



Graduate School
Commencement Ceremony

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1999

Program

Welcome

A most cordial welcome is extended to relatives, friends, faculty members, alumni, administrators, and staff members who gather here to celebrate the 1999 Commencement Exercises of the Bryant College Graduate School.

Academic Procession

The audience is requested to remain standing through the Invocation.

Marshalls

Chief Marshall	Professor John Swearingen
Graduates Marshall	Professor Elizabeth Yobaccio
Faculty Marshall	Professor Hakan Saraoglu
Platform Marshall	Professor Charles Quigley

College Mace Bearer

Professor David Beausejour

The National Anthem

Soloist: Cecilia Rodi

Invocation

The Reverend Joseph Pescatello
Bryant College Catholic Chaplain

Presiding

Ronald K. Machtley
President of Bryant College

Convening the 1999 Graduate School Commencement

John D. Callahan '56
Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bryant College

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

President Machtley

International Flags

The display of international flags was originally created as a gift from Priscilla Angelo and her husband, John Eng-Wong, friends of Bryant.

The flags represent the countries of our students, faculty, and alumni body.

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

Citations

Patrick J. Keeley
Professor of English

Honorary Degree Recipients

Dr. Wayne A. Budd
Dr. George F. Congdon '64 (*posthumously*)

Trustee Presenters

John. C. Hoy
Jennifer Proud Mearns '82

Hooding of Honorary Degree Recipients

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

Commencement Address

Wayne A. Budd

Presentation of Candidates for Graduate Degrees

Dr. Unni

Conferral of Degrees

President Machtley

Introduction of Candidates:

Kristopher T. Sullivan
Director of Graduate Studies

Alumni Greetings

Ernest A. Almonte '78, '85MST
Bryant College Trustee and President, Bryant College Alumni Association

The Bryant College Alma Mater

(audience invited to join in)

Throughout Our Lives: An Anthem for Bryant College

*Bryant College, Black and Gold;
Your arms embrace us, young and old.
Though we be near; Though we be far;
We will remember throughout our lives.*

*What's to come is still unsure;
But memories will long endure.
Strong in our hearts, Strong in our minds,
Strong and undying throughout our lives.*

*Alma Mater, hear our song;
From sons and daughters thousands strong.
Day after day, Year after year,
You will be with us throughout our lives.*

Composer: Richard Cumming

*Knowledge, learning, work and play;
Our minds will grow from day to day.
All that we learn, All that we know,
Always will be with us through our lives.*

*Dear companions, classmates, friend;
Who knows where you and I will end?
Dear for a term, Dear for a year,
Dearest of all lasting through our lives.*

Benediction

The Reverend Philip Devens
Bryant College Protestant Chaplain

Adjournment of the 1999 Graduate School Commencement Ceremony

John D. Callahan '56

Recessional

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

Reception

The entire assembly is cordially invited to attend a reception on the lawn
of the Bryant Center immediately following the ceremony.

Honorary Degree Recipients



Wayne A. Budd

Doctor of Humane Letters

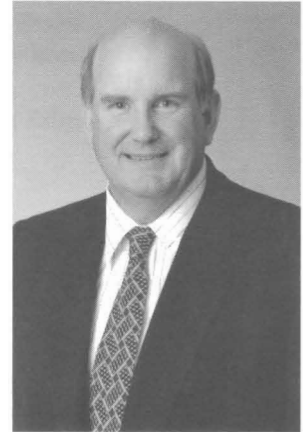
Group president of New England–Bell Atlantic. Mr. Budd has been with the Company since 1996, previously serving as senior vice president. He was a senior partner with the law firm of Goodwin, Procter & Hoar, and a presidentially appointed commissioner with the US Sentencing Commission. In 1992, President George Bush appointed Budd associate attorney general of the United States. From 1989-1992, Budd was United States attorney for the District of Massachusetts. He is a former Boston College Law School faculty member and current trustee of that institution, past president of the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Massachusetts Black Lawyers' Association. Budd graduated cum laude from Boston College and received his JD degree from Wayne State University School of Law.

