jordan Tour to Tanya
(Morhine) '98 and
Jonathan M. Guedes
99 on 11/13/03
Bruce Rand to Gwynn
(Goodwin) '99 and Frank
Almeida on 2/4/04
Naomi Marie to Daniel
R. '00, '02MBA and
Connie Pepin on 6/9/04

Alumni Achievement Awards Ceremony

President Ron Machtley with this year’s award recipients (l-r) Professor Hal Records; Shannon Dunigan '93, '97MBA; Kristian Moor '81; Jennifer Proud Mearns '82; and Buzz Waltman '76, president of the Bryant College Alumni Association.

A jazz performance by Shawn Monteiro, who has delighted audiences in the United States and Europe with her blues-oriented improvisations, was enjoyed by all.

Boston Alumni Network Group

More than 50 alumni from the Boston area met at the Bell & Hand Tavern on May 13. This was the third event held by the Bryant Alumni Boston Network since its revitalization in November 2003. The successful gathering proved, once again, that there are many alumni in the Boston area who enjoy seeing old friends and making new ones. The network is always looking to expand the contact list and for event suggestions. If you are in the Boston area and haven't received information about upcoming events, please e-mail bryantbostonalumni@yahoo.com with your contact information.
Alumni Achievements Recognized

Selected Bryant alumni and faculty are recognized each year for their active and admirable participation in their professional and civic roles.

**Distinguished Alumnus Award**

For outstanding professional achievement or community service

**Kristian Moor ’81**

*AIG, Executive Vice President and Member, Office of the Chairman*

Kristian Moor’s accomplishments during his 23-year career at AIG, one of the world’s largest international insurance and financial services organizations, would indicate he has a plan for success. He does and it’s impressively simple. Contrary to a popular notion, Kris finds it necessary to sweat the small stuff. "You have to pay attention to seemingly small problems," he says, "because they can eventually become very large problems."

Kris is a member of the Board of Trustees at Bryant, on the National Board of Directors of Junior Achievement, and is involved in many fundraising efforts for organizations such as the United Jewish Appeal and the Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn.

**Nelson Gulski Service Award**

For volunteer service to the college and/or the Alumni Association

**Jennifer Proud Mearns ’82**

*Consultant, Human Resources Consulting and Recruiting*

Jennifer’s dedication to her alma mater was, and remains, unwavering. Her service as a member of the Board of Trustees includes the Board of Trustees’ Nominating and Student Affairs Committees, the Campaign Steering Committee, an Ad Hoc Task Force on Alumni Participation, the Alumni Admission Connection, the Alumni Career Service Network and the National Alumni Council, just to name a few.

Despite receiving the Young Alumni Leadership Award in 1990 and this year’s Gulski Service Award in recognition of enhancing Bryant’s reputation and advancing its mission, as well as her achievements of more than 13 years of active participation in the Bryant community, Jennifer insists, “Bryant has given me much more than I’ve given it.”

**Young Alumni Leadership Award**

Awarded to alumni who have graduated within 15 years of the time of nomination for their leadership, personal achievement, or community involvement.

**Shannon Dunnigan ’93, ’97 MBA**

*General Manager, MassLive.com*

Look up the word “leadership” in the dictionary and you’ll find something akin to “capacity to lead.” Look to Shannon Dunnigan for the meaning, and you might come away thinking it means the inability to say “no.” Whether it is Bryant College asking for her participation or a civic organization needing her expertise, Shannon has a hard time turning worthy causes down. “If I have the time, I’ll do it,” she says. It’s something she learned at the same time she was earning her undergraduate degree. “My philanthropic roots were planted at Bryant,” she says. “That’s where I learned the benefits of getting involved.”

Reflecting on her professional, civic and educational accomplishments, Shannon says she doesn’t set out to demonstrate leadership skills specifically. Instead, she focuses on building relationships, enhancing current skills, and building new ones. Perhaps that’s the practical definition of leadership.

**Distinguished Faculty Award**

Recognizes full-time faculty members for professional accomplishment, devotion to teaching, concern for and positive influence on students.

**Hal Records**

*Professor and Chair, Bryant College Computer Information Systems Department*

If you don’t know Hal personally, you know his type. Hal’s the professor admired for his exceptional knowledge about his industry and respected because he has field experience. He’s well liked by faculty, staff, and both undergraduate and graduate students. His is the class to take when you want to learn something you can use in your internship or job tomorrow. He shrugs off compliments like an ill-fitted jacket. And he’s passionate to the core about his students, his colleagues, and Bryant College.

