



Graduate School of Business

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009

WELCOME

A most cordial welcome is extended to relatives, friends, faculty members, alumni, administrators, and staff who gather here to celebrate the 2009 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, Harsh K. Luthar

Graduate Marshal, John K. Visich

Faculty Marshal, Lori A. Coakley

Platform Marshal, Charles P. Cullinan

UNIVERSITY MACE BEARER

Professor Michael A. Roberto

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Soloist: Tracy Morkunas, '04, '09 MBA

INVOCATION

Navah Levine

Bryant University Jewish Chaplain

PRESIDING

Ronald K. Machtley

President of Bryant University

CONVENING OF THE 2009 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

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Lisa Churchville

Ernest A. Almonte '78, '85 MST

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Cheryl Watkins Snead '06H

Thomas Celona '69

HOODING OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Dr. V. K. Unni

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Lisa Churchville

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

Dr. V. K. Unni

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Ronald K. Machtley

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES

Kristopher T. Sullivan

Assistant Dean of the Graduate School of Business

HOODING OF CANDIDATES

Jack Trifts

Dean, College of Business

Dr. Keith Murray

ALUMNI GREETINGS

Shannon Dunnigan '93, '97 MBA
1st Vice President of the Bryant University Alumni Association

BENEDICTION

Reverend Philip Devens
Bryant University Protestant Chaplain

ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2009 GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Michael E. Fisher '67

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

Joseph Paul Abraham,
Honors, β

Muna M.K. Abu Ali

David William Alves

Nicholas John Amaral,
Honors, β

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Lauren Marie Amundson *

Christopher Donald Arthurs,
Honors, β *

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Honors *

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Bartholomew *

Michele Renee Berard *

Mark Andrew Borges

Patrick J. Brannon

Christopher Martin Brown

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Brian J. Caromile

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Stephanie DeMaio *

Jeffrey Barton d'Entremont *

Nicholas S. DiBenedetto *

Paul Vito DiCicco, *Honors*

Brendan Michael Doherty *

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Lisa A. Duda, *Honors* **

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John P. Lallier

John D. Larence *

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Honors, β *

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Glenn A. McQuade,
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Kimberly Michalik

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Gina Melissa Mollicone

Christopher J. Morkunas *

Tracy Adele Morkunas *

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Honors, β

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Mehreen Pasha *

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Andree L. Perkins *

Kaitlyn Rae Pintarich,
Honors, β *

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Nicole Marie Radzik *

Tyler Theodore Ray

Steven Lee Raymond

Bryan J. Rego *

Paul Reilly, *Honors, β*

Jennifer A. Resende,
Honors, β *

Jarrad D. Rocheleau *

Nicholas I. Rodrigues

Andrew J. Rosa

Colin Patrick Roth, *Honors, β* *

Caitlin M. Ryan-Wise,
Honors, β

Alayne Deborah Sadler *

Elissa P. Schwartz *

Gregory J. Sciarra

Christina Suzanne Senecal

Ryan A. Siedzik

Melissa Silva *
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 Jeffrey R. Somelofske *
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 Kevin Tieu
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 Jennifer Warren *
 Mehmet Gokhan Yalcin *
 Gregory Peter Zimmerman

MASTER OF BUSINESS
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 Kwame Owusu Dapaah-
 Afriyie, MD, *Honors, β*
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 Carol A. Gabriele
 Cary S. Garcia
 Michael Gaynor
 Paari Gopalakrishnan,
Honors, β
 David S. Hemendinger,
Honors, β
 Emily D. Hinchey
 Christopher Michael Logan
 Raysa M. Marte
 John-Michael Mascia
 Pamela Murchie Mehr
 Glen L. Palmer
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 Maura Kelly Taylor

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 PROFESSIONAL
 ACCOUNTANCY
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
 INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Thomas E. Barry, *Honors, β*
 John C. Carter
 Lisa A. Duda, *Honors ***
 Scott Andrew Hawes
 Kevan Riley
 Andranik Souvalian

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
 TAXATION

Jessica Blanchette
 Sheryl Ann Bulawka
 Michael Anthony Clements,
Honors
 Michael James Cote, Jr. *
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 Daniel Thomas Quinn
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β Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society
 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 RECIPIENTS



Lisa Churchville

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Lisa Churchville, president and general manager of NBC 10 Providence/New Bedford, winner of an Edward R. Murrow Award for Excellence in local news this year, will give the keynote address at Commencement exercises for the Graduate School of Business. Churchville came to NBC 10 in Providence in 1997 from WCAU-TV in Philadelphia, Pa., where she was vice president of sales. Prior to that, she served in several key positions at WMAQ-TV in Chicago, Ill. She began her career in 1986 at NBC in New York and also worked in advertising sales for ABC and WABC-TV in New York City. Churchville's academic involvement includes serving on Brown University's Civic Leadership Council and the Providence College President's Council. She has taught or been a guest lecturer or speaker at colleges and conferences throughout the United States and abroad. She currently serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Providence Public Library, is a board member of Women & Infants Hospital, and has served as Chair of the Board of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra and Music School, the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, and the Arts & Business Council. Churchville holds a bachelor's degree from Columbia University: Barnard College and a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard University.



Ernest A. Almonte '78, '85 MST

Honorary Doctor of Business Administration

Ernest "Ernie" Almonte '78, '85 MST, has more than 30 years of experience in the accounting profession. He has been Auditor General for the State of Rhode Island since 1994. Almonte is responsible for the auditing of the \$7 billion State Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the \$3 billion Federal Single Audit, Municipal Oversight, Performance Audits, Fraud Audits, and oversight of quasi-public agencies. From 1982-1994 he owned his own CPA firm in Smithfield, R.I. The recipient of many distinguished national awards, including The Department of the Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, Almonte was named one of the Top 100 Most Influential People in the Accounting Profession by Accounting Today in 2005 and 2008. He served on the Bryant Board of Trustees from 1993 to 2002 and is past chair of Bryant's National Alumni Council. He currently serves as chairman of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Science in Taxation from Bryant University.

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 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 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.