



*One Hundred and Forty-eighth*

# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011

# WELCOME

A most cordial welcome is extended to relatives, friends, faculty members, alumni, administrators, and staff who gather here to celebrate the 148th 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 2011 Class Flag was designed by seniors from the Student Alumni Association: Alicia Albini, Michael Jasinski, Melody Moore, Kristina Pittella, Alix Quinn, and Regina Salgado. The theme of the flag is "Launching Into the World Without Limits."

### MARSHALS

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

**Graduate Marshal, Professor Jeffrey Cabusao**

**Graduate Marshal, Professor Joseph Ilacqua**

**Graduate Marshal, Professor Kristin Kennedy**

**Faculty Marshal, Professor Susan Baran**

**Faculty Marshal, Professor Judy Barrett Litoff**

**Platform Marshal, Professor Charles Cullinan**

**Platform Marshal, Professor Jongsung Kim**

### UNIVERSITY MACE BEARER

**Professor Janet Prichard**

### THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

**Soloist: Anthony Mam '11**

The audience is requested to remain standing through the Invocation.

### INVOCATION

**The Reverend Father Robert L. Marciano  
Bryant University Catholic Chaplain**



PRESENTATION OF COMMENCEMENT AND SENIOR SERVICE AWARDS

**Dr. José-Marie Griffiths**

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

STUDENT CHARGE

**Michael J. Cronin Jr.**

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

**Dr. José-Marie Griffiths**

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 Philip Devens**

**Bryant University Protestant Chaplain**

ADJOURNMENT OF THE 148<sup>TH</sup> 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 2011 Senior Class Gift.*

# COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

## THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD

**Scott William Twardowski**

**Morganne Lizbeth Downing**

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

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

**Alessandro Casagrande**

**Kelsey Hope Hines**

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 BRYANT UNIVERSITY GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

**Nicholas George Kraver**

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

**Sean Lawson Donahue**

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

**Steven Allen Siek**

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.

**DELTA SIGMA PI SCHOLARSHIP KEY**

**Jennifer Ashley Schwall**

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

**EXCELLENCE IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT AWARD**

**Lindsey N. Weber**

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

**EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMICS AWARD**

**Jeffrey Driscoll Denault**

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

**THE GEORGE J. KELLEY AWARD**

**Amanda Carol Zagame**

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**

**Cristine Yvonne Cox**

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**

**Meaghan L. Delaney** (global studies)

**Thomas J. Pagliarini** (legal studies)

**Lindsey N. Weber** (sociology)

**Sean Lawson Donahue** (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

**Jennifer Ashley Schwall**

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

**Mathew Scott Van Gelder**

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

**Raisa Cristina Dougan**

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

**Daniel DiMugno**

**Matthew P. Ciaffone**

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

THE KAPPA TAU BROTHERHOOD AWARD

**Thomas Joseph Butler**

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

**Sneha Vikas Farswani**

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 LITERARY AND CULTURAL STUDIES AWARD

**Mackenzie Jane Schroth**

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

THE MODERN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT AWARD

**Christopher James Beels**

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

**Thomas J. Pagliarini**

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

**Edward John Fish Jr.**

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

**Sarah L. Bronsdon**

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

##### **Sarah Elizabeth Dolny**

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 SAS INSTITUTE AWARD

##### **Allison Elaine Frankie**

##### **Amanda Carol Zagame**

This award is presented to the two bachelor's degree students who have demonstrated superior achievement in the study of Applied Mathematics and Statistics.

#### THE SENIOR SERVICE AWARDS

##### **Jessica Lynn Komoroski**

##### **Angela M. Marchio**

##### **Thomas Joseph Ryan Lapinski**

##### **Sherika M. Nicholas**

##### **Andrew Peter Lazouras**

##### **Miriam Leticia Santana Chan Mora**

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

##### **Britney Morgan Davis**

##### **Rachael Elizabeth Jones**

##### **Allison Nicole Peppel**

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.

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS



**Daniel F. Akerson**

*Honorary Doctor of Business Administration*

Daniel F. Akerson, chairman and chief executive officer of General Motors, will deliver the keynote address to graduating seniors and guests at Undergraduate Commencement. Akerson became chairman of General Motors in January 2011 after serving as CEO since September 2010. Prior to joining General Motors, he was a managing director of The Carlyle Group and the head of global buyout. He served on the firm's executive committee and was based in Wash-

ington, D.C. He joined the GM board of directors in 2009.

Akerson is a noted leader and seasoned executive with extensive operating and management experience, having served as chairman, chief executive officer, or president of several major companies including General Instrument, MCI, Nextel, and XO Communications. His experience includes key roles at MCI Communications Corporation, where he formulated and executed MCI's global strategy. In 1993, he became a general partner of a private equity firm Forstmann Little & Company, during which time he also served as chairman and chief executive officer of General Instrument Company from 1993 to 1995. While at General Instrument, he led a successful effort to develop and deploy the first digital video, satellite, and cable systems domestically and internationally.

