

# Graduate School of Business

# **COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2010

## **WELCOME**

A most cordial welcome is extended to relatives, friends, faculty members, alumni, administrators, and staff who gather here to celebrate the 2010 Commencement Exercises of the Bryant University Graduate School of Business.

## **PROGRAM**

### ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The audience is requested to remain standing through the Invocation.

### MARSHALS

Chief Marshal, Professor Michael A. Roberto

Graduate Marshal, Professor Lori A. Coakley

Faculty Marshal, Professor Carol DeMoranville

Platform Marshal, Professor Harsh K. Luthar

### UNIVERSITY MACE BEARER

Professor Elizabeth J. Yobaccio

### THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Soloist: Anthony Mam '11

### INVOCATION

Reverend Philip Devens Bryant University Protestant Chaplain

### PRESIDING

Ronald K. Machtley President of Bryant University

## CONVENING OF THE 2010 GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS COMMENCEMENT

Michael E. Fisher '67 Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bryant University

### CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREES

Ronald K. Machtley

CITATIONS

Dr. Keith Murray Associate Dean, College of Business

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

TRUSTEE PRESENTER

**Laurent Vernerey** 

Roger N. Begin '78

HOODING OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Dr. V. K. Unni

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

**Laurent Vernerey** 

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Dr. V. K. Unni

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Ronald K. Machtley

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES

Kristopher T. Sullivan Assistant Dean, Graduate School of Business

HOODING OF CANDIDATES

Dr. Jack Trifts

Dean, College of Business

Dr. Keith Murray

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Jennifer Parkhurst '97, '06 MBA Vice President, National Alumni Council Bryant University Alumni Association

### BENEDICTION

Navah Levine

**Bryant University Jewish Chaplain** 

ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2010 GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Michael E. Fisher

### RECESSION

Please remain in place until the platform party and faculty members leave the Commencement area.

### RECEPTION

You are cordially invited to attend a reception immediately following the ceremony in the Heidi and Walter Stepan Grand Hall of the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology.

### INTERNATIONAL FLAGS

To welcome new alumni from other cultures, graduates from foreign countries are invited to exchange their native flags with President Machtley.

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## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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 $Honors, f \!\!\! S$ 

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  A member inducted into Beta Gamma
  Sigma must have earned a cumulative
  grade point average of 3.75 or above
  and be ranked in the top 20 percent of
  the graduating master's class.
- \* Tentative August graduate
- \*\* Dual Degree

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



Laurent Vernerey
Honorary Doctor of Business Administration

Laurent Vernerey is president and chief executive officer of APC by Schneider Electric, a global leader in critical power and cooling services for the residential, business network, data center, and manufacturing environments.

He began his career with Schneider Electric in 1985, and was named to his current position in 2007, when Schneider Electric

acquired APC. Previously, he served with Schneider Electric as IT project director, vice president of low-voltage power activity, senior vice president of manufacturing and logistics, and managing director of Schneider Electric's Pacific zone.

Vernerey holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance and Marketing from Ecole Superieure de Commerce in Dijon, France, and an MBA from Duke University. He speaks four languages and has worked and lived around the world.

He was a keynote speaker at Bryant's World Trade Day event in 2009.

### THE HARRIET E. JACOBS MEMORIAL MACE

The University Mace is carried at Commencement exercises and at other University celebrations. Crowned in gold, the mace has two dominant emblems: the seal of the State of Rhode Island and the seal of Bryant University.

### THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIR

The President's Chair, a gift to the University from Priscilla Angelo and her husband, John Eng-Wong, is used on ceremonial occasions. It is a Victorian-style gent's chair rendered in walnut and copied from an original French design from the period of the University's founding in 1863. The carved crest top includes the Bryant University bronze seal.

### **BRYANT MEDALLION**

The Bryant Medallion is worn by the president during academic ceremonies such as Commencement, Convocation, and the bestowing of honorary degrees. One side of the medallion bears a likeness of the University seal, the other, the names of all Bryant University presidents. The formal installation of a president is marked by the presentation of the medallion to the president by the chair of the Board of Trustees.

### THE BRYANT SEAL

The Bryant Seal represents the educational mission of the University and its worldwide implications. The central symbol is an ellipsoid globe with quills on each side to signify the traditional emblem of communication in business. In the center, behind the globe, is a torch symbolizing liberty, the spirit of free inquiry, academic freedom, and learning. The Archway, forming the background for the globe, torch, and quills, is a University landmark affectionately remembered by thousands of alumni. The Latin motto expresses the purpose of the University: "Cognitio. Virtus. Successus." – Knowledge. Character. Success.

### ALUMNI CHARGE

Today, as you celebrate your graduation from Bryant University, you find yourself saying goodbye to the classmates, faculty, and staff with whom you have formed close friendships over these last few years. Graduation, however, is not so much an ending as a transition. It's true that you're about to begin a new stage of life, but as a Bryant University alumnus/a, you are never far from the community you've come to know as a home away from home.

In fact, one of the reasons you chose Bryant was for its close-knit community. Through the Bryant University Alumni Association, you will always be a member of this community. You can stay in touch with friends by attending class reunions, regional alumni network events, and by signing on to the alumni online directory. And just as Bryant provided you with a solid foundation for a successful career, our alumni networks continue to support your professional goals.

As a Bryant student, you participated in academic and civic events that not only provided you with many skills but also gave you a sense of satisfaction as well. As a Bryant graduate, you can stay involved by serving on University committees, advisory councils, and even the Board of Trustees. You can advance Bryant's reputation by getting involved with admission, career services, educational, and fundraising initiatives. And, throughout the year, Bryant alumni gather together to reach out to their communities through a number of volunteer programs.

Just as the Bryant community shared in the celebration of your accomplishments as a student, we will always be interested to hear of your successes. Let us know when you've moved, and what milestones you've reached so we can share your good news with your Bryant classmates and friends.

Congratulations on your graduation, and welcome to the Bryant University Alumni Association!

### ACADEMIC HERALDRY

The history of academic dress worn today dates back to the universities of the Middle Ages. A statute in 1321 required the wearing of gowns by all scholars and clerics. Probably, the warm gown and hood were practical in the unheated buildings.

Students at most American universities wore caps and gowns daily while in residence until after the Civil War. These varied in design until they were standardized by the American Intercollegiate Commission in 1895. While the academic costume code has been modified over the years, the general characteristics of the initial requirements still prevail. The uniform system of academic heraldry serves to indicate the level of degree, the field of study in which it was earned, and the institution by which it was granted. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve and can be worn open or closed. The gown for the doctoral degree has bell-shaped sleeves with black velvet facing down the front and three bars of the same across the sleeves. However, these facings and crossbars may be in the color distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains. At Bryant University, the president and the honorary degree recipients wear gowns specially designed and trimmed in the University color of gold.

The academic hoods are lined with the color of the university granting the degree. The length of the hood varies slightly for bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. It is often traditional for candidates for degrees to wear the mortarboard tassel on the right front side before the degree is conferred and to shift it to the left when the degree is awarded.

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- Restrooms and telephones are located in Residence Hall 16 and in the Bryant Center.
- The Department of Health Services is located in Residence Hall 16 and will be open during the Commencement ceremony.
- Lost and Found is located in the Public Safety Office in the Unistructure.
- Bryant memorabilia can be purchased at the Bookstore located in the Bryant Center.
- A limited number of listener-assisted headsets are available at the sound control booth at the back of the tent.

Please ask an usher if you need assistance in locating any of these services.