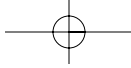




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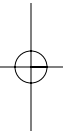
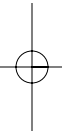
# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2010



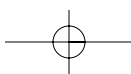
## WELCOME

A most cordial welcome is extended to relatives, friends, faculty members, alumni, administrators, and staff who gather here to celebrate the 147th Commencement of Bryant University.



**PLEASE NOTE:**

Standing in the aisles is not permitted under section 23-28. 19-9 of the R.I. Health and Safety Code.



# PROGRAM

## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

### FLAG BEARERS

**Bryant University Army ROTC Color Guard**

### CLASS FLAG

Bryant University extends its gratitude to the late, George J. Kelley '39, '69H, Honorary Trustee Emeritus, for his generosity in providing ongoing financial support for the purchase and display of a graduating class flag. The 2010 Class Flag was designed by seniors from the Student Alumni Association. Representing their class by carrying the Senior Class Flag today are Yuanjun (Cornelia) Li and Ledia Dulaj.

The Class of 2010 would like to give back as they feel fortunate to have received a Bryant education. The theme of the flag, "The Future Is in Our Hands," reflects the 2010 Legacy Endowed Scholarship that has been established through the Senior Class Gift. It will open the door to a Bryant education for future generations – forever.

### MARSHALS

**Chief Marshal, Professor Harsh K. Luthar**

**Graduate Marshal, Professor Judith McDonnell**

**Graduate Marshal, Professor Kenneth J. Sousa**

**Graduate Marshal, Professor Laurie Bates**

**Faculty Marshal, Professor Mary Lyons**

**Faculty Marshal, Professor Gaytha Langlois**

**Platform Marshal, Professor Janet Prichard**

**Platform Marshal, Professor Kristin Kennedy**

UNIVERSITY MACE BEARER

**Professor Lookman Buky Folami**

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

**Andrew K. Stone '10**

The audience is requested to remain standing through the Invocation.

INVOCATION

**The Reverend Philip Devens  
Bryant University Protestant Chaplain**

PRESIDING

**Ronald K. Machtley  
President of Bryant University**

CONVENING OF THE 147TH COMMENCEMENT

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

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES

**Ronald K. Machtley**

CITATIONS

**Dr. Keith Murray  
Associate Dean, College of Business**

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

**Senator Jack Reed  
Dr. Diana G. Oblinger  
Robert Siegel  
Charles Gwathmey  
*(awarded posthumously)***

TRUSTEE PRESENTERS

**Janice Wilbur Sullivan  
Richard A. Plotkin  
George E. Bello '58, '96H**

HOODING OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

**Dr. V. K. Unni**  
**Vice President for Academic Affairs**

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

**Senator Jack Reed**

RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS COMMISSIONING SERVICE

**Ronald K. Machtley**  
**LTC Matthew R. McKinley**

COMMISSIONING CANDIDATES

**Geoffrey R. Ensby**  
**Thomas John Gralinski**  
**Eric C. Higgins**

A commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army is presented to graduates who have met the high physical, mental, and moral standards of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and are prepared to accept the challenge of leadership while serving our nation.

PRESENTATION OF COMMENCEMENT AND SENIOR SERVICE AWARDS

**Dr. V. K. Unni**  
**Dr. J. Thomas Eakin, Vice President for Student Affairs, Dean of Students**

STUDENT CHARGE

**Lindsey Erin Clifford**

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

**Dr. V. K. Unni**

**CONFERRAL OF DEGREES**

**Ronald K. Machtley**

Candidates are introduced by faculty members from their respective departments.

**ALUMNI GREETINGS**

**H. James Magee '88**

**President, National Alumni Council**

**Bryant University Alumni Association**

**BENEDICTION**

**The Reverend Joseph Pescatello**

**Bryant University Catholic Chaplain**

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE 147TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

**Michael E. Fisher**

**RECESSION**

We ask that you kindly remain in place until the platform members and faculty have left the Commencement area.

Please join your fellow graduates, families, faculty members, and staff for refreshments following the ceremony in the Heidi and Walter Stepan Grand Hall of the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology.

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**INTERNATIONAL FLAGS**

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

**SENIOR CLASS GIFT**

*Graduates with red ribbons on their tassels have contributed to the 2010 Senior Class Gift.*

## COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

### THE ANNA M. & JERE ST. ANGELO '61 ACCOUNTING AWARDS

**Natalie E. DiPaola**

**Sandra Millena Montoya**

These awards are presented to graduating seniors in accounting who are in the top 10 percent of their class and residents of an urban area.

