

# ALUMNI Bulletin

A RESOURCE FOR BRYANT COLLEGE ALUMNI

## Calendar

### MAY 18

Groundbreaking  
George E. Bello Center for Information  
& Technology  
Bryant Campus, 4:00 p.m.

### MAY 19

Graduate School Commencement  
Bryant Campus, 4:00 p.m.

### MAY 20

Undergraduate Commencement  
Bryant Campus, 10:00 a.m.

### JUNE 2

Class of 1995  
Reunion 2000  
Off-campus

### JUNE 3

Reunion 2000  
Bryant Campus

### JUNE 14

World Trade Day  
Bryant Campus

### SEPTEMBER 23

"Bring Home the Gold"  
Homecoming

## Alumni Association Gets New Identity



BRYANT  
COLLEGE  
*Alumni Association*

**A** drum roll, please. The Alumni Association has a new visual identity. The logo pictured here was created with input from members of the National Alumni Council. It represents an image that all Bryant alumni can relate to. The intricate, wrought iron gate symbolizes a meaningful tradition to graduates of the Providence campus as well as the present location in Smithfield.

The Alumni Association decided to develop a visual identity that would unify its members and position the group to have a more active voice in determining the college's direction. So from now on, when you see this logo, think of it as an extension of your voice and your power to shape Bryant's future.

## Q&A with Dick Capobianco '53 and Judy Mastronardi



Dick Capobianco '53, Alumni Association president, and Judy Mastronardi, director of alumni relations, discuss the success and vision of the Alumni Association's strategic plan. The plan includes initiatives to strengthen alumni relationships with the college, such as a community service program, benefits and services, and improved communication strategies.

**Q:** Why did the Alumni Association identify community service as a desirable method of involving alumni?

**Dick:** The feedback I've received from alumni indicates a high degree of interest in community service. This is a way for graduates to strengthen their ties to their local community in the name of their alma mater. Another nice thing about community service is that it involves alumni of all ages and their families.

**Judy:** The truth is, a lot of people are turned off by strictly social events. They want to invest their time in worthwhile efforts. Volunteer service promotes goodwill and offers a chance for alumni to be involved citizens in their communities.

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**World Trade Day** Building Global Markets in the Age of E-Commerce

SAVE THE DATE

Bryant College  
Smithfield  
Rhode Island  
June 14, 2000

## Q&A (continued)



**Q:** What has been accomplished so far?

**Judy:** First, we developed a manual that chapters can use to start their own community service

programs. The Rhode Island Alumni Chapter is the first group to put it to use; they'll serve as a prototype for other chapters.

The first event is the May 6 Special Olympics. Members of the Rhode Island Chapter will organize games and support athletes. Then, in April 2001, the chapter is working with The Healing Co-op in Portsmouth, RI, an organization for women with breast cancer, to coordinate a Walk for Breast Cancer.

**Q:** What feedback have you received from alumni about the Community Services program?

**Dick:** Alumni have responded that they want to convey the spirit of our college by helping others.

**Q:** What is the Benefits and Services program?

**Dick:** The benefits and services that we offer alumni include a free subscription to the alumni magazine, competitive fees to the Jarvis Nautilus Center, access to one of the region's most comprehensive business libraries, Career Services resources, and more. We have long had these benefits and services for our alumni, but we haven't been aggressive enough in getting the word out. One of our current goals is to better communicate what is available to Bryant graduates. For the future, we're reviewing discount travel programs, long distance telephone packages, credit cards, insurance, educational programs, and other ideas. We also plan to utilize our Web site to provide a lot of information.

**Judy:** We want to connect alumni to Bryant and give them an opportunity to feel good about their alma mater. We want to offer them better

services than what they could obtain elsewhere. We have the resources: so many Bryant alumni are in various businesses, and have expertise we can pass on to members.

But it's just as important that we do this carefully, and not bite off more than we can chew. Still, we've received positive feedback from council members that we are accomplishing great things and people are enthusiastic about that.

**Q:** The strategic plan makes a point of exploring ways to bring alumni back to campus. Why is that so important?



**Judy:** Many people don't realize how Bryant continually improves its facilities, technology, and programs, so it's important to show alumni how their school is growing.

**Q:** What are some of the recent events at which alumni participated?

**Judy:** This fall, we provided alumni tents at the four home football games, which offered a central point for graduates to meet. Buzz Waltman '76 organized a small reunion which drew alumni who hadn't been back to campus in awhile. Now they want to do this every year. By that and other accounts, the tents were very successful. By the end of the season we had to enlarge the size of the tent due to the increase in numbers. That was a significant breakthrough because occasions like that reinforce the ties people have with the College – they get to reminisce about what they often describe as the best four years of their lives, while learning more about Bryant's direction.

