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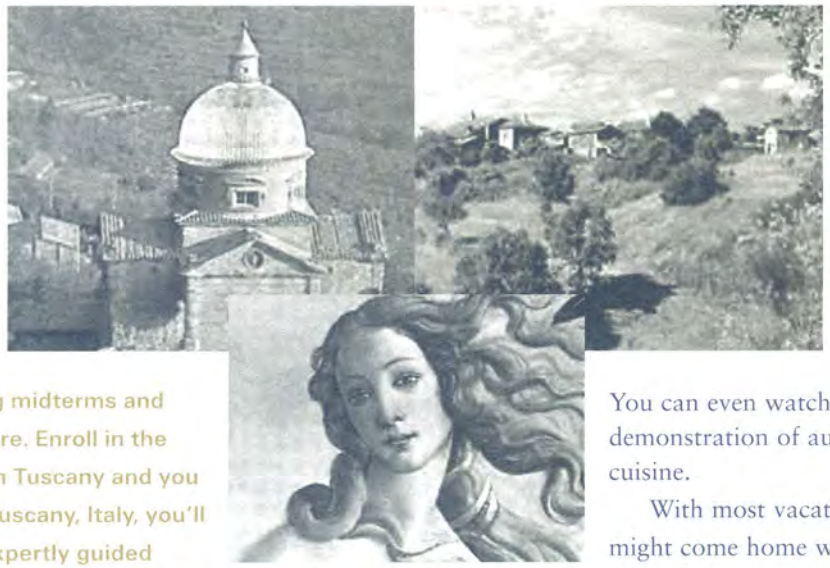
Go Back to College – Tuscany style!



We're not talking midterms and presentations here. Enroll in the Alumni College in Tuscany and you won't just visit Tuscany, Italy, you'll experience it. Expertly guided tours ensure you won't miss a thing, and you'll have enough time to make this memorable trip uniquely yours. This immersion vacation package, a special benefit to Bryant College alumni, includes round-trip travel, accommodations, three meals a day, and excursions.

Surrounded by lush countryside and breathtaking architecture, you'll not only learn about Tuscan history and culture, you'll have an opportunity to talk with the residents about their daily lives. You can even watch a cooking demonstration of authentic Tuscan cuisine.

With most vacations, you might come home with souvenirs and a few dozen photos. You'll return from this trip with memories of having lived the sights, sounds, and tastes of one of the most charming regions of Italy. This first trip is scheduled for November 6–14, 2002. If you'd like to learn more, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (401) 232-6040.

This alumni travel program is a result of the Alumni Association's strategic plan to develop and enhance alumni programs.

Amica Insurance Available to Bryant Alumni

You've probably already received a letter in the mail describing our new Personal Lines Insurance Program. We've selected Amica to underwrite a full line of personal insurance products for Bryant alumni. You might have tossed the letter aside, figuring you'd pay more attention to it later. Pay attention to it now! With one easy phone call, you could be on your way to getting a better deal on car, home, liability, or life insurance. Call (800) 242-6422 for a free rate quote. Or visit Amica's Web site at www.amica.com.

This new benefit to Bryant alumni is part of the Alumni Association's strategic plan to expand alumni services.

CALENDAR

WOMEN'S SUMMIT
March 13, 2002
Registration
8 a.m.
Program
8:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Bryant Campus

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS CEREMONY AND JAZZ PERFORMANCE
April 4, 2002
6 – 9:45 p.m.
Bryant Campus
Rotunda

SPECIAL OLYMPICS
May 4, 2002
Bryant Campus

1863 SOCIETY BRUNCH
April 27, 2002
10:30 a.m. – noon
Bryant Center
Heritage Room

Additions

Matthew John to Ann (Zopatti) '87 and Matthew Ferraro on 8/26/01

Joshua to Debra (Flamand) '87 and Brad Gould on 7/17/01

Alicia Conchita to Andrea (Dawson) '87 and Francisco Romero on 7/11/01

Matthew Stephen to Gina (Passerino) '88 and Jerry Love on 12/12/01

Amanda Nicole to Paul N. '88 and Sheri (Uhrich) Rossi '90 on 2/16/01

Anna Irene and Rebecca Sarah to Steven R. '89 and Shelly (Godfrey) Plumb '93 on 10/12/01