In addition to serving on GM's board, he is on the boards of the American Express Company and the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation. Akerson graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a bachelor's degree in engineering. He earned his master's degree in economics from the London School of Economics.

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS



**Ellen Alemany**

*Honorary Doctor of Business Administration*

Ellen Alemany is chairman and chief executive officer of Citizens Financial Group, Inc. and head of RBS Americas. Citizens Financial Group, Inc. is a subsidiary of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, one of the world's largest banks by assets. Alemany is also a member of RBS group's nine-member global Executive Committee.

In September 2010, Alemany was listed 13th on *U.S. Banker's* list of The 25 Most Powerful Women in Banking. In 2009 and 2010, *Forbes* magazine included her on its list of the World's 100 Most Powerful Women.

She joined RBS Americas in June 2007 from Citigroup, where she was chief executive officer for Global Transaction Services, one of Citi's 12 publicly reported product lines. She joined Citibank in 1987 and held various progressive positions.

Alemany earned an M.B.A. from Fordham University in 1980. She chairs the boards of directors of Citizens Financial Group, Inc. and RBS Citizens, N.A., and is a member of the boards of The Financial Services Roundtable and The Clearing House Payments Company. She is also a member of the board of trustees of the National Constitution Center. From 2008 through 2010, she was the First District Representative on the Federal Advisory Council, directly consulting with and advising the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.



**Rabbi Leslie Gutterman**

*Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters*

Since 1970, Rabbi Leslie Gutterman has served Temple Beth-El in Providence after being ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, where he currently serves on the board of governors. He is on the board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and is the past president of the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis, and the national Rabbinic Alumni Association of Reform Judaism.

Rabbi Gutterman has had a tremendous impact on the Rhode Island community. For 20 years, he wrote a column for the “Face of Religion” page of the *Providence Journal*. He has been a special lecturer at Providence College and served on the Brown University Board of Religious Overseers. He is past president of the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities and the Rhode Island Jewish Family Service. He is currently a trustee of Butler Hospital and has served on the boards of Bryant University, Miriam Hospital, The Providence Athenaeum, Hospice Care, Rhode Island Kids Count, Trinity Repertory Company, and the Rhode Island Telecommunication Authority. He received the Public Service Award from the City of Providence on its 350th anniversary.

Rabbi Gutterman holds a Doctor of Divinity degree from Hebrew Union College.

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS



**Louis Zamperini**

*Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters*

Louis Zamperini, age 93, survived a phenomenal odyssey as a World War II veteran and POW, the basis for *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption*, the best-selling biography by internationally recognized author Laura Hillenbrand.

A member of the 1936 Olympic team and America's top finisher in the 5,000-meter run in Berlin, Zamperini joined the U.S.

Air Corps as a bombardier during World War II. On a routine reconnaissance run, his aircraft crashed into the Pacific Ocean. He and another crew member survived in a life raft for 47 days, drifting 2,000 miles into hostile Japanese waters. His rescuers were also his torturers.

When the war ended, he returned home to a hero's welcome but lacked a sense of direction. A chance meeting with the young evangelist Billy Graham changed his life. He became a missionary to Japan, preaching the gospel of forgiveness to the very guards who had tormented him. When he returned to the United States, he created a camp for wayward youth, and, with his wife, raised two children.

In 1998 at the Olympic Winter Games in Japan, the people of Nagano asked Zamperini to carry the Olympic flame as part of the torch relay. Today, he speaks across the globe about dealing with stress, Olympism, and the freedom he found through his faith.

# 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.

**O 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.

**Φ Phi Alpha Theta** – To be eligible for membership, students must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours in history and have a GPA of 3.1 or better, an overall minimum GPA of 3.0, and be in the top 35 percent of the graduating class.

**π Pi Sigma Alpha** – To be eligible for membership, students 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 2011 Bryant University Commencement honors certified graduates and degree candidates who are scheduled to complete course work by July 31, 2011. Honors are tentatively calculated as of the completion of the 2010 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.
- $\Lambda$  *Lambda Pi Eta* graduates wear red and white cords with their academic robes.
- $\mu$  *Mu Sigma Rho* graduates wear royal blue double honor cords.
- $O$  *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.
- $\Phi$  *Phi Alpha Theta* graduates wear red satin sashes with a light blue insignia 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 / majors (listed in ALL CAPS)**