**Dick:** Most alumni want to be involved in some way, whether it's participating in the community service or student mentoring programs, or

attending annual meetings. When alumni are involved with the college, they care about its direction and they want to be a part of it.

What renewed my excitement about Bryant was when, six or seven years ago, I learned that I could start my own scholarship fund. Since then, each year I am pleased to provide for a deserving student to get a Bryant education. I meet with the students and talk about their goals and dreams. This experience has become very important to me and my wife. And this is something you don't know about until you get involved with the College. We need to reach Bryant alumni who have attained a certain amount of success and encourage them to give back to the community and to help others. The satisfaction you receive is very rewarding.

**Q:** What does the future hold for the Alumni Association?

**Dick:** The major goal of the strategic plan is to attract enthusiastic alumni who are willing to get involved. In the past few years, Bryant has made a strong commitment to the Alumni Association, giving us the chance to reach out in new directions. It's now up to all of us to advance to the next level of association programs.

**Judy:** From what we've heard from National Alumni Council members, people are recharged with the development and implementation of the strategic plan. Alumni are noticing the improvements; we can tell from responses about the 1999 reunion and last year's events.

**Dick:** The enthusiasm of our alumni will dictate the success of our programs. I'm happy to say that the future of the Alumni Association is very bright.



# National Alumni Council Members Speak Out

Members of NAC share their insights about the council, the alumni, and the future.



Mary Kozik '88  
*Executive Director, Leukemia Society of America*  
New York, New York

Mary shares her enthusiasm about the re-energized NAC group and explains why she volunteers her time:

"The Council has done an incredible job in developing a strategic plan. The plan allows us to feel quick wins and achieve our goals slowly to ensure continued success. It's a smart strategy. The Alumni Relations staff also deserves credit for doing such a phenomenal job of motivating volunteers."

"I invest my time in NAC because Bryant will always have a soft spot in my heart. I attended Bryant part time, at night. My education served as a stepping stone to pursue all of my dreams. I'd like to see Bryant get the national recognition it's entitled to."

Ron Cioe '67  
*President, CO Agency, Inc.*  
Warwick, Rhode Island

Over the past year, the National Alumni Council has made definitive inroads to strengthening the organization. Ron offers a reason why:

"Our recent success is due to the willingness of the student body to participate in community oriented affairs. Just about anyone who works in business is going to have to participate in philanthropic activities which involve resources and time. It's part of life and it's taught by example."

"We want to invest in Bryant students an awareness of community, as well as responsibility. They have had the opportunity to attend a private college and secure an excellent education, which will open doors for them. In return, these students will have an obligation to give back. It can be immediate or decades down the line. At that point, they become role models for others."



John Ragnoni '86  
*Vice President, Online Brokerage Marketing, Fidelity Investments*  
Boston, Massachusetts

John expresses his perspective on NAC's mission:

"The new alumni leadership has provided fresh energy to the issues the Council faces. One key focus will be to support regional chapter organizations as they work to provide benefits that matter to alumni."

"It works from the other side, too. As long as our alumni accept personal responsibility for Bryant's direction, the NAC will continue to gain momentum. People have to step up to the plate if they want to see Bryant shine; now is the time to repay a great education and lifetime friendships."

Ray Grigelevich '91  
*Grants and Research Analyst*  
*Rhode Island Children's Crusade for Higher Education*  
Providence, Rhode Island

Ray talks about the Alumni Association's new logo and what it means to alumni:

"Our new logo is the first campus-wide symbol of an alumni function. We hope that it will foster a feeling of allegiance. The logo's design spans all alumni generations from both campuses to serve as a reminder to people of their association with the institution."

"It's also symbolic in that alumni will get mail from Bryant that isn't asking them for money. We want alumni to understand that they can contribute in other ways. Yes, we still have something to offer you, but we also want your expertise. We've brought in alumni experts who have put on workshops for the chapters on financial planning, e-commerce, and Internet services."

"You could say that NAC embodies the very essence of Bryant's mission: tradition through evolution."



Lynn Rapoza '99  
*Analyst*  
*Goldman Sachs & Company*  
New York, New York

Having recently made the transition from being an involved student to becoming an active alumna, Lynn offers her perspective on NAC:

"The Alumni Association is a lot more focused in getting people involved and in bringing people back to the College. Thanks to the strategic plan, our purpose is now clearly defined and one of our objectives is better communication with alumni. It's important that they realize that we are able to continue serving them through seminars, training, and networking opportunities. And that our alumni have a lot to offer current Bryant students as they begin to plan their careers."

