

# Alumni Newsletter

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## *Alumni Association Executive Board*



*The Alumni Association Executive Board at their first meeting of the year.*

Members of the Alumni Association Executive Board for 1990-91 standing left to right are: Emanuel Barrows '87; Nicholas Puniello '80, Vice President; Frank Bingham Jr. '61, '72MBA; John LaRocca '70; Paul Connery '81; Charles Kingsbury '56, Treasurer; Kenneth La Salle '66; Craig Sonsire '86; David Shultis '84; David Lucier '80; William White '91; Kenneth Sousa '87MBA; Mark St. Pierre '91; William Myers '77,

'87MST; Alan Wardyga '77, '84MBA; Steven Townsend '76, '80MBA; seated: Roland Talbot '39; Kathryn Kingsbury '55; Catherine Parente '78, President; Ernest Almonte '78, '85MST, Vice President; Jeffrey Ferrante '81, Secretary; Sherri Sigel '89; not shown: Robert Bianchini '62; David Gordon '67; Nelson Gulski '26, '72H; Elvira Knight '26; Scott Menard '73; James Salemi '90; Wendy Sonsire '86.

## *A Note from Your Association President*

To my fellow alumni:

As your new Alumni Association President, I am excited about supporting the fine programs and services that we have maintained in the past, as well as focusing on some new ideas. The Association is currently exploring athletic, social, cultural, and continuing education programs. We also plan to expand our services to alumni.

In addition to these tasks, we are continuously looking to improve the effectiveness of the Alumni Association Executive Board so that it might better serve the College.

As our ideas begin taking shape during the course of the year, I will keep you informed. If you would like to get involved in any aspect of the Alumni Association or learn more about the activities of the Association, please let me know. You can write to me care of Bryant College Alumni Association, Mowry Alumni House, 1150 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI 02917-1284.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Catherine M. Parente '78  
President

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### *A Win-Win Situation*



*Ernest A. Almonte '78, '85MST*

Ernest A. Almonte '78, '85MST has started a unique program to help both students and non-profit organizations. Almonte, a part-time instructor at Bryant College, encourages his students to gain training in their respective fields by volunteering their professional services to needy organizations. The work does not count as part of the students' grades nor are the students paid money for their services.

Almonte, who sits on the boards of several non-profits, recognized the need for financial and computer expertise and lack of funds that constrict many of these organizations. He also saw the need for his students to gain practical experience. Deciding to do something about the situation, Almonte created this win-win situation. "There's more to life than making money," says Almonte who made this project one of his personal goals.

Almonte keeps a close watch on the students' progress. He teaches them

in steps based on what they need to know to do their jobs, and he reviews their work so that there are no major problems.

Almonte's student volunteers learn how to teach their skills to other people. They present exercises on how to do word processing or use Lotus. They teach personal record keeping, budgeting, and banking. They learn and explain that serious budget problems sometimes stem from the budget preparation, not from budget constraints. Students also do basic accounting and maintain general ledger systems.

Almonte has experienced a very positive response from both the students and the organizations that participate in this program. He urges alumni to follow his lead and create more opportunities in which students and needy organizations can both benefit from the Bryant experience.

### *Student Alumni Association*

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#### *Festival of Lights*

The 14th annual Festival of Lights celebration will be held in the Koffler Rotunda on Bryant's campus on Wednesday, December 5, at 9pm. This inter-denominational holiday celebration is co-sponsored by the Student Alumni Association and the Office of Student Activities. All alumni are invited to attend. For more information call the Alumni Office at (401) 232-6040.

#### *National Conference*

Five members of the Bryant College SAA presented an informational session at the recent National Student

Alumni Association Conference in Lawrence, KS. "Taking a Project from Concept to Reality: Our Senior Supplement" is their story about the photo directory which they created and sold to graduating students. This project not only helped raise funds for the group, it also met a need. Traditionally the yearbook is published in the fall, after seniors have left campus. The *Supplement*, however, is published and distributed before graduation so that the seniors receive an immediate pictorial memento of their undergraduate days. A soft-cover edition, the *Supplement* does not compete with the yearbook but, rather, complements it.

### *Triple Crown*

Within a one month span, Bryant has been selected by Barron's College Guide as one of the nations "300 Best Buys in College Education;" by *U. S. News & World Report* magazine as the

nation's number two (among 24) business specialty schools; and by *America's Best Colleges* book as the "best buy" among business specialty schools.

*Boston*

Gina and Jeff Ferrante '81 hosted a Freshman Welcome Outing at their home in Andover, MA, on Saturday, August 4. Students and their parents enjoyed meeting with Bryant administrators, alumni, and other students. Games of volleyball and bocce were the highlights of the day.

Over 60 alumni and guests cruised scenic Boston Harbor aboard the M/V

Gracious Lady on Saturday evening, August 24. Accolades for a job well done go to coordinators Debbie Lynch '70, Terry Mills '81, and Nick Puniello '80.



Watch your mail for news on the upcoming networking reception for Boston alumni.