Honorary Degree Recipients

George F. Congdon II '64

Doctor of Business Administration *(awarded posthumously)*

Former executive vice president and trustee, Liberty Property Trust, West Chester, Pennsylvania. A publicly traded real estate investment trust co-founded by Congdon, Liberty Property Trust owns and manages one of the largest portfolios of quality suburban industrial and office properties in the United States. After graduating from Bryant College, Mr. Congdon held a position in municipal government before joining Hammers & Rouse in 1968. He and his partner founded Rouse and Associates in 1972. Mr. Congdon served as a director of People's Light & Theater Company, Historic Yellow Springs Foundation, and numerous corporate boards. Always appreciative of his Bryant education, in 1995 Congdon issued a \$100,000 challenge to Bryant alumni matching every new gift received from non-donors through 1997, which resulted in over \$130,000 in new support to the College.



Master of Business Administration

Kevin Joseph Adamec
Mark William Andrews, *Honors, β*
David Robert Ball
Arti U. Bhasin
Carla Felice Blain, *Honors, β **
Keith James Bousquet
Robert Francis Brawley
Kathleen McKeown Broccoli
Kevin Buffi
Christopher M. Burns
Rae L. Cacchione
Susan L. Caldwell
Thomas W. Carll, *Honors, β*
Dorothy Cheshier
Michael Cipolla *
Travis Steven Cohen
Kellie Marie Connors
Heather Marie Cook
Thomas John Costa
Robert A. Creamer
Robert Hartwell Cross
Douglas A. Dean
David DiCorpo
William C. Dolan
David M. Dowling
Kelley Ann Dowling
Gary R. Dressler *
Sean W. Esten *
Deborah J. Faichney *
Alison Anne Fairchild, *Honors, β **

Rebecca J. Flori
Joseph E. Fogarty
Timothy M. Fox
Kristin L. Fraser *
Stephen A. Furia
Reshma M. Gada, *Honors*
Robert F. Gay, *Honors*
Anna Gershman
Nidhi Ghia, *Honors, β*
Nikhil Ghia, *Honors, β*
Piero Giannoni *
Laurie B. Grenier, *Honors, β*
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Rodney Hanson
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Mary Lou Johnson
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George A. Kinnear, *Honors*
Matthew Christian Klein, *Honors*
Marion F. Lally
Bernard E. Lane Jr.
David Lionel LaSalle
Carolyn Rene Lavoie
Bruce Robert Levesque
Elaine Cynthia Liapakis
Michael D. Lilley Jr., *Honors **
Brian W. Littleton
Kinga M. Lord

β Beta Gamma Sigma
Honor Society
* tentative August
graduate

Master of Business Administration

Nicholas Luisi, *Honors*
Malcolm Scott MacLeod *
David Patrick McGrath
Maureen Theresa McKenney
David McNulty
Theresa A. Melocco
Daniel Francis Menconi *
Robert Joseph Micheletti
Philip Andrew Moen *
Sashi K. Mohanty
Michael Moniz
Michael E. Morrissette
William Anthony Muto
Raymond P. Page *
Kimberly A. Palin
Scott G. Pisarczyk
Elizabeth Anne Pollard
Neal W. Rainey
Lisa Cote Rivard
Kelly Ann Roach *
Lisa L. Rodriguez
Roger A. Rue *
Tara L. Santoro
Regina Marie Sisk
Deirdre Slocum
Darren A. Tedesco, *Honors, β*
Jeffrey S. Teixeira, *Honors*
Mark Anthony Trott, *Honors, β **
Gregory J. Tucker
Sabrina Vigilante

Louis Vlahos
Lynn R. Walker, *Honors, β **
Mark Andrew Williams
Jeffrey Michael Wilson
Marilyn S. Wood
Thomas Emerson Zahn
George L. Zoglio

