



**Graduate School of Business
Commencement Ceremony**

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008

Program

Welcome

A most cordial welcome is extended to relatives, friends, faculty members, alumni, administrators, and staff who gather here to celebrate the 2008 Commencement Exercises of the Bryant University Graduate School of Business.

Academic Procession

The audience is requested to remain standing through the Invocation.

Marshals

Chief Marshal
Graduate Marshal
Faculty Marshal
Platform Marshal

Professor Lori Coakley
Professor Kenneth Sousa
Professor John Visich
Professor Michael Roberto

University Mace Bearer

Professor Kathleen Simons

The National Anthem

Soloist: Anthony Mam '11

Invocation

Reverend Joseph Pescatello
Bryant University Catholic Chaplain

Presiding

Ronald K. Machtley
President of Bryant University

Convening of the 2008 Graduate School of Business Commencement

Thomas A. Taylor '63, '98H
Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bryant University

International Flags

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

Conferring of the Honorary Degrees

President Machtley

Citations

Dr. Keith Murray
Associate Dean, College of Business

Honorary Degree Recipient Trustee Presenter

John C. Warren

C. Correll Durling '75

Hooding of Honorary Degree Recipient

Dr. V. K. Unni

Commencement Address

John C. Warren

Presentation of Candidates for Graduate Degrees

Dr. Unni

Conferral of Degrees

President Machtley

Introduction of Candidates:

Kristopher T. Sullivan
Assistant Dean of the
Graduate School of Business

Alumni Greetings

Raymond Grigevich '91, '00 MBA
President of the Bryant University Alumni Association

Benediction

Reverend Philip Devens
Bryant University Protestant Chaplain

Adjournment of the 2008 Graduate School of Business Commencement Ceremony

Thomas A. Taylor '63, '98H

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.

Degree Candidates

Master of Business

Administration

Steven Bruce Ainley *
Eric Anderson
Danielle Andrienas *
Gino F. Ante
Joseph Anthony Antosca *
Leah M. Atkins
Scott Barrett
James J. Basile *
Youssef Ben Yahia
Heidi P. Bentsen *
Jason Ronald Bettez, *honors*
Robert M. Bienkowski Jr. *
Elizabeth Ann Blackburn *
Thomas Patrick Blessing
Scott Barnett Blum, *honors, β*
Kellie A. Bourgeois, *honors* *
Jeffrey P. Brousseau, *honors, β*
Justin R. Builes
Melissa A. Byrnes *
Anthony Gerard Carnevale,
honors, β
Katherine L. Centrella *
Jill Paige Ceprano
Kshitij Ratilal Chaudhari *
Britt A. Chelo
Jonathan Cho
Julie Marie Clark
Peter C. Clondas
Ty A. Conder
Tina-Marie Coutu
Kelly M. Cuviello *
Joshua J. Czerwein

Kristy D'Alesio, *honors*
Kevin C. Dakan
Andreas R. DeGroot, *honors*
Laetitia G. Del Bove, *honors, β* *
Gianni V. Del Signore
Thomas R. DiBiase
Richard A. DiIorio Jr
Robin L. DiNardo
Gregory M. Doyle *
Jeremy Edward Dubois, *honors, β* *
Phillips Correll Durling *
Thomas Herbert Faria
Paula Marie Farias *
Megan Michele Felice
David Albert Ferreira *
Stephen M. Finelli
David E. Fontes
Tara Forrest *
Jeffrey M. Frizzle
Arun Gajapathy *
Andrea Galgay, *Honors*
Meghan Elizabeth Gamboa *
Christopher David Gauthier
Michael P. Ginn
Andrew B. Girard, *honors* *
Geoffrey Scott Gordon, *honors, β* *
Corey Michael Gouin
Amber Dawn Grasso, *honors, β* *
Jennifer Lynn Gregory, *honors, β* *
Rebecca Guo *
Nathan P. Hansel
Andrea Marie Harrison,
honors, β *
Christy Jean Hasenfus
Lance A. Hill *