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*Florida*



The annual Sarasota Alumni Brunch is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, March 10. An event to be held on the East Coast is

currently being explored. If you are interested in attending or organizing either of these events, please call Paula in the Alumni Office at (401) 232-6040.

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*Hartford*

On November 1, Hartford alumni and guests gathered at the Marketplace Restaurant in Glastonbury, CT, for an informal evening of networking and socializing. Members of the administration were present to answer

questions about Bryant's curriculum. Ideas were solicited for future Hartford Chapter programs. Thanks go to coordinators Sandy Aldieri '82 and Wendy LoSchiavo '82.

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*Long Island*



Attention all alumni on Long Island! There will be a networking reception for you on Thursday, November 15, from 6:30pm-8pm at

the Smithtown Sheraton. For more information, watch your mail or call Melissa in the Alumni Office at (401) 232-6040.

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*Providence*

The eighth annual alumni golf tournament was held October 1 at the Alpine Country Club in Cranston, RI. Following the 18-hole tournament, alumni and guests enjoyed an outstanding surf and turf dinner followed by the awarding of prizes. The Silver Cup, awarded to the golfer with the lowest gross score, was named in honor of James Hallet '83.

Hallet is a former Bryant Golf Team member and current member of the US Pro Tour. Golf Tournament Committee members included Richard Carriere '82, '87MST; Nick Puniello '80; Barbara Papitto '83, '85MBA; and Sports Information Director John Gillooly.

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## *Worcester*

On Tuesday, August 28, thirty-five alumni, parents, freshmen, and upperclassmen gathered at the Worcester Chamber of Commerce for a freshmen welcome reception. Organized by the Worcester Chapter, the event was held to welcome incoming freshmen and their parents to the Bryant family.

The historic Salem Cross Inn in Brookfield, MA, was the setting for the October 26 Worcester Chapter event. Making old-fashioned apple cobblers, playing apple trivia games, and enjoying delicious food were all part of this bewitching evening.



Plans are underway for the April event. Details will be printed in the winter issue of this newsletter.

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## *Graduate Alumni Council*

The GAC is sponsoring a "Christmas in Newport" event. Bring your family to the annual Newport tree lighting celebration on December 1. The GAC is also gearing up for its popular speaker luncheon series. For more information on these events, call Donna in the Alumni Office at (401) 232-6040.

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## *Job Fair for Experienced Alumni*

If you're looking for a new career opportunity, be at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, MA, from 5pm to 8pm on Thursday, May 2, 1991. You will be able to meet with employers from various companies, attend workshops to help you improve your job search skills, and network with alumni from the seven other participating schools. To be put on the Job Fair for Experienced Alumni mailing list, please call the Alumni Office at (401) 232-6040.

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## *Calendar*

Nov. 9	GAC Breakfast
Nov. 15	Long Island event
Nov. 28	Boston Networking
Dec. 1	GAC Christmas event
Dec. 5	Festival of Lights
Jan.	Manhattan Reception
Jan. 16	GAC Luncheon Speaker Series Kickoff
Feb.	Black History Month Celebration
Feb. 20	GAC Luncheon Speaker Series
Feb.	Hartford event
Feb. 21	GAC Mentor Reception
March 10	Sarasota Annual Brunch
March 12	East Florida Reception
March 20	GAC Speaker Luncheon Series
March	Newport/Aquidneck Island event
April	Worcester Chapter event
April 5-7	SAA Regional Conference
April	Chicago event
April 17	GAC Speaker Luncheon Series
April	Springfield event
April	Long Island event
April	Boston event
May 2	Alumni Job Fair in Boston
May 5	SAA Oozball Game
May 15	GAC Luncheon Speaker Series
May 17	Senior Night Fireworks
May 17	Graduate School Commencement Welcome Reception
May 18	Commencement Senior Reception
June 7-9	<b>Reunion Weekend</b>
June 8	Annual Association Meeting/Installation of Officers

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*Travel to  
Switzerland*



Join in the 700th Anniversary of Switzerland by traveling with your Bryant friends to this exciting country. Stay in Engelberg "the cradle of Switzerland," nestled high in the Alps.

The Bryant Alumni discount price of \$1,595 per person includes:

- \* Round trip air transportation from Boston to Zurich via Swiss Air
- \* Accommodations in a first-class hotel
- \* Buffet breakfast and dinner daily at the hotel
- \* Welcome and farewell receptions
- \* Private bus transfers between the airport and the hotel
- \* a ride up breathtaking Mount Titlis by funicolare

- \* a visit to the local museum
- \* a walk through the ancient city of Lucerne
- \* local train rides
- \* a boat ride in the lakes region
- \* professional Swiss guides throughout the trip
- \* detailed fact sheets and maps
- \* Taxes, service charges, and portorage at the hotel
- \* and more!

Call Jill in the Alumni Office at (401) 232-6040 to receive a free brochure.

**Dates to reserve for this trip are October 12-19, 1991.**

*Black History  
Month  
Celebration*

This February we'll be holding the second annual alumni/student celebration of Black History Month.

Call Melissa in the Alumni Office at (401) 232-6040 for details.