# Boston Chapter



The Bryant College Boston Alumni Chapter welcomed President Ronald K. Machtley on Tuesday, April 18 at a reception at Merrill Lynch in Boston which was very well attended. President Machtley gave a presentation about the campus expansion and the many exciting changes in Bryant's future.

Chairs for the event were Nick Puniello '80, Bob McCaffery '88 and John Ragnoni '86. Kevin Chase '81, District Administrative Manager, Vice President at Merrill Lynch hosted the event in the Merrill Lynch conference room.

To receive advance notice of future Boston alumni events, e-mail Bob McCaffery at [robert.mccaffery@LibertyMutual.com](mailto:robert.mccaffery@LibertyMutual.com).



People were dancing up a storm on March 1, when Boston-based swing band Bellevue Cadillac performed as part of the President's Cultural Series.

## Spread the Word!



ALUMNI-ADMISSION CONNECTION

Every year, talented students from across the country and around the globe choose Bryant because of our reputation for academic excellence and real-world preparation. We're looking for more.

Alumni are critical components of successful student recruitment programs. As testament to the quality of a Bryant education, you lend credibility to the praise we've earned. By speaking at an open house, visiting a nearby high school, calling a scholarship recipient, or recommending an applicant, you spread the word about Bryant in ways our staff cannot.

New students will appreciate the opportunity to repeat your success by starting their futures at Bryant. And when you help bring in gifted students each year, the value of your degree increases. So volunteer with the Office of Admission today. Contact Michelle (Barbato) Pelosi '95, Assistant Director for Volunteers and Events, at **(800)622-7001** or [mpelosi@bryant.edu](mailto:mpelosi@bryant.edu).

Share your success with a new generation.

# Marriages

- Linda (Gholson) Dattilo '58 to John Hartnett on 4/5/00
- Richard Power '82 to Mandy Smith on 10/9/99
- Jennifer L. O'Rourke '84 to David Haralambou on 10/15/99
- Robin L. Amaral '86 to Glen Gibbons on 8/28/99
- Kristin M. Tomasso '86 to David Penta on 5/18/99
- Linda M. Elrick '87 to Daniel Pintal on 9/4/99
- Charles J. Carboni '88 to Andrea Lee on 8/8/99
- Jeffrey R. Cote '89 to Stephanie Haight on 4/24/99
- David M. Goodman '89 to Ami Rubinger on 6/12/99
- Jonathan R. Paige '89 to Lisa Foley on 4/10/99
- Brian J. Latkowski '90 to Sheila Grady on 9/18/99
- John D. Medailleu '90 to Julie Soboczinski on 10/2/99
- Kristen D. Robinson '90 to Matthew Warth on 7/10/99
- Karen L. Zakrzewski '90 to Brian Holbrook on 11/13/99
- Marybeth Berry '91 to James Godwin on 8/8/99
- Justin C. Cheverie '91 to Laurie Ranno on 10/9/99
- Donald J. Desfosse '91 to Betsey Holden on 8/1/99
- Ken R. Hautmann '91 to Bridget Teeter on 7/2/99
- G. Frank Teas '91 to Sandra Greenlaw on 9/5/99
- Michael G. Visnic '91 to Cynthia Roman on 8/21/99
- Louis A. DeQuattro Jr. '92 to Michelle Martin on 9/18/99
- Jennifer A. Duffek '92 to Wayne Smith on 9/18/99
- Glen Esposito '92 to Kristen Rieland on 10/30/99
- Bryan K. Larson '92 to Susan Selinga on 6/25/99
- Timothy S. Oliveira '92 to Lisa Mantella on 7/10/99
- Michael W. Smith '92 to Mara Parker on 10/30/99
- Jerilyn M. Esposito '93 to Michael Shannon on 6/19/99
- David B. Kaplan '93 to Elizabeth Farcus on 4/2/00
- Matthew C. Lehane '93 to Donna-Lee Brum '94 on 6/19/99
- Melissa B. McEnerney '93 to Andrew Vallila on 6/5/99
- Diana J. Asal '94 to John-Paul Bisson on 10/23/99
- Katherine Aucello '94 to Michael L. Goyette '94 on 3/4/00
- Dana Beaman '94 to Alfred Hassinger III on 9/29/98
- Suzanne M. Caprio '94 to Christopher G. Hinckley '94 on 8/29/98
- Tracey L. John '94 to Christopher Wocell on 6/4/99
- Melanie J. Mezzancello '94 to Sunil Singh on 9/4/99
- Wayne R. Prunier '94 to M. Elizabeth Moos '96 on 5/15/99
- Christopher M. Urian '94 to Christine Ayres on 8/14/99
- Andrea R. Colaianni '95 to Neil DiRico on 7/31/99
- Karen Bison '95 to Patrick Hooper on 10/23/99
- Pamela L. Cyr '95 to Phillip Fisher on 9/25/99
- Jennifer S. Flanigan '95 to Ralph Eddy on 7/17/99
- Christine L. Gagne '95 to Bryan K. Gamache '97 on 5/29/99
- Gregory M. Godbout '95 to Donna Klimkiewicz on 10/2/99
- Karrie A. Korsu '95 to Chad M. Lucier '95 on 5/15/99
- Timothy L. Lavoie '95 to Amy S. Polatsek '95 on 10/23/99
- Sean M. O'Neil '95 to Karen A. Guagenty '96 on 10/2/99
- Paul J. Pezza '95 to Kollina Sar on 5/1/99
- Deborah Salzillo '95 to Benjamin C. DiAngelo '96 on 9/11/99
- Gary P. Sherman '95 to Krista A. Sinnott '95 on 9/25/99
- David J. Brockett '96 to Sarah J. Kasper '96 on 10/2/99
- Brian A. Dumais '96 to Amy Rowean on 9/25/99
- David A. Laccoff '96 to Jennifer Moretti on 3/20/99
- Candice L. Charron '97 to Scott E. Powers '97 on 6/19/99
- Darrell R. Cook '97 to Amy K. Lacourciere '97 on 9/18/99
- Rebecca Guido '97 to Philip P. Moussally '97 on 10/23/99
- Shannon M. Cummins '98 to Christopher Mania on 6/26/99
- George A. Kinnear '98 to Kristine Rossi on 4/10/99

