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 Shirley A. Wilson, Ph.D.
Faculty Marshal, Professor Michael J. Gravier, Ph.D.
Student Marshal, Professor Julie E. Volkman, Ph.D.
Platform Marshal, Professor Charles P. Cullinan, Ph.D.

UNIVERSITY MACE BEARER
Professor Lookman Buky Folami, Ph.D.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
Gianna Marie Sollitto '18, Soloist

INVOCATION
Rabbi Steven Jablo
Bryant University Jewish Chaplain and Hillel Director

PRESIDING
Ronald K. Machtley
President of Bryant University

CONVENING OF THE 2018 COMMENCEMENT
FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS
William J. Conaty '67
Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bryant University

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE
Ronald K. Machtley

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Keith Murray, Ph.D.
Professor of Marketing

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT
Sandra Glaser Parrillo

TRUSTEE PRESENTER
Patricia O'Brien P '15
HOODING OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

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

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Sandra Glaser Parrillo

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

Glenn M. Sulmasy

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Ronald K. Machlley

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES

Bjorn Carlsson, MBA
Director of Graduate Programs

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Glenn M. Sulmasy

HOODING OF CANDIDATES

Master of Arts in Communication

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

Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Robert J. Amrien, MPAS, 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
Jay Weinberg '85
President, National Alumni Council
Bryant University Alumni Association

BENEDICTION
The Reverend Robert Marciano
Bryant University Catholic Chaplain

ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2018 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 & Sciences
MASTER OF ARTS IN
COMMUNICATION
Julia Reid Cocozza
Yiran Dong Honors
Alexander Miles Evans Honors
Brimi Fisher
Shannon N. Foglia Honors
Quinn Marie Dominica Massaroni
Shelbie M. Moniz
Alexa Marie Parisi
Briana Marie Trifiro Honors

School of Health Sciences
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES
Walter James Hooper III
Lindsey Marie Scherer

College of Business
MASTER OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION
Ludmila Apcel
Amanda S. Ballassi
Ashley Lin Berube Honors
Caitlin A. Blanchard
Joshua J. Boccanfuso
Nicholas S. Branch
Joseph W. Brennan
Justin Robert Brosnan
Cameron James Burke
Nicolas M. Canesi
Bradford Cavallaro
Kelsey Maree Charette
Emily Taylor Columbus
Hannah Terez Crofut
Meaghan L. Delaney
Keenan Bruce Devaney
Corey Blair DiPaola
Michael Elliot Drake
Ross David Edwards
Jazmine E. Estrada Honors
Shannon S. Fowler
Molly Marion Funk Honors
Danielle N. Guilmette
Shipra Gupta
Jared Chaim Hartstein
Max W. Karsok Honors
Rebecca Rachel Kogen Honors
Timothy Michael Laffin
Jennifer L. Laracy
Mark Lenz
Spencer D. Martin
Kenneth Luke Massa Honors
Kathleen M. Miller Honors
Shane E. Moorehead
Leslie Christian Mortland
Gary C. Murano

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The 2018 Bryant University Graduate Commencement honors certified graduates and degree candidates scheduled to complete coursework by August 2018. Honors are tentatively calculated by the last term attended prior to the end of the Spring 2018 semester.

* 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.
Matthew Charles Murray
Kelsey J. Nokes
Connor Patrick O'Sullivan
James Hitoshi Paganelli
Alexandra Rose Page
Allison M. Parrello
Stephen Marshall Patierno
Matthew Alexander Paul
Honors, B
William Michael Petit
Corey James Piros
Devin Patrick Ray
Michelle Alexis Reyes
John Richard Roberts Honors
Nicholas John Rodrigues
Mallory Elizabeth Rousseau
Honors, B
Rodrigo Sapriza-Uribes
Jenna Lyn Schmidt
Scott Timothy Schmidt
Honors, B
Alec F. Schuberth
Albert James Scialo IV
Megan Sewall
Charles Thompson South
Matthew A. Storti
John Bradley Templeman
Krista Lynn Thomas
Charles Matthew Wescott
Danielle Leann Wood