### THE APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT AWARD

**Brynn Elizabeth Woodland**

This award is presented annually to a graduating senior for outstanding achievement in the study of applied psychology.

### THE BRYANT UNIVERSITY GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

**Katrin Marie Gorham**

This award is presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated the qualities of sincerity and vigorous industry in the interest of good citizenship and who has, by example, furthered better government both on and off campus.

### THE COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT AWARD

**Katie Anna Sojkowski**

This award is presented to a graduating senior for outstanding achievement and exceptional competency in all of the contemporary communication arts.

### THE COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT AWARD

**Ventsislav V. Gotov**

This award is presented annually to a graduating senior with a concentration in computer information systems who has excelled academically, enriched his or her computer information systems education through meaningful work experience, and demonstrated an unselfish attitude toward others through active involvement in organizations, clubs, or events.

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**Chelsea Leigh Downing**

This award is presented to the graduating business administration or economics senior with the highest cumulative academic average.

**THE LITERARY AND CULTURAL STUDIES AWARD**

**Alissa Katherine Foley**

This award is presented annually to graduating seniors for outstanding achievement in the study of language or literary studies.

**THE GEORGE J. KELLEY AWARD**

**Christina Raye Shaw**

This award is presented to a graduating senior who has completed at least 102 credits at Bryant and is recognized for having the highest cumulative grade point average as of the end of the fall semester.

**THE GEORGE M. PARKS AWARD**

**Nicole R. Archambault**

This award is presented to a graduating senior whose recognized leadership qualities have significantly enhanced the reputation of the University.

**THE HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

**Katrin Marie Gorham** (global studies)

**Michael James Mullane** (legal studies)

**Kristina Lynn Pires** (sociology)

**Kaitlin Nicole Sidorsky** (political science)

These awards are presented annually to graduating seniors for outstanding achievement in the study of global studies, legal studies, political science, and sociology.



THE JACK H. RUBENS LEADERSHIP IN FINANCE AWARD

**Geoffrey R. Ensby**

This award is presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding performance in academics, service to the finance department, and enthusiasm and leadership in extracurricular activities related to finance.

THE JACK H. RUBENS LEADERSHIP IN FINANCIAL SERVICES AWARD

**Derek Scott Blunt**

This award is presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding performance in academics, service to the finance department, and enthusiasm and leadership in extracurricular activities related to financial services.

THE JEREMIAH CLARK BARBER AWARD

**Michael P. Whipple**

This award is presented to the graduating senior who has shown the most consistent academic improvement resulting in making the Dean's List.

THE JOHN HANCOCK INSURANCE COMPANY AWARD

**Katie Lynne Heeder**

**Lauren Elizabeth Prue**

This award is presented to two graduating seniors who have demonstrated superior achievement in the study of actuarial mathematics and applied actuarial mathematics.

THE KAPPA TAU BROTHERHOOD AWARD

**Morgan Mary-Alice Buell**

This award is presented to a graduating senior who has exhibited brotherhood and leadership in promoting policies beneficial to the University.

**THE LEANDER FRANCIS EMIN ENDOWED HOMESTEAD AWARD****Allyson Elise Lagassé**

This award is presented to a graduating senior who has achieved scholastic excellence in accounting. It was inaugurated by the family of Leander Francis Emin, Bryant alumnus of the Class of 1907, to honor his memory and his birthplace and home – the 1708 House and the entire Emin homestead, farm, and airport – which has now become the campus of his alma mater.

**THE MODERN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT AWARD****Vinzi Wing Yee Chan**

This award is presented to a graduate with exceptional competency in the study of a language other than English.

**THE PELL MEDAL FOR UNITED STATES HISTORY AWARD****Kurt A. Spear**

This medal is presented to a graduating senior who has displayed excellence in the study of United States history. The late Honorable Claiborne de Borda Pell created this medal to honor the memory of his father, the late Herbert C. Pell, statesman and diplomat, who served the United States as Ambassador to Hungary and Minister to Portugal.

**THE RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD****Geoffrey R. Ensby**

This award is presented to a graduating senior who has excelled in military science studies and other courses, and who has shown superior leadership potential in the military science program and in extracurricular activities.

