

BRYANT UNIVERSITY



Commencement

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN ARTS AND SCIENCES

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2014

Welcome



A most cordial welcome is extended to relatives, friends, faculty members, alumni, administrators, and staff who gather here to celebrate Commencement for the Graduate School of Business and Graduate Programs in Arts and Sciences.

PROGRAM

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The audience is requested to remain standing through the Invocation.

MARSHALS

Chief Marshal, Professor Michael Roberto, D.B.A.
Faculty Marshal, Professor Gaytha Langlois, Ph.D.
Student Marshal, Professor Lori Coakley, Ph.D.
Platform Marshal, Professor Elizabeth Yobaccio, D.B.A.

UNIVERSITY MACE BEARER

Professor Charles Cullinan, Ph.D.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Raquel Kopeck '17

INVOCATION

Steven Jablow
Bryant University Jewish Chaplain

PRESIDING

Ronald K. Machtley
President of Bryant University

CONVENING OF THE 2014 COMMENCEMENT FOR THE GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN ARTS AND SCIENCES AND GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bryant University

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES

Ronald K. Machtley

CITATION

Keith Murray, Ph.D.
Professor of Marketing

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Robert A. DiMuccio

TRUSTEE PRESENTER

Deborah May '07P

HOODING OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Richard Joseph, M. Litt., J.D.
Interim Provost and Chief Academic Officer

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Robert A. DiMuccio

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

Richard Joseph

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Ronald K. Machtley

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES

Richard S. Cheney
Director of Operations, Graduate Programs, College of Business

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Richard Joseph

HOODING OF CANDIDATES

All candidates:

José-Marie Griffiths, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs, University Professor

Master of Arts in Communication

Wendy Samter, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Professor of Communication

Master of Arts in Teaching

Donald Holder, Ed.D.
Director, Master of Arts in Teaching

Master of Science in Global Environmental Studies

Gaytha Langlois, Ph.D.
Professor of Environmental Policy; Chair, Department of Science and Technology

Master of Business Administration

Master of Science in Information Systems

Master of Professional Accountancy

Master of Science in Taxation

V.K. Unni, D.B.A.

Interim Dean, College of Business

ALUMNI GREETINGS

Glen P. Martin '81, '87 MBA

Vice President, National Alumni Council
Bryant University Alumni Association

BENEDICTION

Reverend Philip Devens

Bryant University Protestant Chaplain

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2014 COMMENCEMENT FOR THE
GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN ARTS AND SCIENCES AND 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.

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

College of Arts and Sciences

MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

Jeanette Ferraro, *Honors*
Jamie Rose Maniscalco, *Honors*
Todd Lewis Stewart

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Ryan J. Lapre *

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GLOBAL

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
Caitlyn R. Witkowski, *Honors*

College of Business

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Jeffrey A. Agonia *
Adedayo O. Ajayi *
Michael Arons, *Honors* *
Michael Ascenio, *Honors, BGS* *
Kristi Lee Autote *
Samuel M. Ayer *
Christiana Doris Bardsley *
Andrew Lawler Barrett *
Philip Joseph Breault *
Garrett M. Clark *
Courtney Taylor Colvin *
Katelyn Alyssa Daignault *
David M. Dilucchio *
Joseph DiOrio III *
Jennifer Marie Dudula *
James Patrick Fogarty II *
Basirat Folami, *Honors* *
Diandra Bliss Garabedian *
Matthew P. Haggerty *
Sara L. Hana
Vaughn Paul Hayward,
Honors, BGS *
Christina Ho *
Tracy Ann Howell *
Andrew M. Johnson *
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Michael Z. Kaplan *
Shaira Kochubaeva *
Jeremy Roland Lavallee,
Honors, BGS *
Chelsea Marie Lawhead *
Ching Man Liang *
B. Scott Lundin *

Christopher Martino *
Charles Andrew Matley III *
Justin J. Mavromatis
Jason Matthew Megaro *
John P. Messier Jr., *Honors* *
Anna Miniutti, *Honors* *
Matthew King Morse *
Justin M. Paulsen *
John Kenneth Poirier *
Sean E. Richmond,
Honors, BGS *
Christopher Michael Sanders *
Danitra M. Shorts, *Honors* *
Jeffrey V. Siatti *
Meredith L. Soper *
Rahul R. Wadhvani *

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION/ MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Thomas Christopher Riley,
Honors, BGS

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY

Patrick J. Armenti
April M. Arruda
Courtney Marie Bernard
Jourdan J. Bua
Simone Arlene Chuda
Corinne Cordeiro
Evan F. Dedrick
Christopher R. Dionne

Nicole Gagliastre
Chelsea Aileen Gavilanez
Jessalyn Anne Gingras
Ryan Z. Hansen, *Honors*
David Russell Hoag III
Warren Patrick Hofrichter
James Huber
Tyler Joseph Irving
Matthew Ryan Jones
Morgan Elizabeth Kauffman
Jared Levine
Dayna Elisabeth Lynds
Eva Claire Mahan
Anthony W. Mahn
Danielle Victoria Moniz *
Timothy Morneau
Courtney Anne Nason-Farrell
Katelyn O'Hara
Benjamin N. Orrall
Katherine Peters
Aaron L. Pica
Michael Allan Prew
Allison J. Ravenelle *
Joshua Adam Reynolds
Megan Joy Robertson
Shana-Kay Smith, *Honors, BGS*
Chelsea Spillane
Anthony Tempesta
Chelsea Amber Theokas
Julie Thomas
Allison Margaret Tormey
Zachary Patrick Trenteseaux
Lauren Stephenie Wallace
Xinyue Yan *

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TAXATION

Cristina Marie Agonia
Louis Frank Amitrano Jr.
Kevin John Bickerstaff
Jason M. Butts
Erica Hope Guatieri
Hai Huynh
Gerald Iadeluca Jr., *Honors*
Alexander William Jansen
Shaun P. McEnery
Shawna L. Mocogni
John Michael Ryan
Jennifer L. Whitten, *Honors*

*Beta Gamma Sigma Honor
Society (BGS)*

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 RECIPIENT

Robert A. DiMuccio

HONORARY DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



Robert DiMuccio is chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Amica Mutual Insurance Company, the oldest mutual insurer of automobiles in the United States. Today, it also offers homeowners, personal excess liability, and marine coverage, with Amica's 2013 assets listed at \$4.9 billion.

DiMuccio joined Amica in 1991 as a vice president in the accounting department, was promoted to senior vice president in 1994, named treasurer in 1996, and elected chief financial officer in 2001. During those years, he remained a member of Amica's accounting department. He was named executive vice president in 2003, and president and chief executive officer in 2005. In 2008, he was elected the company's chairman.

He began his career with the accounting firm KPMG Peat Marwick, where he worked for 12 years, attaining the position of partner.

He serves on the Board of Governors of the Property Casualty Insurers (PCI) Association of America. He is president of the board of directors of the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council. In addition, he serves on the boards of the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety, Property & Liability Resource Bureau, the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, The Washington Trust Company, and Crossroads Rhode Island.

DiMuccio, who has earned the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) and the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) designations, is a member the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Born and raised in Providence, he graduated from Providence College in 1979.

DiMuccio and his wife, Rena, live in Cumberland, R.I. They have two sons, Robert and Joseph.

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.

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 are located in Residence Hall 16 and in the Fisher Student Center.
- The Department of Health Services is located in Residence Hall 16 and will be open during the Commencement ceremony.
- Bryant memorabilia can be purchased at the Bookstore.
- 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.