# Births 1999

Wendy Mae to Susan (Hicks) '75 and Barry Wasserman on 6/12/99

Alina Elizabeth born in Russia on 6/4/99 was adopted by Nancy A. Dixon '80 on 12/22/99

Evan Christian to Robert B. '80, '87MBA and Jo-Anne (Chevette) Hallberg '87MBA on 1/19/00

Ryan Jeffrey to Jeffrey A. '81 and Lynn Scott on 1/30/00

Jessica Madison to James Jr. '82 and Maribeth (Morro) Moniz '83 on 10/22/99

Daniel Patrick to Teresa (Cooley) '84 and Frederick Hardin on 8/6/99

Kelsie Elizabeth to Theresa (Allen) '85 and Stephen Donovan on 7/12/99

Sean Michael to Susan (LaBranche) '85 and Michael Lohle on 9/14/99

Joshua Raymond to Russell J. '85 and Kathleen Montal on 9/24/99

Courtney Virginia to Anthony J. '86 and Donna (Rendine) Caccia '86 on 9/17/99

Bryn Nicole to Jay H. '86 and Patricia (Arcabella) Des- sel '86 on 12/1/99

Kyle Richard to Glenn I. '86 and Marybeth Magnuson on 5/22/99

Jared Everett to David '86 and Patricia (Gavin) Page '87 on 3/20/00

Jenna Lauren to Deanna (Houle) '86 and Jeffrey Roy on 9/14/99

Jordan Andrew to George '87 and Wendy Westdyk on 7/19/99

Peter Richard to Janet (Reckert) '88 and Mark Ben- civenigo on 2/10/00

Sara Falvo to Lisa (Falvo) '88 and Richard Puglielli on 3/15/00

Julia Ann and Lance Joseph Jr. to Kimberly (Jensen) '88 and Lance J. LaFortune '88 on 10/9/99

Jennifer Brianna to Monica (Belval) '88 and Michael Lee on 1/11/00

Dylan Evan to Bonnie (Okrant) '88 and David Zitomer on 11/30/99

Aubrey Lynn to Nicole (DePriore) '89 and Lawrence Crook on 10/10/99

Katie Patricia to Cheryl (Lafferty) '89 and Timothy Kel- ley on 4/15/99

Allison Elizabeth to Kenneth A. '89 and Lori (Tro- janowski) Salina '90 on 3/11/99

Wyatt Joseph to Sharon M. Matyas '90 and Lisa Sad- owski on 12/20/99

Jacob Collins, Benjamin Scott and Abigail Rose to Mark F. '90 and Lisa Palmer on 5/17/99