Dylan T. Chicoine
Brianna Nicole DaRin
Sara Marie DePouw Honors
Michelle Marie Durand
Scott Peter Ericson
Emily Brooke Farber
Sara Elizabeth Ferreira
Aaron Bryan Gilmer
Elizabeth Katherine Grammas
Kathleen C. Grennan
Ryan Robert Hitchcock
Khai Chi Ho
Nicholas Dominic Imbriglio
Austin Robert Kelson
Midorii Ann Knowles
Mary Elizabeth Kortesky
Kyle Koziol
William J. Landolphi Honors
Andrew Joseph Lowkes Honors
Mary Mei-Yee Mak Honors
Kayla N. McGrail
Joseph Mark McManus Honors
Jenna Marie Medina
Rebecca R. Nunez Honors
Joseph S. Pacheco
Daniel John Parker
David G. Pepin Honors
Yingjie Qiu Honors
Gabrielle Nicole Rinaldi
Ryan John Scripter
Sarah Marisa Stokowski Honors
Kayla Anne Sugrue
Noah Alexander Switzer
William Peter Thompson
William James Thurley
John T. Tudda
Katlyn Marie Twomey Honors
James Robert Vance
Amanda Marie Verruso
Stephen Torbron Warde
Benjamin Francis Wilkinson
Honors, B
Ping Zeng

MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN TAXATION
Jonathan Dominic Coppolino
William Michael Fleury Honors, B
Jamie E. Foster
Hengyue Huang
Matthew R.J. Knych
Dillon Reale Manfredi Honors
Brandon M. Salk Honors, B
Joseph Anthony Sheehan
Joseph Thomas Tamburo Honors

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL
ACCOUNTANCY
Justin Anthony Beaulieu
Thomas M. Berton Honors
Chandandeep S. Bhandari
Jaclyn Kayla Bornemann
Sandra Glaser Parrillo

HONORARY DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Sandra Glaser Parrillo is President and Chief Executive Officer of Providence Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which has grown into a financially strong and growing enterprise under her leadership.

The company offers a variety of insurance products to policyholders throughout New England, lower New York, and New Jersey. Chartered in 1800 based on a model developed by Ben Franklin, it is the oldest mutual insurance company in New England and the fifth oldest in the United States. In 2017, for the 11th consecutive year, the company was named one of the “Best Places to Work in Rhode Island” by Providence Business News.

Ms. Parrillo was elected to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of Providence Mutual and its subsidiary, Providence Plantations Insurance Company, in 2000. She joined the company as an underwriter and served in several underwriting and management positions, earning the designations of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) in 1986 and Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) in 2000.

In 2001, she received the Charles B. Willard Achievement Award from Rhode Island College. In 2008, she was recognized as one of the region’s 25 most industrious and influential business women by Providence Business News. She received the 2010 Women in Insurance Leadership Award from Insurance Networking News magazine. In 2011, she received the Distinguished Graduate Award from the University of Rhode Island College of Business Administration and was named Insurance Professional of the Year by the Insurance Library of Boston.
Dedicated to her profession and to the communities that Providence Mutual serves, Ms. Parrillo's civic engagement includes serving as a director of Cranston Print Works, Mutual Fire Insurance Association, NAMICO Insurance Company, The Champlin Foundation, the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council, and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, where she is vice chair of the board of trustees. She was director and past chair of the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies and the National Association of Governing Committee of the Rhode Island Joint Reinsurance Association. A member of the Insurance Commission of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence and the Rhode Island Governor's Insurance Council, she serves on the board of trustees of the American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters. She was a director of Delta Dental RI and is a past member of the President's Council at Providence College and the Business Advisory Council for the University of Rhode Island's College of Business Administration.

Ms. Parrillo holds a B.S. in Business Management and a B.A. in Mathematics from Rhode Island College, and an M.B.A. from the University of Rhode Island. She resides in North Smithfield, RI, with her daughter, Marissa, and son, RJ.
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 to 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.