Theresa V. Joyal *
Peter James Kaspar
Jason C. Kasper
Jeffrey Thomas Kearns *
Olga Sharp Klimenko
Alicia Nell Korik *
Kimberly Ann Kosh *
Leszek Kot
Chien Ya Joyce Lam, *honors, β*
Earl Robert Larson III, *honors, β*
Tracey Lynn Leduc, *honors, β*
Hillary Jayne Lesperance *
Dawn M. Looker
Adalberto P. Lopes
Stacey Marie Lopes
Matthew T. Ludwig, *honors, β*
Brian R. Lupien
Joseph M. Luszczy, *honors, β*
Michael Joseph Mahoney
Mazen S. Matalka, *honors, β*
John Esmat Matta, *honors, β* *
Justin Matthew Medeiros
Matthew C. Meegan
Adam S. Menard *
Emily Lawrence Meyer *
Jeffrey C. Meyer
Jennifer Kristine Midgley
Jeffrey Thomas Miksis
Kathleen Elizabeth Mirante *
Jeremy Michael Mottola
Anju Nayyar, *honors, β*
Allison Kathleen Nugent
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Tracianne Parker

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 Joshua David Tattrie
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 Evren Tokcelik, *honors*
 Walquiria Torres
 John J. Tramonti, *honors, β*
 Jagadeesh K. Venugopal, *honors*
 David C. T. Vieira
 Agnieszka Waszkiewicz
 Frederick Earl Webster III *
 Brian Wilk
 Brendan Ryan Wrigley *
 Joseph Peter Wroblewski, *honors, β*
 Eric Joseph Zajac, *honors*
 Maya M. Zakharia
 Julie Ann Zawacki
 Amr Wafaa Zawawi

Master of Professional Accountancy

Theodore Aboagye
 Nelson Luis Coutinho *
 Greg A. Daniel *
 Emily Giannini, *honors*
 Anthony J. Hengrasmy
 Meghan Marie Higginbotham,
honors *
 Scott Alan Kessler *
 Dawn M. Magiera
 Todd Evan Merriam *
 Andrew David Palazzo *
 Christine C. Reposa *
 Ryan Malcolm Scadding *
 Elizabeth L. Schlatterer
 David Mark Silva
 Shawn James Souza
 Kristin Velle, *honors* *

Master of Science in Information Systems

Edmond Assili
 Stephen Thomas Barnabe
 David Irving Bloom III *
 Richard Marc Bourgeois, *honors* *
 Anthony Gerard Carnevale,
honors, β *
 Robyn J. Cook
 Alexander Scott Coppola
 Lisa A. Duda, *honors* *
 Daniel Ronald Greene
 Philip Johnson
 John W. Knight, Jr. *

Tracey Lynn Leduc, *honors, β*
 Suma Mathai *
 Bradley John Pollano
 Lisa Ann Scheck
 Maryann Elizabeth Scott *
 Anthony Vincent Siravo III
 Andranik Souvalian *

Master of Science in Taxation

Michael Faria Aniceto *
 Brandon J. Fielding
 Kristen Lynn Fusco
 Melissa Lillian Gray, *honors, β* *
 Ryan Joseph Holzinger
 Anthony J. Mangiarelli
 Richard G. Manoogian
 Kristy Lauren McKinney
 Paul Robert Metcalf
 Christine E. Milecki
 James Joseph Pelletier Jr.
 Jaime Allyson Prudente *
 James Michael Rattigan
 Kerri J. Rawcliffe
 Aisha Ife Sims *
 Michelle I. Stevens

β Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society

A member inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above and be ranked in the top 20 percent of the graduating master's class.

* Tentative August graduate

Honorary Degree Recipient



John C. Warren

Honorary Doctor of Business Administration

John C. Warren, chairman and chief executive officer of Washington Trust and Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc., will give the keynote address. Founded in 1800, Washington Trust is the largest independent bank in Rhode Island and the oldest community bank in the nation. Mr. Warren joined Washington Trust in January 1996 as president and chief operating officer, was promoted to chief executive officer in April 1997, and was appointed chairman in April 1999. Under his leadership, the corporation has made four major acquisitions: Pier Bank in 1999; Phoenix Investment Management in 2000; First Financial, parent company of First Bank and Trust, in 2002; and Weston Financial Group, Inc. in 2005.

Mr. Warren serves on the boards of numerous civic, professional, and charitable organizations. He is the recipient of the 2004 Humanitarian Award from the Rhode Island and Southeastern New England Chapter of the National Conference for Community and Justice, the 2004 Encore Award for Support of the Arts from the Arts & Business Council of Rhode Island, and the 2005 Community Service Award from Leadership Rhode Island.

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, athletic, 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 especially 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 the tradition of the 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.
- Film and 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.