Alumni are friends you haven’t met yet

Bryant is one resource you can always count on. Just ask Alex MacKenzie ’10 (Newton, MA). He graduated in one of the worst recessions the U.S. has seen, and yet, he managed to find a job he enjoys in an industry he loves. “Bryant goes above and beyond to ensure students know how to network and make professional connections,” says Alex, an advertising account executive at GateHouse Media New England. “Between the Amica Career Center, Alumni Relations, and faculty with real-world experience in the job market, students have many sources on which they can rely before and after graduating.”

A FATEFUL DINNER
Alex’s involvement on campus as a student brought him to an alumni dinner during Reunion Weekend in 2009, at which he met Shannon Dunnigan ’93, ’97 MBA (Providence, RI), CEO of Radarfrog.com, a division of GateHouse Media. “I was impressed with how Alex presented himself and how bright he was,” says Shannon. “And then I learned he had experience in online advertising sales through an internship. I gave him my card and asked him to call me when he was ready to start his job search.” Shannon, who recently completed a term as a member of Bryant’s National Alumni Council, is deeply involved as an alumna. She’s been a member of her class steering committee, the alumni-

The Alumni Leadership Weekend celebrates five years! 2011 Theme: Start-Up Solutions for entrepreneurial-minded alumni

Looking to network with Bryant alumni and faculty while gaining valuable advice on starting your own business? Then plan to attend Bryant’s 5th Annual Alumni Leadership Weekend, March 25-26, 2011.

On Friday, March 25, alumni entrepreneurs will gather for a kickoff luncheon to celebrate the success of the first Alumni New Venture Competition. More than 15 alumni submitted business plans for this inaugural contest, and six finalists will make their pitches to a panel of alumni judges. The day culminates with a dinner honoring the 2011 Alumni Achievement Award recipients, where the winner of the $10,000 first prize in the New Venture Competition will also be announced.

This alumni-oriented weekend continues Saturday with interactive panels and workshops. Just a few being offered: What are the essential skills for entrepreneurs? How do you raise funds while the venture capital industry is rattled by the current economy? How do you get on board the new social entrepreneurship bandwagon?

“Participating in Bryant’s Alumni Leadership Weekend is your chance to expand your own network and hone skills that you developed in Bryant’s classrooms,” says Jim Magee ’88, president of the National Alumni Council, the voice of the Alumni Association. “Whether you are in a small start-up or a large organization, entrepreneurial skills are essential building blocks for future business leaders.”

Bryant’s own Ken Oringer ’87, Iron Chef Competition winner, will be the luncheon keynote. Oringer, co-owner of six Boston restaurants, each with a distinct culinary style, will talk about developing a game plan that balances systematic preparation and creativity. Oringer’s experience as an award-winning chef and an innovative businessman has parallels for all entrepreneurial-minded alumni.

Visit Bryant’s web site at www.bryant.edu/alumnevents to register and for additional information about the weekend’s guest speakers, full program details, and local accommodations. You can also call Director of Alumni Relations Robin Ward at (401) 232-6453 to be included on a select mailing list for the weekend’s program.
creative productions into the learning culture, history, literature, film, and other Chinese and Spanish. Courses integrate...
Be sure to contact the Office of Alumni Relations if you plan to visit. We will do everything possible to make your stopover a memorable one.

E-mail alumni@bryant.edu or call (401) 232-4040 with your expected date of arrival.

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admission connection, the alumni shadow program, and volunteered to host and support Regional Alumni Network (RAN) events. “I’ve been involved with Bryant since the day I became a student,” says the 2011 recipient of the Young Alumni Leadership Award. “Networking has been a staple in my career, and I’ve approached the opportunity to connect with some pretty amazing alumni.

Even if nothing else fits into your schedule, Thomson says, you should check out a RAN event. “Aside from being given the chance to do some neat things, like watch a polo match from a sandbox tent while sipping champagne or take in a Colts game, you can get a lot,” he says. “What’s always true is that when you meet another Bryant alumna/a, you feel instantly comfortable because you have a shared history.”

WIDENING THE CIRCLE
Dana Bradley ’92 (Cornell, NC) can attest to the value of connecting to other alumni. “At a RAN event in 2005, I met a young woman who had graduated from Bryant in 2004 and had just relocated to Charlotte, NC, with her family,” she says. “After speaking with her, I knew she’d be the right fit for my friend’s wedding firm, so I made a call. She got the job!”

Mutually beneficial relationships
Sharon Durrant also recognizes the reciprocal benefits of networking with alumni. “We can learn so much from experienced alumni in our own industries or markets, or even from our clients. For me, it’s about the amazing learning opportunities they have now. In fact, I met a young woman at the 2001 alumni dinner at Bryant Weekend who happens to be involved with streamlining news broadcasts for Bryant. She gave me her card…who knows where the future will bring!”

BRYANT HAS HISTORY
In 1949, Gertrude Meth Hochberg was hired as director of public relations by Bryant’s first president, Harry L. Tarnoff. For the next 28 years, she strategically placed the University in the public eye as an expert resource for the community. Gertrude also helped promote the University’s focus on educating women for fulfilling careers—a continuous theme in Bryant’s history dating back to its founding in 1965. She retired in 1977 as vice president of public relations.

Because Gertrude was an ardent advocate for women’s issues, Bryant University will be naming the Gertrude Math Hochberg Women’s Center in her honor this March 2011. If you believe in the importance of supporting women and providing programs and resources designed to highlight women’s issues, or in any way touched by Gertrude’s legacy at Bryant, please consider making a gift to the Center.

