

BRYANT UNIVERSITY



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Commencement

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN ARTS AND SCIENCES

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015

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 James Segovis, Ph.D.

Faculty Marshal, Professor Crystal Jiang, Ph.D.

Student Marshal, Professor Lori Coakley, Ph.D.

Platform Marshal, Professor Kathleen Simons, D.B.A.

UNIVERSITY MACE BEARER

Professor Lookman Buky Folami, Ph.D.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Hannah Cleef '15

INVOCATION

Reverend Philip Devens

Bryant University Protestant Chaplain

PRESIDING

Ronald K. Machtley

President of Bryant University

CONVENING OF THE 2015 COMMENCEMENT FOR THE GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN ARTS AND SCIENCES AND GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

William J. Conaty '67

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

Neil D. Steinberg

TRUSTEE PRESENTER

Cheryl W. Snead '06H

HOODING OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Glenn M. Sulmasy, J.D., L.L.M.
Provost and Chief Academic Officer

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Neil D. Steinberg

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

Glenn M. Sulmasy

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Ronald K. Machtley

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES

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

Bradford D. Martin, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Professor of History

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Glenn M. Sulmasy

HOODING OF CANDIDATES

Master of Arts in Communication
Master of Arts in Teaching
Master of Science in Global Environmental Studies
Wendy Samter, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Professor of Communication

Master of Business Administration

Master of Professional Accountancy

Master of Science in Taxation

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

Interim Dean, College of Business; Distinguished Professor of Business

ALUMNI GREETINGS

W. Dustin Goldstein '95

President, National Alumni Council

Bryant University Alumni Association

BENEDICTION

Father Michael J. McMahon

Bryant University Catholic Ministry Coordinator

ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2015 COMMENCEMENT FOR THE

GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN ARTS AND SCIENCES AND GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Glenn M. Sulmasy

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

Daniel Christopher Chan
Alexandria Brucke Clyburn
Emily Marie Kaup
Christine Maria Lemme
Samuel Peter DeMichele Russell
Matthew John Somerville *Honors*
Lauren Elizabeth Tebsherany *Honors*
Alyce E. Viens *Honors*

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Kurtis F. Carter *Honors*
Rocina Khrystyne Dalzell
Eric V. Georgio *Honors*
Joshua D. Gilmore
Veronica Jane Santerre
Scott A. Waterman *Honors*

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Nicole Alyssa Cournoyer *Honors*
Allison Rose Hubbard *Honors*

College of Business

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Thomas M. Alberti
Scott Fox Autencio *Honors, B*
Leah Babat
Timothy Crandall
Stella Daikwor Daitey
Manthan Nilesh Dalal
Andrew T. Fatse
Joseph A. Feula
Kelly Leigh Frantz
Freda Frimpong
Julia C. Gardikis
Robin Lynn Hathaway
Christopher Charles Hochreiter
Aaron Horlbogen
Karim Kamperman
Udit Kapoor
Colleen Kelly *Honors*
Shaira Kochubaeva
Christopher L. Moore *Honors*
Barry Alexander Nickerson
Maduka I. Nwanekezi *B*
Benton A. Odessa
Joseph Gerald O'Shea
John Takashi Paganelli
Zachary M. Paul
Janet Lynn Pressler
Martha Rose Constance Reynolds
Sanjana R. Salwi
Zachary Thomas Siska *Honors, B*
Ashley Rose Souza
Lauren K. Strick
Shaina K. Vandemoortele
Pooja Viswanathan
Jarid D. Weaver *Honors, B*
Michaela A. Wnuk

**MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL
ACCOUNTANCY**

Steven Christopher Adams
Emily Rose Agostinelli
Christopher Mendes Andrade
McKenzie Butler Blair
Angela Boulais
Marcela Henriques Brandao
Brandon J. Cantelmo
Jennifer Lynn Capazzi
Jeffrey Steven Castelli
Brianna Elizabeth Conary
Haley A. Connors
Kelly Marie Donlon
Brigid Mary Fonseca
George Richard Gillmore III
Benjamin M. Goula
Ugonna Ihuoma Itheme
JiaJia Jin
Tyler James Keating
Joseph Paul McCabe
Corey James Moitoso
Katelyn Anna Nooney
Colin Jeffrey O'Brien
Alexandria Victoria Cabral Pacheco
Jamie Patricia Pepin
Kyrsti Ann Perkins
Matthew Jordan Pfeiffer
Samuel David Sammons
Eric Benjamin Sorenson
Kyle Patrick Sprague
Anastasia Gabrielle Weatherley
Cristin Elyse Wells
Noah Michael Whitcomb
Brian Peter Zegel

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN TAXATION**

Marcia L. Cavanagh
Todd James Chipman *Honors, β*
Ronald H. Dean Jr. *Honors*
Lei Fang
Dane W. Healy
Katie L. Kloss *Honors*
Ashley A. Leonard
Bryan J. MacDonald
Jacob T. Peterson CPA
David Christian Sweeney

CODE KEY

The 2015 Bryant University Graduate Commencement honors certified graduates and degree candidates who are scheduled to complete coursework by August 2015. Honors are tentatively calculated by the last term attended prior to the end of the Spring 2015 semester.

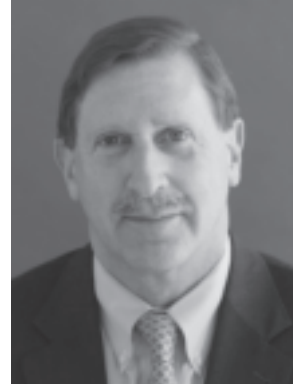
β Beta Gamma Sigma

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.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Neil D. Steinberg

HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS



Neil Steinberg is president and chief executive officer of the Rhode Island Foundation. The organization works to address the needs of Rhode Island's diverse communities through philanthropy, grant making, and community leadership. In 2014, with assets of more than \$809 million, the organization raised \$33.7 million and distributed \$34.8 million in grants.

Steinberg came to the Rhode Island Foundation in 2008 from Brown University, his alma mater, after serving as vice president of development. For the three decades prior to that, he worked for FleetBoston Financial, where he rose to the position of chairman and chief executive officer of Fleet Bank Rhode Island.

Steinberg co-chaired Rhode Island's Race to the Top Steering Committee, was on the advisory committee of the United Way of Rhode Island, and has served as a director of the Providence Foundation, the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council, the Providence Performing Arts Center, and the Urban League. He currently serves as a trustee of the Rhode Island Commodores and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the Healthy Rhode Island Steering Committee.

In 2014, Steinberg was named one of the 10 most influential leaders in the region's business community by *Providence Business News*. In 2013, he received the Rhode Island School Superintendent Association's Paul Crowley Award for his commitment to improving the quality of education for the children of Rhode Island. He was also awarded Leadership Rhode Island's David E. Sweet Leadership Award for his leadership and commitment to the community. In 2010, he was named one of Rhode Island's Most Influential People and one of the 25 Driving Forces in the Rhode Island business community during the past 25 years by *Rhode Island Monthly*.

Steinberg holds an A.B. in Applied Mathematics from Brown University. He was inducted into the Brown Hall of Fame in 2007.

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.