Alanna Noel to Monica (Muello) '89 and Kent Mawhinney on 12/12/01

Benjamin Matthew to Leslie (Fay) '90 and Brian M. Condon '92 on 6/2/01

Jill Gwyneth to Karen (Cohen) '90 and Michael Specht on 6/18/01

Jordan Emilia and Aidan Thomas to Darcy (Case) '90 and Thomas Walsh on 12/29/01

Kevin John to Ann Marie (Costello) '92 and Scott Dixon on 10/22/01

Abigail Susan to Bryan K. '92 and Susan Larson on 10/25/01

Nicholas Scott to Scott '92 and Jennifer Siegelman on 12/8/01

Megan Elisabeth to Michael E. '93 and Donna Anderson on 12/10/01

Clayton Andrew to Andrew F. Jr. '93 and Kimberly (Schubert) Margonis '93 on 9/30/01

Madeline Danielle to Erika (Brown) '94 and Tim Clark on 8/30/01

Grace Katherine to Robert J. II '94 and Christy Harty on 11/11/01

Camden Christopher to Jennifer (Vogt) '94 and W. Scott Luca '96 on 11/24/01

Brooke Amber to Karl '95 and Melissa (Sanft) Cleathero '96 on 9/9/01

Jeffrey Francis to Brian J. '96 and Vanessa (Arpin) Epro '96 on 5/7/01

Jacob Alexander to Andrea (Glinsky) '96 and Daniel Gauvin on 11/24/01

Paisley Joleen to Jennifer Gordineer '97 and Robert Rinn on 6/11/01

Madeline May to Megan (Gorman) '99 and James Hatt on 7/28/01

Jace Vincent and Jadon Bruce to Darren M. '99 and Whitney Scaramella on 4/15/01

The Rotunda glows brightly by candle power

Festival of Lights

Light has long been a symbol of hope, and Bryant's community joined together in strong support of that message during the 25th Annual Festival of Lights. This year's theme: "Lighting the Way to a Better Tomorrow."

The evening of Dec. 5 began with the tradition of faculty and administrators serving dinner to students, then gathering in the Rotunda for readings, music, and the lighting of candles. Afterward, Ron and Kati Machtley, and Tom and Marj Eakin led the procession to the Bryant Center Plaza for the lighting of the campus holiday tree and menorah.

This event was co-sponsored by the Student Alumni Association and the Office of Student Activities; Mary Cady '05 and Lynsey Cozens '05 served as co-chairs.

The procession to the lighting of the campus tree

Bryant's holiday tree was a gift from Professor Kenneth Sousa '87M.B.A.

All those on Santa's "Nice" list – smile!

A few of the smiles that outshone the candlelight

Kati and Ron Machtley show off their holiday headgear

Ron and Kati Machtley shed their aprons to enjoy this holiday meal with students

The menorah is lit in honor of Hanukkah

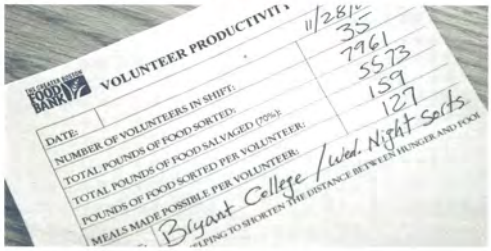
Father Joseph Pescatello serves a holiday entree, with a generous helping of spiritual guidance on the side, of course

THE GIFT OF FOOD

Boston and Rhode Island alumni answered the call to action to help their community food banks sort and inspect donations collected for needy families this holiday season.

Boston Alumni Chapter

The Greater Boston Food Bank's Volunteer Productivity Report for the team of 30 Bryant alumni and their guests said it all: They each sorted 159 pounds of food for a total of 7,961 pounds, which made up 127 meals. This event, held Nov. 28, was the Boston Chapter's first community service project.