**THE RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AWARD****Kelly Catherine Mahoney**

This award is presented to a graduating senior who, in the opinion of the accounting faculty, has demonstrated excellence in accounting studies and intends to pursue a career in public accounting.

**THE ROGER W. BABSON AWARD****Kundayi Pamela Mawema**

This award is presented to a graduating senior who is recognized within the University community for his or her character, orderly mind, sound judgment, and systematic business habits.

**THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD****Patrick Richard Bedard****Chelsea Leigh Downing**

This award is presented to the respective graduating male and female senior athletes with the highest grade point averages.

**THE SENIOR SERVICE AWARDS****Nicole R. Archambault****Daniel P. Hackenson****Kristen Laurel Aucoin****Stephanie Lynn Kirk****Deidre Loren Antonette Fraser****Emiliano Omeri**

This award is presented to six deserving graduating seniors in recognition of their outstanding service to the student body of Bryant University. The recipients are selected by the Student Senate Service Awards Committee.

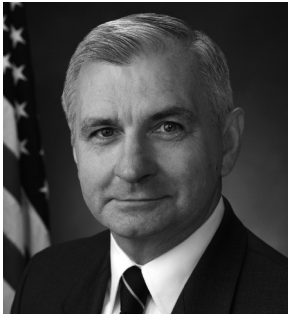
**THE TARGET CORPORATION AWARD****Matthew Dennis Carrai****Carolyn R. Husovsky****Christina Raye Shaw**

This award is presented to graduating seniors who are members of the Bryant chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). It is presented to individuals who have demonstrated academic excellence, a passion for the field of human resource management as a future career, and an appreciation for the importance of human resources in domestic and global corporations.

**THE WALL STREET JOURNAL AWARD****Andrew K. Stone**

This award is presented to a graduating senior who has shown distinction in the fields of economics, finance, and investments.

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS



### **Senator Jack Reed**

#### *Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters*

Jack Reed, United States Senator from Rhode Island, will deliver the keynote address to graduating seniors and guests at Undergraduate Commencement. Reed was elected to succeed Sen. Claiborne Pell in 1996 and has been a tireless advocate for working class families and a champion for higher education. Now the state's senior senator, he serves on four committees: Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; and Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

The honorary degree is being presented to the senator in recognition of his advocacy for education, especially affordable higher education. Reed authored several bipartisan bills to increase need-based financial aid for students, including the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program, and a bill that simplified federal financial aid forms.

Before being elected to the U.S. Senate, Reed was a three-term member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Rhode Island's 2nd Congressional District, and he previously served three terms as a state senator.

Born and raised in Cranston, R.I., he graduated from West Point in 1971 and served in the U.S. Army through 1979. He received a master's degree from Harvard University in 1973 and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1982.



**Dr. Diana G. Oblinger**

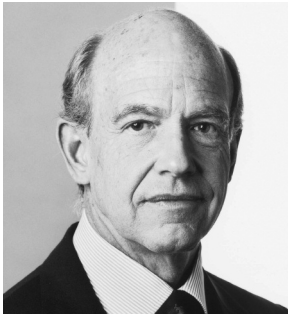
*Honorary Doctor of Business Administration*

Diana Oblinger is president and CEO of EDUCAUSE, a non-profit association whose mission is to advance higher education through the judicious use of information technology. The membership comprises more than 2,300 colleges, universities, and education organizations, as well as 250 corporations. Previously, she was EDUCAUSE's vice president, responsible for its teaching and learning activities and the EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative.

Oblinger has been a faculty member of the University of Missouri-Columbia and Michigan State University, and was an associate dean at the University of Missouri. She currently serves on a variety of boards including the National Science Foundation's Advisory Committee on Cyberinfrastructure. She has testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Employment, Safety, and Training, and the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Technology.

A frequent keynote speaker, Oblinger co-wrote the award-winning *What Business Wants from Higher Education*, served as co-editor of seven books, and has written or co-written dozens of monographs and articles. She earned three degrees from Iowa State University.

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS



**Charles Gwathmey, FAIA**

*Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters (awarded posthumously)*



**Robert Siegel, FAIA**

*Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters*

Gwathmey Siegel & Associates, founded in 1968, has earned an international reputation for architectural excellence confirmed by more than 100 design awards, including the American Institute of Architects' highest honor for "approaching every project with a fresh eye, a meticulous attention to detail, a keen appreciation for environmental and economic concerns, and a strong belief in collaborative effort." The firm is responsible for two of Bryant's most stunning buildings – the new Interfaith Center and the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology – both of which have significantly enhanced the quality of campus life.

