



*Graduate School of Business*

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2012

## WELCOME

A most cordial welcome is extended to relatives, friends, faculty members, alumni, administrators, and staff who gather here to celebrate the 2012 Commencement Exercises of the Bryant University Graduate School of Business.

# PROGRAM

## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The audience is requested to remain standing through the Invocation.

## MARSHALS

**Chief Marshal, Professor Charles Cullinan**

**Graduate Marshal, Professor Lawrence Witner**

**Faculty Marshal, Professor Shirley Wilson**

**Platform Marshal, Professor Lookman Buky Folami**

## UNIVERSITY MACE BEARER

**Professor Janet Prichard**

## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

**Soloist: Rocina Dalzell '13**

## INVOCATION

**Rabbi Steven Jablow**

**Bryant University Jewish Chaplain**

## PRESIDING

**Ronald K. Machtley**

**President of Bryant University**

## CONVENING OF THE 2012 COMMENCEMENT OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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**Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bryant University**

CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREES

**Ronald K. Machtley**

CITATIONS

**Keith Murray, Ph.D.**

**Professor of Marketing**

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

**Cheryl Merchant**

**Gina M. Raimondo**

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HOODING OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

**José-Marie Griffiths, Ph.D.**

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

**Cheryl Merchant**

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**José-Marie Griffiths**

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

**Ronald K. Machtley**

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES

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**Dean, College of Business**

**Sam Beldona, Ph.D.**

**Associate Dean, Graduate School of Business**

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**President, National Alumni Council**  
**Bryant University Alumni Association**

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**Reverend Philip Devens**  
**Bryant University Protestant Chaplain**

ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2012 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY OF  
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

**Michael E. Fisher**

RECESSION

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

RECEPTION

You are cordially invited to attend a reception immediately 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.*

## DEGREE CANDIDATES

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Jessica L. Adams \*  
Geena Ashlee-Anne Albury \*  
Sean Lucien Authier,  
*Honors,  $\beta$  \**  
Jennifer A. Bousquet \*  
Jessica Lee Cain \*  
Peter Hart Callahan, Jr. \*  
John William Carregal \*  
Joseph Bryan Carver \*  
Andrew Casimiro \*  
John V. Cavanagh \*  
Wenyuan Chen, *Honors \**  
Jaclyn Cole \*  
Samuel Alves Cordeiro \*  
Alex Mason Daley \*  
Jeffrey Michael Davis \*  
Domenic J. DeCristofano \*  
Aditya V. Dhandhanian,  
*Honors,  $\beta$  \**  
Andrew DiGiacomo \*  
Stephen C. Donnelly \*  
Anthony S. Dowd \*  
Ashley Jenna Dumais \*  
Stefanie Feinstein \*  
Corey Fontes \*  
Mark J. Forget \*  
Danna Freedman-Shara \*  
Erica M. Friedlander,  
*Honors,  $\beta$  \**  
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David J. Gamelin \*  
R. Kurt Goetjen \*  
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Erika Hamel \*  
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John Francis Kozma \*  
Jenna Marie Lamy \*  
Brendan P. Lane \*  
Andrew Peter Lazouras \*  
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*Honors,  $\beta$  \**  
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Christopher W. Pappas \*  
Alissa Marie Pascale \*  
Michael Pell  
Samantha R. Pezza \*  
Jill S. Precopio, *Honors,  $\beta$  \**  
Christopher F. Pugliano \*  
Brendon Donald Rice \*  
Jonathan Newell Roberts \*  
Nicholas Paul Roque \*  
Alec Peter Rosenbruch \*  
Christopher R. Ryan \*  
Ian Paul Schachne \*  
Cameron Martin Socha \*  
Ryan Gabriel Sousa \*

Todd N. Stupell \*  
Constantin Blake Sullivan \*  
Michael James Thorp  
Scott William Twardowski,  
*Honors,  $\beta$  \**  
Caitlyn Elizabeth  
Vandervelde \*  
Tyler Robert White \*  
Brent Sydney King Wilson \*  
Stephen Wood \*  
Norell Bassett Zable \*  
Stephanie Arlene Zalewski \*

**MASTER OF  
PROFESSIONAL  
ACCOUNTANCY**

Carlie Rose Alemian  
Alphonse Asare, *Honors*  
Kevin Michael Atkins  
Cristian Balestrieri  
Megan Elizabeth Barbessi  
Douglas K. Berman, *Honors*  
Steven R. Boiteau  
Melissa Collopy Braun  
Sarah L. Bronsdon, *Honors*  
Christopher John Cardarelli  
Alessandro Casagrande,  
*Honors*  
Brian Mario Chapdelaine  
Jacqueline R. Coutu  
Brian James Davidge  
Jenna Anna DeMelis  
Damaris Aura Duarte \*  
Sneha Vikas Farswani,  
*Honors*  
Nicholas J. Ferreira  
Colleen M. Foley  
Bryan R. Fournier  
Katharine Elizabeth  
Francazio  
Robert J. Fraser  
Nicholas D. Gagnon  
Richard Generazio III  
Kurt Thomas Ginthwain \*  
Nicholas Grandy \*  
David J. Gravel, *Honors*  
Janeka S. Haass  
Sean Dennis Haddad  
Kelsey Hope Hines  
Randy Edward Jaacks  
Michael Gregory Jasinski,  
*Honors, β*  
Alex Johnson \*  
Marissa Johnson