Rhode Island Chapter

On two nights, Bryant alumni and their guests participated in the Rhode Island Community Food Bank Golden Palate Challenge, a friendly competition against other Rhode Island college alumni to see who could sort the most food. The Dec. 4 team of 48 alumni and guests sorted 22,277 pounds of food; the 49 members of the Dec. 11 team weighed their contributions in at 30,055 pounds. Although the two teams' total contribution was not the highest, they did receive the Golden Palate Outstanding Volunteer Recruitment Award.

Spotlight On...

Maryann Pernorio '84

A little more than two years ago, Maryann Pernorio '84 came to a crossroads in her career path. Down one road, she had three job offers to consider; choosing any of them would continue her current course in the financial field. The other path was a 3,600-mile bike ride across the country to raise money for and awareness of diabetes, which claimed her uncle's life in 1995.

"I realized the opportunity to do this might never present itself again," says Maryann. "I had to be true to my dream to make a significant impact on my community."

For the next two years, Maryann's job was to spend every day physically preparing herself for the coast-to-coast ride by lifting weights, doing aerobics, and, of course, biking. She also had people to call and meet to raise the funds she needed for the ride. "I definitely made use of my marketing and presentation skills," says Maryann, who raised more than $50,000 for the Diabetes Foundation of Rhode Island from private individuals and corporate sponsors.

On June 16, 2001, along with 60 other riders in America By Bicycle's cross-country challenge, Maryann dipped her back wheel into the Pacific Ocean to signify the beginning of her journey from Astoria, Ore. to Portsmouth, N.H. For the next 50 days, Maryann often logged more than 100 miles a day. She combated heat, altitude, exhaustion, and pummeling headwinds; she learned more than she thought anyone could about calluses and sore backsides. But mostly, she discovered the extent to which focus leads to success.

It was during the descent from Wyoming's Teton Pass, almost 10,000 feet high at a 10 percent grade – with no guardrails – when Maryann wondered if she'd have to dismount and ride down the mountain in the "sag" bus, which provided transportation to cyclists who couldn't continue. The dramatic view of nothing but miles of air between her and the ground far below was visually intimidating. "I had to dig down deep," Maryann recalls. She drew heavily on her ability to stay focused on the next step, or in her case, the next bike length of road. "I didn't think about the total distance ahead of me or below me," she says. But she regained her composure, and was able to meet the challenge and make it down the mountain

On Aug. 5, an emotionally charged Maryann completed her ride and dipped her front tire into the Atlantic Ocean. She was elated to have realized her dream, and she was certain she had chosen the right path.