β Beta Gamma Sigma
Honor Society

* tentative August
graduate

Master of Science in Accounting

Lisa A. M. Barton
Rosita Mary Flynn
Patrick Jeremy Harrigan
Liyang Li
Angela Rose Smith *

Master of Science in Taxation

Michele S. Bunar, *Honors*
Joseph Caccavelli
John Anthony Caledonia
Mark Richard Conley
Joseph M. Creighton
Joseph M. DeMello
Frank L. DiLorenzo
Robert Paul Gessman

Lillian M. Jacquard
Irwin Kalmer
Shannon Elizabeth Lynch
Denise P. Nault
R. David Randall
Antonio J. Rebelo
Deanna M. Siciliano *
Jacquelyn H. Tracy

Certificate Of Advanced Graduate Study

William P. Dowd
Leslie Pamela Filippelli-DiManna
Lawrence Stephen Hershoff
Joseph Knight-McKenna

Arthur David Larson
Timothy C. O'Connell
John R. Ziak

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Honor Society

β **Beta Gamma Sigma**

A member inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma from among the masters students must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or above, and be ranked in the upper twenty percent of those receiving the master's degree during the year.

The Harriet C. Jacobs Memorial Mace

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

The President's Chair

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

Bryant Medallion

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

The Bryant Seal

The Bryant Seal represents the educational mission of the College 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 College landmark affectionately remembered by thousands of alumni. The Latin motto expresses the purpose of the College: "Educando Dirigere Mercaturam" – Education for Business Leadership.



Alumni Charge

Commencement is not an ending, but a beginning. Your relationship with your Alma Mater will not end today, but rather evolve into a new form. In Latin, Alma Mater means “fostering mother” and alumnus meant originally “foster child.”

Your relationship with your parents doesn't end the day you leave home; rather, as you gain your independence, your ties with your family become centered around mutual respect, affection and moral support. So it is with your relationship to Bryant College. As you move out with hope and courage into your careers or further education, you will want to maintain close ties with your Alma Mater.

The vehicle for maintaining these ties is the Bryant College Alumni Association. Through this organization you will be able to stay in touch with the friends you have made here, at class reunions and at local alumni chapter events. You will also be able to utilize the resources of Bryant College as you develop your career path. You, in turn, will become a resource for the College. Our alumni serve on various College committees, curriculum advisory councils, and on the Board of Trustees. We also help to maintain and advance the excellent reputation of this school through volunteer efforts on behalf of admission, career development, educational programs, and fund raising. Through the Alumni Association, you play a significant part in enhancing Bryant College's ability to attract quality faculty, administration, and students.

So today the Alumni Association extends to you an invitation to begin a life-long relationship with your Alma Mater. Stay in touch. Let the Alumni Office know where you are, and what your latest accomplishments are. Get involved with local alumni chapters. And through your individual support and work with other alumni, help keep Bryant College an outstanding institution for future generations. Your efforts will help insure that years from now you will still be able to point with pride to your graduation from Bryant College.

We extend to you and your family and friends our congratulations and our warmest welcome to a proud Bryant family.

Congratulations and welcome to the Bryant College Alumni Association.

Academic Heraldry

The history of academic dress worn today dates back to the universities of the Middle Ages. A statute of 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 Inter-collegiate 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 doctor's 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 College, the president and the honorary degree recipients wear gowns especially designed and trimmed in the College color of gold.

The academic hoods are lined with the color of the university granting the degree. The border of the hood is in the color of the discipline in which the degree was earned. For example, colors associated with different subjects include: light brown (or sapphire blue) for commerce, accountancy, business; copper for economics; light blue for education; peacock blue for public administration; purple for law; and white for arts, letters, humanities.

The length of the hood varies slightly for bachelor's and master's, and doctor's degree. Today, the hood for those receiving a bachelor's degree has been replaced by the mortarboard or cap with long tassels in black or in the color appropriate to the subject. It is often the tradition of the candidates for degrees to wear the 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.

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.

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