ACG	Accounting	GLOB	Global Studies
APSY	Applied Psychology Major	HISC	History
ASC	Applied Statistics	LCC	Literary and Cultural Studies
CHNC	Chinese	LCSC	Liberal Arts: Literary and Cultural Studies
CIS	Computer Information Systems		
COM	Communication	MCHN	Chinese Major
ECO	Liberal Studies: Economics	MGT	Management
EOCA	Liberal Arts: Economics	MHIS	History Major
ECOC	Economics	MKT	Marketing
ENT	Entrepreneurship	MLCS	Literary and Cultural Studies Major
FIN	Finance	SPNC	Spanish

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

(aamm)	applied actuarial mathematics	(itam)	Italian
(apst)	applied statistics	(lals)	Latin America Latina/o studies
(biot)	biotechnology	(lscm)	literary and cultural studies
(busm)	business administration	(lgls)	legal studies
(chn)	Chinese	(math)	mathematics
(comm)	communication	(mgmt)	management
(cism)	computer information systems	(mktm)	marketing
(ecom)	economics	(mwch)	minor-waived Chinese
(entm)	entrepreneurship	(mwfr)	minor-waived French
(envs)	environmental science	(mwit)	minor-waived Italian
(finm)	finance	(mwsp)	minor-waived Spanish
(fren)	French	(pols)	political science
(fstm)	film studies	(psy)	psychology
(gscm)	global supply chain management	(soc)	sociology
(hism)	history	(sslm)	sociology and service learning
(hrmm)	human resource management	(span)	Spanish
(inb)	international business	(wgsm)	women, gender, and sexuality studies
(infm)	international affairs		

## DEGREE CANDIDATES

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

Katherine E. Buck, SPNC,  
(busm), *Cum Laude*, Ψ  
Andrew Scott Clingenpeel,  
(busm), (lscsm)  
Jennifer Theresa Coombs,  
(busm), (hrmm),  
*Cum Laude*, Ψ  
Anna Darbaidze, (busm),  
*Magna Cum Laude*, Ψ  
Kerrin N. Follette, (busm),  
(sslm)  
Rena Nicole Holder, (busm),  
(soc)  
Danielle G Janauskas, (busm),  
(soc)  
Susanna Helen Mackey,  
(busm)  
Melissa Marie Mellor,  
(busm), *Magna Cum Laude*,  
Ψ  
Randi Wynn Morin, (busm),  
*Cum Laude*, Ψ  
Gabrielle Marie  
Niewadomski, (busm),  
(soc)  
Kaylene Mary O'Brien,  
(busm), (soc), *Cum Laude*,  
Δ, Ψ  
Mutahannah A. Peacock,  
(busm)  
Cheyenne Ray, (busm), (soc)  
Veronica Jane Santerre,  
(busm), (soc), Δ  
Shauna Suares, (busm)

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

Kristina Marie Aceto,  
(busm), (psy), *Cum Laude*,  
Δ, K  
Matthew Thurman  
Bernstein, (busm), (mktm)  
Nicholas Levon Bonadies,  
(busm)  
Erica B. Braley, (busm),  
(mktm), Δ  
Meghan Buisson, (busm),  
(mktm)  
Jessica Lee Cain, (busm),  
(mktm)  
Renée Doris Chapman,  
(busm), (mktm), Δ  
Celina A. Cotto, (busm),  
(mktm)  
Michael J. Cronin Jr., (busm),  
*Cum Laude*, Δ, K  
Abigail Rose Crowshaw,  
(busm), (soc), *Cum Laude*,  
Δ, Δ  
Erin Elizabeth DeVito,  
(busm), (mktm),  
*Cum Laude*, Δ  
Lauren Ruth Dincecco,  
(busm), (mktm)  
Sarah Elizabeth Dolny,  
(busm), (mktm), (pols), Δ  
Sean Lawson Donahue,  
(busm), (pols), *Summa  
Cum Laude*, hp, Δ, π  
Kevin J. DuPont, (busm),  
(lscsm), Δ  
Brittany Eagar, (busm),  
(mktm), Δ  
John Francis English II,  
(busm)  
Katie A. Gisonny, (busm),  
(psy)

Abbey Katherine Gonsalves,  
(busm)  
Sara D. Haslbauer, (busm),  
*Cum Laude*  
Khadija A. Hunt, (busm), Δ  
Anthony S. Iannello, (busm)  
Derek Allen Luther, (busm),  
(psy)  
Ryan Cathleen Maloney,  
(busm), (mktm)  
Toby Beth Maltz, (busm),  
(mktm), *Cum Laude*, Δ  
Kevin James Mandeville,  
(busm), (mktm)  
Mikala Ashley Mann,  
(busm), (mktm)  
Cristin Creason McAleavey,  
(busm)  
Melody Kay Moore, (busm),  
(mktm)  
Casey Gerard Mulcare,  
(busm), (mktm), Δ  
Khalel A. Pritchard, (busm)  
Arielle Marie Purcell,  
(busm), (mktm),  
*Cum Laude*  
Brendan M. Rice, (busm),  
(mktm)  
Brendon D. Rice, (busm),  
(mktm), (psy)  
Stephanie M. Rochefort,  
MLCS, (busm),  
*Magna Cum Laude*, Δ  
Melanie Ruth Schleeweis-  
Connor, LCSC, (busm), Δ  
Whitney Brianna Schwarz,  
(busm), (mktm)  
Mary Elizabeth Sheehan,  
(busm), (psy)  
Dana Frances Tausek, (busm)