Nolan Michael to Michael R. '90 and Regina (Fleming) Spears '90 on 11/5/99

Andie Victoria to Debra (Young) '90 and Dana Srdoc on 11/9/99

Erin Cecilia to Mary Jane (Helme) '90 and Jeffrey Woodbridge on 11/16/99

Lauren Elizabeth to Shannon (Paul) '91 and Joseph Imbriaco on 12/30/99

Kaylie Marie to Andrew J. '91 and Susan LaGuardia on 2/17/00

Kyle Robert to Kenneth R. '91 and Michele (Ravenola) Schmidt '91 on 12/29/99

Scott Douglas Jr. to Ann (Costello) '92 and Scott Dixon on 8/14/99

Christopher Paul to Alisson (Padget) '92 and Steven P. Gallier '92 on 1/16/00

Madison Buchanan to Kirsten (Gravem) '92 and Peter Kadra on 4/9/99

Brandon Michael to Kevin J. '92 and Cheryl Kreindel on 2/27/99

Samuel Bruce to Karan (Collins) '92 and Peter Larlee on 12/30/99

## SCOTT PALTOS SIGNED BY NEW YORK GIANTS

Scott Paltos '00, starting fullback on the Bulldogs' first varsity squad, was invited to the mini-camp of the New York Giants and signed a free agent contract with the club following the NFL draft. Go Bulldogs!

## BRYANT GETS A KICK FROM ALUMNI

On Saturday, March 25, the Bryant College Karate Club sponsored their annual karate championship tournament. More than 300 competitors from New England, New York and New Jersey, aged 5 to 60, filled the main gym with a dazzling display of martial arts performances. Notably, 18 of the 24 black belts that graduated from the Bryant program were present.



Ronald N. Renaud '81, chief instructor and founder of the Karate Club marveled at the support and camaraderie of his former students and co-instructors. "I have been on Bryant's campus almost daily for the last 23 years," said Ron, "and I have worked with some incredible people. Because the club has enjoyed steady growth, not everyone knows each other. But within 10 minutes of meeting each other, they come to know the common bond and history that we share. Our Bryant experience brings us together."

Sensei (black belt teacher) Tom Mulligan '92 flew in from Orlando, Florida to join his friends. "Bryant Karate is family," he said. "We learned respect, loyalty, and friendship from each other." The Karate Club is also a well-established network for alumni and new graduates alike. From housing needs to employment leads, club members enjoy helping each other.

Former members are invited to join club workouts. Classes are held Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Bryant's campus. E-mail Ron Renaud at [rnrbkka@aol.com](mailto:rnrbkka@aol.com) for more information.

## KARATE CLUB NAMED SPORTS CLUB OF THE YEAR

During Recognition 2000, a campus event sponsored by the Student Activities office, the Karate Club was granted The Sports Club of the Year Award. Criteria for the award included the club's retention and recruitment, programming, and athletic contributions to campus. Nominations lauded the club's focus on follow-up and communication, publicity efforts, and student recruitment, all of which have strengthened the organization.



On April 8, a bright, beautiful spring day, Bryant dedicated its new baseball and softball fields. Ben Mondor '91H, owner and chairman of the Pawtucket Red Sox, is shown here with Tom Eakin, vice president for student affairs, and President Ron Machtley. Mondor threw out the first ball for baseball and Lorraine Hudak, former women's athletic director at Bryant, threw out the first ball for softball.



## GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golf Tournament with Golf Coach Archie Boulet on July 31, 2000 at Segregansett Country Club in Taunton, MA. T-time: 1pm. Price: \$125 per person includes lunch, dinner, greens- fees and golf cart.



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## Reunion 2000 Schedule

**Friday, June 2**

**11:30am - 2:30pm**

National Alumni Council

*Meeting/Luncheon*

**8:00 pm**

5th Reunion—off campus

**Saturday, June 3**

**9:00am - 8:00pm**

Check-in

*Papitto Dining Room, Bryant Center*

**9:30am - 11:00am**

Welcome Continental Breakfast

**10:00am - 12:30pm**

Campus Tours

**10:30am - 12:30pm**

Loyal Guard Brunch

**1:00pm - 3:00pm**

Bus Tour to Old Campus

**12:30pm - 3:30pm**

Family Picnic

**4:30pm - 11:00pm**

Child Care

**5:30pm - 6:30pm**

Alumni Awards Presentation

**6:30pm - 7:30pm**

All Class Reception

TENT

**7:30pm**

All Class Dinner Dance

TENT

(One dinner open to all classes)

**11:00pm**

Illumination Extravaganza

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★ June 3rd ★

REUNION  
2000

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