Charles Gwathmey, who died in August 2009, graduated with a master's degree in architecture in 1962 from Yale University, where he won both The William Wirt Winchester Fellowship as the outstanding graduate and a Fulbright Grant. His work earned him numerous awards and honors, including two Lifetime Achievement Awards – one from the New York State Society of Architects and the second from the Guild Hall Academy of Arts. In 1976, he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters, from which he received the Brunner Prize in 1970. From 1965 through 1991, Gwathmey taught at a number of schools of architecture, including Pratt Institute, The Cooper Union, Princeton University, Yale, and Harvard. In 2005, he was the William A. Bernoudy Resident in Architecture at the American Academy in Rome, Italy.

Robert Siegel graduated from Pratt Institute with a bachelor's degree in architecture in 1962 and from Harvard University with a master's degree in architecture in 1963. In 1983, the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects recognized Siegel's skill and leadership as an architect with its Medal of Honor. He received the Pratt Institute Centennial Alumni Award in Architecture in 1988, and, in 1990, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York State Society of Architects. He was elected a Fellow of The American Institute of Architects in 1991. Throughout his professional career, Siegel has served as a design critic, juror, and lecturer at professional organizations and schools of architecture. In 1983, he organized the Pratt Institute Student Intern Program within the Gwathmey Siegel office – part of his continuing interest in nurturing the skills of talented young architects.

# GRADUATION HONORS AND HONOR SOCIETIES

*Students at Bryant University who have distinguished themselves through academic performance wear gold honor cords with their academic robes.*

## ACADEMIC HONORS

Special recognition is accorded those who show distinction in academic achievement. Honors may be awarded on the basis of cumulative averages, as follows: **Cum Laude** (with honors – GPA of 3.30), **Magna Cum Laude** (with high honors – GPA of 3.55), and **Summa Cum Laude** (with highest honors – GPA of 3.80). Students must have completed sixty (60) semester hours of course work at Bryant University to be eligible for honors.

## HONOR SOCIETIES

**Δ Alpha Kappa Delta** – To be eligible for membership, students must have at least junior-year standing, an overall GPA and a sociology GPA of at least 3.0, be in the top 35 percent of their class, and have completed a minimum of four courses in sociology.

**β Beta Gamma Sigma** – This is the highest national recognition a student can receive in an undergraduate program in a business or management program accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Members must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 and rank in the upper 10 percent of the second-semester junior class, upper 10 percent of the senior class, or top 20 percent of the graduating master's class

**hp Honors Program** – To be recognized as an Honors Program graduate, each member must have successfully completed a minimum of seven honors courses in addition to a capstone senior honors project.

**Λ Lambda Pi Eta** – To be eligible for membership, students must have completed at least 12 hours of communication courses, have a GPA of at least 3.25, and be in the upper 35 percent of the graduating class.

**μ Mu Sigma Rho** – To be eligible for membership, undergraduate students must have a 3.25 grade point average in all statistics courses and be in the top third of their class in all course work.

**Ø Omicron Delta Epsilon** – To be eligible for membership, a student must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of economics courses, have earned at least a “B” average in the economics courses, and have an overall scholastic average of “B” or better.

**K Omicron Delta Kappa** – To be eligible for membership, students must have at least junior-year standing, must be in the top 35 percent of their graduating class, and must show leadership in at least one of the five phases of campus life, including Scholarship; Athletics; Campus or Community Service, Social and Religious Activities, and Campus Government; Journalism, Speech, and the Mass Media; and Creative and Performing Arts.

**π Pi Sigma Alpha** – To be eligible for membership, a student must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of political science courses with a minimum GPA of 3.3, as well as an overall minimum GPA of 3.3.

**Ψ Psi Chi** – To be eligible for membership, students must have an overall GPA and a psychology GPA of at least 3.0, be in the top 35 percent of their graduating class, and have completed a minimum of 9 credit hours of psychology courses.

## DEGREE INFORMATION

The 2010 Bryant University Commencement honors certified graduates and degree candidates who are scheduled to complete course work by July 31, 2010. Honors are tentatively calculated as of the completion of the 2009 fall semester.

