

BRYANT UNIVERSITY



Commencement

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017

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 Programs

PROGRAM

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The audience is requested to remain standing through the Invocation.

MARSHALS

Chief Marshal, Professor Charles Cullinan, Ph.D.
Faculty Marshal, Professor Gaytha Langlois, Ph.D.
Student Marshal, Professor Lori Coakley, Ph.D.
Platform Marshal, Professor Crystal Jiang, Ph.D.

UNIVERSITY MACE BEARER

Professor Michael Gravier, Ph.D.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Keerthana Balakrishnan '20, Soloist

INVOCATION

Reverend Eileen Lindeman
Bryant University Protestant Chaplain

PRESIDING

Ronald K. Machtley
President of Bryant University

CONVENING OF THE 2017 COMMENCEMENT FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS

William J. Conaty '67
Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bryant University

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

Ronald K. Machtley

CITATION

Keith Murray, Ph.D.
Professor of Marketing

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Gary E. Furtado '78, '85 MBA

TRUSTEE PRESENTER

Nancy DeViney '75

HOODING OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Glenn M. Sulmasy, J.D., LL.M.

Provost and Chief Academic Officer

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Gary E. Furtado

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

Glenn M. Sulmasy

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Ronald K. Machtley

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES

Anthony R. Wheeler, Ph.D.

Associate Dean, College of Business

Wendy Samter, Ph.D.

Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Glenn M. Sulmasy

HOODING OF CANDIDATES

Master of Arts in Communication

Master of Arts in Teaching

Bradford D. Martin, Ph.D.

Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Professor of History

Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Robert J. Amrien, PA-C

Director, Physician Assistant Program

Master of Business Administration
Master of Professional Accountancy
Master of Science in Taxation

Madan Annavarjula, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Business

ALUMNI GREETINGS

Glen Martin '81, '87 MBA
President, National Alumni Council
Bryant University Alumni Association

BENEDICTION

The Reverend Jason Brilhante '06
Bryant University Catholic Chaplain

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2017 COMMENCEMENT
FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

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, international graduates are invited to exchange their native flags with President Machtley.

DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts and Sciences

MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

Desiree Antoinette Gilliland
Kristy Marie Najarian *Honors*
Amanda Leigh Spaziano

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

Kevin Marshall Vinik

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Nikolai S. Wojciechowski
Cindy Lynn Zdravkovic *Honors*

CODE KEY

The 2017 Bryant University Graduate Commencement honors certified graduates and degree candidates scheduled to complete coursework by August 2017. Honors are tentatively calculated by the last term attended prior to the end of the Spring 2017 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.

College of Business

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Hind Sulaiman Alisa
Vincent P. Auletta
Alexander Bagdasarian
Veronika Timea Ban
Alexa Morgan Benk
Thomas Borawski
Raquel Marie Cordeiro *Honors, β*
Mamadou Yaphet Diarra
Julio A. Diaz Morell
Casandra Dickson
Priyanka Dutt
Derek Anthony Fernandes
Stephen Scott Fitzgerald Jr.
Erika Fleming
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Sompetch Katisomsakul
Kristin N. Kendall
Daniel M. Krawetz
Jake Southwick Lamar
Taylor Marie Leonard
Tyler Michael Lindsey
Jiwei Ma
Casey D. Mackisey
Tucker Hewett Matteson

Omri Mota
Adam Richard Muccino
Steven M. Notarangelo
Daniel Perli, M.D., *Honors*, β
Sabrina P. Raposo
Kristina Marie Recchia
Gerardo Reyes
Jillian Elizabeth Rivard
Samantha Francine Robinson
Hezekiah L. Ross
Andrew Michael Scocca
Isaac Murray Shakeri
Adam James Smith *Honors*
Matthew R. Spader *Honors*
Erin Marie Svensen
Raamah Cinque Vaughn
Christopher J. Waterson *Honors*
David P. West
Ryan Truman Wragg
Cynthia Rose Zammarelli
Honors, β
Lina Zhao

**MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL
ACCOUNTANCY**

Faham S. Asghar
Elenice A. Auslander
Caroline Rebecca Bettle
Alexander Michael Blaine
Katherine Elizabeth Boutin
Alex Michael Brady
John Patrick Cardwell *Honors*
Daniel Walter Cofone
Dylan James Cole
Angela Sarah D'Amelio

Christopher John D'Ellena
Honors
Richard Francis DeLuca
Sean L. Denehy
Jake David Dericks
Ashley Elizabeth Esper
Damien Joao Ferreira
Connor R. Follette
Adam Charles Gabrilowitz
Adam Francis Gifford
Miranda Elizabeth Goscicki
Lindsay Marie Hanson
Honors
Michael R. Heng *Honors*
Nicole Lynn Labonte
Lena Patricia Lambrou
Nicholas David Landry
Victoria Lynn LaVallee
Stephanie Kristen Leach
Honors
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Kedong Li
Jiakun Liu
Matthew S. Lukasik
Elizabeth A. Mello
Kevin Patrick Morrissey Jr.
Ryan Peter Petrone *Honors*, β
James G. Phillips
Samantha Catherine Pomer
Ian A. Russell
Gina Marie Santagati
Joseph Thomas Sepe
Jason Robert Volpe
Shangbo Yu
Linfeng Zhu
Xinyan Zhu

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN TAXATION**

Charles Nicholas Albert
Justin Michael Brachas
Keith R. Clark *Honors*
Deanna Nicole Courtemanche
San Antonio
David A. Jassmond *Honors*
McKenzie L. Knych
Aleksandra V. Levine
Ryan D. McGurn
Marissa Ann Nero
Ying Nie *Honors*
Thomas A. Pora
Kenneth Richard Rampino, *Honors*
Caleb Brion Scott
Benjamin Silva *Honors*, β
Michael John Stewart *Honors*
Gregory D. Vickowski
Alan Leslie Vogel

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Gary E. Furtado '78, '85 MBA

HONORARY DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



Gary E. Furtado '78, '85 MBA, is President and Chief Executive Officer of Navigant Credit Union, which he joined 37 years ago.

Launched in 1915 in the basement of Notre Dame Parish in Central Falls, RI, the “loan society” incorporated and became the state’s first credit union. With a mission of improving the financial well-being of the families, businesses, and communities it served, the credit union recorded assets of \$22,000 that year. It changed its name to Credit Union Central Falls in the early 1920s and, some 80 years later, to Navigant Credit Union to reflect its ability to serve a larger membership beyond the Blackstone Valley.

Furtado became President and Chief Executive Officer in 1978. Under his leadership, Navigant has continued to grow but never lost its community-driven values. Today, it is among the largest credit unions in Rhode Island and one of the strongest in the country, with assets of \$1.8 billion.

Professionally and personally, Furtado remains dedicated to fulfilling Navigant’s promise to make a difference in the communities it serves. A member of the executive committee of the Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island board of trustees, he has held various leadership roles while a trustee, including chair of

the board and of the finance and audit committees. He is vice chairman of the board of trustees of Care New England, a board member of the Credit Union National Association, and past chair of the Cooperative Credit Unions of Rhode Island. He serves on the board of directors of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, executive committee of the Pawtucket Boys & Girls Club, Narragansett Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and the Pawtucket Rotary Club. He chairs the board of the Little Sisters of the Poor and is a trustee of the Providence Performing Arts Center.

In recognition of his tireless community and civic activities, Furtado received a 2017 Lumen Gentium Award for Community Service and Charitable Outreach from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence. In 2015, the Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce presented him with the Ben Mondor Award for his outstanding philanthropic accomplishments.

Furtado holds a B.S. in Accounting and an M.B.A. in Management from Bryant University. His spouse, Bethany, is a member of Bryant's Class of 1978, and their daughter, Bethany Furtado Chuey, earned a Bryant M.B.A. in 2009. The Furtados, lifelong residents of Warren, RI, also have a son, Jeffrey Furtado, and two grandchildren, Caroline Leah Chuey and Emily Mary Chuey.

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.
- 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.