Partnerships

Melissa R. Palmieri '88, '91M.B.A. to Steve S. Fernandes '93 on 9/22/01

Stacey J. Huntley '90 to John Ford on 7/13/01

Joanne P. Giovanelli '91 to Darrell Morrison on 11/4/01

Laura A. Dwyer '92, '95M.B.A. to Christopher Jones on 9/23/00

Lara L. Huempfner '93 to Christopher Della Valle on 11/10/01

Stacey E. Spidle '93 to Henry Specht Jr. on 5/13/00

Tammy M. Mantie '94 to Joseph McKay on 6/9/01

Lisa M. Wainwright '94 to Richard Kaminski on 8/25/01

Debra L. Seitz '95 to Mark Szczepanski on 10/19/01

Bryan J. Chnowski '96 to Andrea Salas on 9/29/01

Tara A. Lamontagne '96 to John Probeck on 9/1/01

Paul E. Stroessner Jr. '96 to Danielle Langello on 10/13/01

Brian M. Bain '97 to Lisa Allen on 3/17/01

Donald E. Widger '97 to Danielle M. Bataille '98 on 7/21/01

Melissa A. Hlentzas '98 to Jason R. Novack '98 on 9/29/01

Sean T. Kenny '98 to Melissa Elkin on 11/11/01

1863 SOCIETY

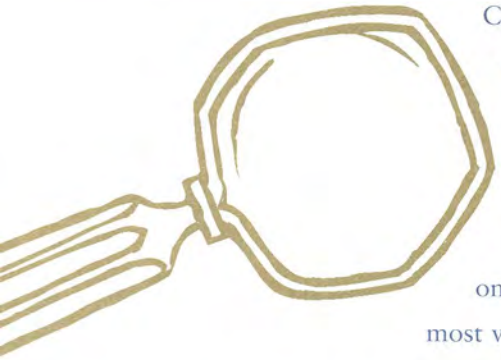
SAVE THE DATE!
Third Annual Bryant College
1863 Society Brunch

Saturday, April 27, 2002
10:30 a.m. – noon

The Heritage Dining Room
Bryant College
Smithfield, R.I.

An invitation with further details will be forthcoming. Please call (401) 232-6173 with questions or e-mail 1863society@bryant.edu

Online Alumni Community Update



Check out the new features for the alumni community on Bryant's Web site. No matter which side of the job search you're on, we can be one of your most valuable resources.

NETWORKING ON OUR NETWORK

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Job Postings

Looking for a job? Looking to fill a job? Post or search for a job here.

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Resume Postings

Post your resume or search for the perfect candidate to fill an open position in your company.

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Mentoring Services

Either way, it's a win-win situation: Be a mentor and share your career advice with a Bryant student or find a mentor in your field of interest.

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Career Counseling Links

Here's where you'll find helpful hints on career development, career assessment, and answers to frequently asked career-related questions.

BRYANT ALUMNI YELLOW PAGES

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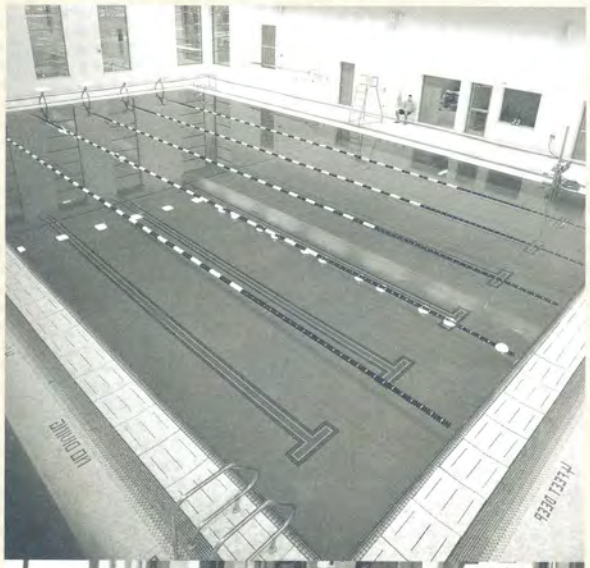
Let your fingers do the . . . clicking. Find products and services offered by fellow alumni in this searchable listing. Take advantage of this free service to promote your product or service.

Wellness Center Update

Many of you have asked about alumni access to Bryant's new Wellness Center. At this time, the facility is open only to students, faculty, and staff. Over the next few months, the administration will evaluate usage to determine the best way to handle off-campus memberships in order to ensure that the center best serves its primary members, our students. We appreciate your patience and understanding.



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TKE Reunion

Members of the TKE fraternity, formerly known as Beta Iota Beta, planned a reunion of their own during the College's Homecoming/Reunion weekend.

Pictured are: Bill Conaty '67, Dick Durant '68, Joe Frischer '68, Phil Botana '68, Joe Cerasa '68, Pete Newell '68, Tony Strianese '67, Ed Chicoski '67, Dale Ursin '67, Art Wexler '67, Steve Berman '68, Bob Greenough '69, Mike King '70, Mike Shapiro '67, Charlie Bradley '69, and Mickey Kistner '69. Not pictured: Charlie Degrace '68.

Santa's Helpers

As sponsors of the annual holiday toy drive for the Nickerson Community Center, in Olneyville, R.I., members of the Student Alumni Association collected toys for the Center's underprivileged children.

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