### Code Key

- $\Delta$  *Alpha Kappa Delta* graduates wear teal, double-twined cords with their academic robes.
- $\beta$  *Beta Gamma Sigma* graduates wear blue and gold cords with their academic robes.
- hp* *Honors Program* graduates wear gold sashes with their academic robes.
- $\Lambda$  *Lamda Pi Eta* graduates wear red and white cords with their academic robes.
- $\mu$  *Mu Sigma Rho* graduates wear royal blue double honor cords.
- $\emptyset$  *Omicron Delta Epsilon* graduates wear green and white cords with their academic robes.
- K** *Omicron Delta Kappa* graduates wear blue and white cords with their academic robes.
- $\pi$  *Pi Sigma Alpha* graduates wear a medallion with their academic robes.
- $\Psi$  *Psi Chi* graduates wear blue and gold honor cords with their academic robes.
- \* **Commissioned Second Lt., U.S. Army, ROTC Program**



**Double concentrations listed in ALL CAPS**

ACG	Accounting	GLOB	Global Studies
ASC	Applied Statistics	HISA	Liberal Arts: History
CHNC	Chinese	HISC	History
COM	Communication	IBMG	International Business: Management
CIS	Computer Information Systems	LCSC	Liberal Arts: Literary and Cultural Studies
ECO	Liberal Studies: Economics	MGT	Management
EOA	Liberal Arts: Economics	MKT	Marketing
ECOC	Economics	SPNC	Spanish
ECS	English and Cultural Studies		
FIN	Finance		

**Program Minors listed in (lower case)**

(aamm)	applied actuarial mathematics	(lcsm)	literary and cultural studies
(afbs)	Africana/Black Studies	(lgls)	legal studies
(apst)	applied statistics	(math)	mathematics
(bilm)	biology	(mgmm)	management
(biot)	biotechnology	(mgtn)	management
(busm)	business administration	(mktm)	marketing
(chn)	Chinese	(mwch)	minor-waived Chinese
(comm)	communication	(mwfr)	minor-waived French
(cism)	computer information systems	(mwsp)	minor-waived Spanish
(ecom)	economics	(pcwm)	professional and creative writing
(ecsm)	English and cultural studies	(pols)	political science
(envs)	environmental science	(psy)	psychology
(finm)	finance	(soc)	sociology
(fren)	French	(sslm)	sociology and service learning
(hism)	history	(span)	Spanish
(inb)	international business	(wgsm)	women, gender, and sexuality studies
(infm)	international affairs	(ws)	women's studies
(itam)	Italian		

## DEGREE CANDIDATES

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED ECONOMICS

Wesley William Andrews,  
(busm)  
Michael John Paolino III,  
LCSC, (busm), *Cum Laude*  
Carlos Resende Jr., (busm)  
Andrew K. Stone, (busm),  
(finm), (pols),  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Dongni Wan, (busm),  
(mktm), *Cum Laude*, Ø

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

Camille Alexis Bouknight,  
(busm)  
Aristotle Dale Carrasquillo-  
Anderson, (busm), (comm)  
Samantha Anne Desjarlais,  
(busm)  
Michelle Ann Gagnon,  
(busm), (sslm),  
*Magna Cum Laude*, Ψ  
Erin Marold, (busm)  
Jacob Henry Meyers, (busm)  
Jennifer Dyer Nagle, (busm)  
Sarah Elizabeth Russe,  
(busm), (lgls)  
Morgan Elizabeth Wood,  
(busm), *Magna Cum Laude*,  
Ψ  
Brynn Elizabeth Woodland,  
(busm), (soc),  
*Summa Cum Laude*, Ψ, Δ

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

Andre Barros, (busm),  
(mktm)  
Timothy H. Bellmar, (busm),  
(lcsm), *Cum Laude*  
Christina M. Boisvert,  
(busm), (mktm)  
Courtney Elizabeth Bourque,  
(busm), (mktm)  
Morgan Mary-Alice Buell,  
LCSC, (busm)  
Monica P. Castro,  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Megha Prakash Choolani,  
(busm), (mktm)  
Stacey M. Cook, (busm),  
(psy)  
Ashley Marie Coon, (busm),  
(mktm)  
Katelyn Ann Dionne, (busm),  
(mktm), *Magna Cum Laude*,  
Λ  
Alison Marie Duncan,  
(busm), (mktm), *Cum Laude*  
Kaleigh Elizabeth Durkin,  
(busm), (mktm)  
Jonathan Eli Frader, (busm),  
(mktm)  
Lauren Nichole Gainor,  
(busm), (mktm),  
*Magna Cum Laude*, K  
Lindsey R. Gamble, (busm),  
(mktm)  
Daniela González, (busm),  
(mktm)  
Matthew C. Gross, (busm),  
(pols)  
Kelly Elizabeth Hill, (busm),  
(mktm)