Celeste S. Tennant, (busm),  
*Magna Cum Laude*, Δ

Matthew Thomas Vieira,  
(busm)

Samantha Leahy Wickman,  
(busm), (infm)

Erin Elizabeth Wry, (busm),  
(lcsm), *Magna Cum Laude*,  
Λ

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS**

Melissa Jane Allen, (busm),  
(comm), *Magna Cum Laude*,  
K

Victoria Noel Ursch, (busm),  
(finm)

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GLOBAL STUDIES**

Ermig Miguelina Castro  
De La Cruz, (busm), (lgls),  
(fren)

Meaghan L. Delaney, (busm),  
(span), (inb)

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY**

Michael J. King, (busm),  
(pols), (soc), Δ

Matthew Richard Vincunas,  
(busm)

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

Mackenzie Jane Schroth,  
(busm), (span), *Summa  
Cum Laude*, hp

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICS AND LAW**

Derek Anthony Castello,  
(busm)

Brittany Dutch, APSY,  
(busm)

Andrew Allen Famiglietti,  
MHIS, (busm)

Michael Paul Kenney, (busm)

Andrew Michael Manickas,  
(busm), *Cum Laude*

Jonathan Thomas Moore,  
(busm), (psy)

Thomas J. Pagliarini, HISC,  
(busm), (biot), *Summa  
Cum Laude*, hp, π, K, Φ

Douglas Thomas Reynolds,  
(busm)

Naa Amerley Sackey, (busm)

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY**

##### **Sociology and Social Research**

Colby Cook Challenger,  
(busm), (psy)

Marcus Anthony Ellis,  
(busm)

José Luis Maldonado,  
(busm), (math)

Melanie Victoria Unwin,  
(busm), (apst), Δ, μ

Lindsey N. Weber, APSY,  
(busm), *Summa Cum  
Laude*, Δ, hp, K, Ψ

##### **Sociology and Service Learning**

Mayerlis Patricia Bustos,  
(busm), (fren), Δ

Sherika M. Nicholas, (busm),  
(comm), Δ

Mutahannah A. Peacock

John Henry Supinski,  
(busm), Δ

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ACTUARIAL MATHEMATICS**

Alicia Marlene Albini,  
(busm), (finm), *Summa  
Cum Laude*, μ

Brian Edward Balkam,  
(busm), (finm), *Magna  
Cum Laude*

Siamone Sylvia Bennett,  
(busm), (finm)

Joseph Patrick Buckley,  
(busm), (finm), *Cum Laude*

Christopher Canning, ASC,  
(busm)

Donna Jade Lee Chan  
Wah Hak, ASC, (busm),  
(ecom), *Summa Cum Laude*,  
hp, μ

Matthew P. Ciaffone, (busm),  
*Summa Cum Laude*, hp

Sarah Elizabeth Costello,  
(busm), (psy), *Cum Laude*

Emily Jean Cue, (busm),  
(comm), *Cum Laude*, μ

Kevin P. Czellecz, (busm),  
*Cum Laude*

Anthony Vincent Dauer,  
(busm), (soc), Δ

Erica M. Dawson, (busm),  
(psy), *Magna Cum Laude*,  
hp, K

Daniel DiMugno, (busm),  
(envs), *Summa Cum Laude*,  
μ

Joshua Adam Dion, (busm),  
(psy), *Magna Cum Laude*,  
μ

Colleen Ann Freeland,  
(busm), (finm)

Leah Theresa Gallicchio,  
(busm)

Thomas H. Harpin, (busm)

Andrew Walter Hayden,  
(busm), (finm),  
*Cum Laude*, μ

Christopher Cary Hebert,  
(busm)

Kaitlinh C. Ho, (busm),  
(finm), *Cum Laude*, K  
 Meghan Elizabeth Kirchhof,  
(busm), *Cum Laude*  
 Jessica Lynn Komoroski,  
(busm), *Cum Laude*, hp, K  
 Nicholas George Kraver,  
ASC, (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/alumna, 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.

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.

At Bryant University, the president, trustees, and honorary degree recipients wear specially-designed gold robes trimmed with black, representative of the University's colors.

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- 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.