Eric S. Johnson \*  
Katlyn Marie Joraskie \*  
Jamie R. Kaiser  
Christopher Joseph Kelley  
Christopher William Kotos  
Timothy Paul Lagarce  
Danielle J. Lang  
Matthew Chilton Larson  
Jian Lei \*  
Renee Lemire  
Brandon R. LiBassi  
Jenifer M. Llontop, *Honors* \*  
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**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN TAXATION**

Sazzad Ali \*  
Brian A. Altomari  
Richard Louis Botham, Jr. \*  
Elizabeth Lynn Budzinski,  
*Honors* \*  
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Rui C. Couto  
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*Honors, β*  
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Elyse L. Roberts  
Derek A. Suvari

*β Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society*

A member inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or above and be ranked in the top 20 percent of the graduating master's class.

\* Tentative August graduate

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS



**Cheryl Merchant**

*Honorary Doctor of Business Administration*

Cheryl Merchant, president and chief executive officer of Hope Global, a midmarket engineered textile solutions for automotive, commercial, and industrial use, will deliver the keynote address to graduating students and guests at the Graduate School Commencement.

Under Merchant's leadership over the past 13 years, Hope Global Engineered Textile Solutions, formerly Hope Webbing, has more than doubled its revenue, product lines, and markets, evolving into a global enterprise with headquarters in Rhode Island that includes a research and development facility. The company plans to increase growth worldwide by 20 percent annually over the next three years.

Merchant's 27 years of experience in the automotive industry began at General Motors in Detroit. She continued advancing her career at Mazda and at Ford Motor Company, where she was quality control manager overseeing five manufacturing plants in Mexico. Later, at Lear Corporation, she gained further international experience in plant management, starting with a 3,500-employee operation in Mexico that fabricated automotive seat covers. Her proven abilities were put to the test as she increased production to support 20,000 vehicles each week.

An active member and past chair of the Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, Merchant's community outreach continues as a member of the Rhode Island Commodores and a trustee of the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council.

Merchant holds a bachelor's degree from Alma College and continued her graduate studies at Oakland University.





**Gina M. Raimondo**  
*Honorary Doctor of Business Administration*

Elected in November 2010, Rhode Island General Treasurer Gina M. Raimondo dedicated her first year in office to redesigning Rhode Island's state-administered public employee pension system, which culminated in the passage of comprehensive pension reform. A *TIME* magazine article in November 2011 stated, "Such an unexpected outbreak of responsible leadership didn't just pull Rhode Island back from the brink... it also suggested

that difficult, self-sacrificing decisions are still possible."

A forceful advocate for transparency, she created the Ocean State Investment Pool, a safe, liquid, convenient, and low-cost investment vehicle to help the state and municipalities better manage and improve the investment performance of their assets. She also updated the state's bond disclosure practices and launched its first investor relations portal that pools financial information from across state government.

Prior to being elected general treasurer with an overwhelming majority, Raimondo worked for a decade as co-founder and general partner of Point Judith Capital, a venture capital firm. She also served as the senior vice president of fund development at Village Ventures. A firm believer in innovation, she was involved in dozens of successful start-up companies primarily in the health care industry.

Raimondo currently serves as vice chair of the board of directors of Crossroads Rhode Island, where she played a key role in launching a new shelter for homeless women. She is a graduate of Harvard University and Yale Law School, and she was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University.

#### THE HARRIET E. JACOBS MEMORIAL MACE

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. 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 or alumna, you will always be part of the community you've come to know as a home away from home.

In fact, one of the reasons you chose Bryant was because of its close-knit community. Through the Bryant University Alumni Association, you can stay in touch with classmates by attending class reunions, regional alumni network events, and by joining the alumni online community. And, just as Bryant provided you with a solid foundation for a successful career, our alumni networks will continue to support your professional goals.

As a Bryant student, you participated in academic and civic events that not only provided you with many skills but also gave you a sense of satisfaction. 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 celebrated your accomplishments as a student, we will be eager to learn about your successes. Let us know when you've moved and what milestones you've reached so we can share the 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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- Restrooms and telephones are located in Residence Hall 16 and in the Bryant Center.
- The Department of 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.
- 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.