Since joining Bryant’s faculty in 1989, Hal has witnessed a revolution in his field and in teaching. “It used to be that professors passed knowledge on to students,” says Hal, “but technology changes so fast, no one can possibly know everything there is to know. When a student asks a question I don’t know the answer to, I don’t hesitate to ask the class, ‘Who in here has had that experience?’ and if no one knows, it becomes an assignment and we learn together.”
Robert T. Caponi ’90
Systems and Information Manager
City of Shelton Police Department and Volunteer Emergency Medical Technician

One day last year, Rob Caponi ’90 was talking to the Shelton, Conn., chief of police. A co-worker interrupted: another colleague was choking in the next room. Rob rushed to the woman, performed the Heimlich maneuver, and the piece of ice that had been blocking her airway popped out.

Over dinner that night, Rob told his wife what he’d done. She said that was great and asked him to pass the rolls. It wasn’t that she didn’t care, it’s just that in this family saving lives is part of a day’s work. Rob has been a volunteer emergency medical technician (EMT) for 12 years. That’s how he met his wife, Debra, who has been an EMT for 14 years. Rob’s sister and brother-in-law are also EMTs. “It didn’t seem like a big deal to me, either,” says Rob about the heroic deed that earned him the American Police Hall of Fame Civilian Lifesaving Award. “It’s what I do, I enjoy helping out in the community. And there’s a great sense of camaraderie with the other EMTs.”

That camaraderie extends to all emergency personnel. On September 11, 2001, the first phone call Rob made when he heard the news of the terrorist attacks in New York City was to his wife. A few hours later, they were both at Ground Zero, treating firefighters’ minor injuries. If there was anything good that came out of that day, says Rob, it’s “the recognition firemen and police officers got for doing what is normally a thankless job.”

In his day job, Rob is the systems and information manager for the City of Shelton Police Department. He’s responsible for the internal computer network and the mobile network for the department’s 20 patrol units. Occasionally, he gets called in to help solve computer crimes. In one case, he located the stolen blueprint for a computer chip worth $15 million. Good job, Rob. Pass the milk, please.

Top 10 Reasons to Attend Homecoming & Reunion 2004

10. What else have you got planned for September 17, 18, and 19?
9. You can register online and see who else is coming.
8. It’s a chance to catch up with your college buddies.
7. We’ve done all the planning — good food and fun activities.
6. Bring your partner and kids and make it a weekend away.
5. Leave the kids at home and make it a weekend getaway.
4. Cheer on your favorite Bryant teams.
3. See the beautiful remodeled campus.
2. Join in the celebration of becoming Bryant University.

And the #1 reason to join us for Homecoming Reunion 2004...

1. It’ll be the most fun you’ve had on campus since your date with that cute sophomore.

To pre-register online, go to www.bryant.edu/homecoming
Special Olympics Highlights

The lighting of the Flame of Hope starts the 24th Annual Special Olympics, held May 8 on Bryant's campus.

More than 50 alumni, family, and friends lent their support and were rewarded with an unforgettable experience.

The day brought a smile to every face.

Determined competitors embrace the Special Olympics oath: "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

There was no shortage of fans!

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Student-centered learning community – The Character of Success

Bryant’s small and supportive environment is an important part of the Bryant experience. That’s why, as a University, Bryant will stay around the same size, with approximately 3,000 undergraduates in a primarily residential college environment.

Global and diverse experience – Expanding the World of Opportunity

For years, Bryant has incorporated global perspective into the overall academic curriculum for both undergraduate and graduate students. As Bryant University, we will place strong emphasis on expanding the prestige of our Graduate School through international partnerships.

Questions?

Since the University discussion began and now that the change is in motion, many alumni have had questions about how it will affect them. Visit our Web site to get more information and answers at web.bryant.edu/~change.
Diane Morrissey Golf Tournament

Proceeds from the second annual Di Morrissey Golf Tournament, held on May 16 at the Keney Golf Course in Hartford, Conn., raised $7,500 for three Bryant scholarships. The tribute to Sigma Iota Xi sister Di Morrissey '82, who passed away in 2002, was organized by her husband, Kevin. The following Bryant alumni volunteered and/or competed:

**Sigma Iota Xi:**
- Celeste (Wuenne mann) Barros '82
- Mary (Lehtinen) Brauer '84
- Yanina (Zielinski) Daigle '80
- Kathleen (Sweeney) DeSouza '81
- Ann (Szemreylo) Honigberg '84
- Amy (Shangraw) Ricci '80

**Tau Kappa Epsilon:**
- Dale Aldieri '82
- Robert Barros '81
- Bruce Daigle '81
- Frederick Dutty '79

**Phi Sigma Nu:**
- Jeff Rotatori '77

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Barry Ringelheim '68 (back row, middle) with students from the former Soviet Union who won a trip to the U.S. Working with Tzivos Hashem, a global organization that fosters a sense of community and identity for Jewish children, Barry contacts organizations to provide clothing for the children to take home.