Emily Ann Holland,  
(busm), (mktm),  
*Magna Cum Laude*, Λ  
Brian Michael Ix, (busm),  
(mktm)  
Meghan Elizabeth Johnson,  
(busm), (sslm),  
*Cum Laude*, Λ  
Paige Catherine Lacasse,  
(busm), (mktm),  
*Magna Cum Laude*, Λ  
Erin Lamberth, (busm),  
(mktm)  
Mark Dalton Laslo, (busm),  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Alison K. Lewis, (busm),  
(mktm)  
Adrienne Adele Mayshar,  
(busm), (mktm),  
*Cum Laude*  
Jessica Elise Miles, (busm),  
(mktm), *Cum Laude*  
Nicholas Millard, (busm),  
(mktm)  
Ashley Elizabeth  
Montgomery, (busm), (psy)  
Linsey Jayne Morse, (busm),  
(pcwm), *Cum Laude*, Λ  
Adam Parzych, (busm), (soc)  
Jenna Lee Poulin, (busm),  
(mktm), *Cum Laude*  
Megan M. Pratt, (busm),  
(hism)  
Tia Janelle Pydynkowski,  
(busm)  
Carlos G. Ramos, (busm),  
(span)  
Benjamin M. Rich, (busm),  
(mktm), *Magna Cum Laude*,  
Λ

María G. Rodríguez-Ema  
Acarón, (busm), (mktm)

Kelsey Alison Roy, (busm),  
(psy), *Magna Cum Laude*,  
A, K

Hayden Alexandra Shaw,  
(busm), (mktm)

Brittney Lee Slater, (busm),  
(psy), *Cum Laude*

Lauren M. Smith, (busm),  
(mktm)

Katie Anna Sojkowski,  
(busm), (mktm),  
*Summa Cum Laude*, A

Holly Lynn Tyser, (busm)

Andre E. U. Whyte, (busm),  
(lgls)

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GLOBAL STUDIES

Katrin Marie Gorham,  
(busm), (biot),  
*Magna Cum Laude*, hp, π

Natalie A. Mourtada, (busm),  
(comm)

Anthony H. Thomas, Jr.,  
(busm), (span)

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY

Meredith McGrath Kinscherf,  
(busm)

Jerell T. Smith, (busm), (soc)

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS

##### Global Studies

Kendra A. Marcoux, (lgls)

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LITERARY AND CULTURAL STUDIES

Allissa Katherine Foley,  
(busm), *Magna Cum Laude*,  
K

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICS AND LAW

Andrew Charles Begin,  
(busm), (lcsm)

Allison Christine Belknap,  
(busm), (psy),  
*Magna Cum Laude*, π

Brigit Kelly Clancy, (busm),  
(psy), *Magna Cum Laude*,  
K, π

Thomas Patrick Delmar,  
(busm), *Magna Cum Laude*,  
π

Colby V. Dufour, (busm)

William Andrés González,  
(busm), (span)

Thomas H. Houlihan Jr.,  
(busm), (comm),  
*Magna Cum Laude*, π

Brandon Ryan Shields,  
(busm), (ecom)

Kaitlin Nicole Sidorsky,  
(busm), (lcsm),  
*Summa Cum Laude*, π

Crystal D. Tremblay

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

##### Sociology and Social Research

Aimee Katherine Bennett,  
ASC, (busm),  
*Summa Cum Laude*, μ, K

Robert S. Harvey, (busm),  
(pols), Δ

Peter M. Krafka, (busm)  
Benjamin J. Lyons, (busm)  
Bryan Patrick Rea, (busm)

##### Sociology and Service Learning

Douglas Tanner Chandor,  
(busm)

Tina Matos, (busm), (psy), Δ  
Kristina Lynn Pires, (busm),  
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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 traditional for 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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- The Department of Health Services is located in Residence Hall 16 and will be open during the Commencement ceremony.
- Concessions are available in the tent behind the Bryant Center. Food and drinks are also available for purchase in the Bryant Center, Unistrukture Rotunda, and Bello Café.
- Lost and Found is located in the Public Safety Office in the Unistrukture.
- 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.