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**LOYAL GUARD NEWS**

**Inspirational dedication to Bryant earns alumna the Key to the University**

Lucille (Gotsell) Killiany ’46 is the 2010 recipient of Bryant’s most prestigious award, the Key to the University. Bryant awarded her the Nelson Gulski Service Award 54 years ago, recognizing Lucille as an outstanding teacher, centered community leader, and dedicated alumna.

During the Champion for Planned Giving Gala Celebration in the fall, President Ronald K. Machtley presented Lucille with the Key to the University, saying, “We know your example has set the stage for future women graduates – who are succeeding in life and in their chosen professions – to always remember their alma mater Bryant.”

**50th Reunion Recap**

More than 80 alumni from the Classes of 1960 and previous attended the Loyal Guard Luncheon at the 2010 Reunion/Homecoming event. Coming in Spring 2011, details for the Loyal Guard Luncheon in Fall 2011.

Barbara (Redgikos) Malissa ’60 grants Geraldine (Sartorio) Machado ’56 and her husband, Joseph, before the ceremony.

Richard Cotter ’56 and his wife, Joan, welcomed the Class of 1960 into the Loyal Guard at Reunion. Alumna from the Class of 1960 gathered at the Loyal Guard Luncheon for the first time in 50 years. Pictured are Jim Beneven, Dick Teemek, Ellie (Cardarelli) Walsh, and Jim Gryzowski.

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January 27, 6-8 p.m.
Zeid 451
Souls of East Africa

Smithfield, RI
January 29, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Women's Basketball Alumni Luncheon

Providence, RI
February 3
Lion King Musical
SOLD OUT

New Britain, CT
February 9
Buildling B: @Central Conn*
Pre-game 5:30 p.m.
Game 7:00 p.m.

Providence, RI
February 16, 6-8 p.m.
Bryant 2U Networking w/ Professor Roberto

February 22, 6-8 p.m.
Archive Bar Night

February 17, 6:30-9 p.m.

February 10, 6-8:30 p.m.
Boston, MA
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March 12, 6-8 p.m.
TBD

Coral Springs, FL
March 13, 6-8 p.m.
TDC Eagle Trace President's Reception

Orlando, FL
March 15, 6-8 p.m.
TBD President's Reception

Smithfield, RI
March 25-26
Alumni Leadership Weekend
March 25, 2 p.m.
New Venture Competition Finals
March 25, 5:30 p.m.
Alumni Achievement Awards Dinner
March 26, 9 a.m-2 p.m.
Alumni Leadership Forum – Start Up Solutions

New York, NY
March 31, 6-8:30 p.m.
Bryant C-Suite Panel: Advice for Aspiring Leaders University Club

Smithfield, RI
April 12, 6-8:30 pm
Dine with Ninety: Student Alumni Dinner
Stapleton Grand Hall, Bello Center

*Check www.bryantbulldogs.com for more athletic contests in your area

New alumni events are added weekly.
Check www.bryant.edu/alumnievents for the updated calendar and to register.

Partnerships

Alumni received between 4/15/10 and 4/26/10

2000
Melanie Cobb and Michael Orlowski '00 on
7/24/10

2002
Tatiana (Berman Ruiz) ’02 and Nicolas Weinstein on
4/7/10

2004
Nicole (Meunier) ’04 and Anthony DeCicchi ’05 on
5/25/10
Julie Mindenello and Donald Sinclair III ’04 on
6/26/10

2005
Kent (Coa) ’05 and John Dalymple on 10/1/10
Erie (Socha) ’05 MBA and Paul Leonard Jr. on
3/6/10

2006
Rebecca (Blinn) ’06 and Justin Kix ’06 on
11/22/10

2007
Cara (Guarnieri) ’07 and Lee MacDonald on
9/5/10

2008
Julie (Zweidick) ’08 MBA and Anthony Luczynski on
6/19/10
Jennifer (Day) ’08 and Eddie Jamieson on
11/16/10

2009
Robin Molton and Ryan Smith ’09 on 12/12/10

Additions

Alumni received between 1/22/10 and 12/31/10

1987
Tyler Michael to Eileen and Thomas De Haven
’87 on 11/6/10

1989
Thorther James to Joanna and Paul Puchtelli ’89 on
8/10/10

1993
James Aloupis to Kelly (Jacobs) ’85 and James
Burns adopted on 5/29/10 (born on 7/5/09)

1994
Emma Katharine to Suzanne (Caputo) ’94 and
Arbino Tantia on 10/8/10

1998
Lauren Clare to Tracy (Caprio) ’98 and Doug
Coover on 8/29/10
Nicole Suzanne to Janine (Champigny) ’98 and
Nick D’Ambrusio ’98 on 5/19/10
Emily Rose to Kara (Naidzy) ’98 and Christopher
Kaylor on 6/8/10

2004
Ava Marie to Kara (Dolan) ’94 and Domenic
Fanie ’03 on 5/30/10

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www.bryant.edu and click on the "Alumni" and "Alumni News" links.
Contact us at alumni@bryant.edu or (401) 232-6040 with questions or ideas for future stories.

Alumni Web Site ranks #2

Want to connect online? Bryant University was included among an annual survey of 100 college alumni websites sponsored by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and ranked among the most engaging and compelling. “I received a call telling me that we were not only in the top ten, but actually more than,” reports Robin Melon and Ryan Smith ’09 on 12/12/10. Bryant augments its alumni website with a presence on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter, but the home base will always be www.bryant.edu/alumni. What’s next? Watch for a Bryant app for your iPhone soon!

In a logical manner: “We consider the site a work-in-progress and are continuing to make it more user-friendly,” says Robin. Bryant augments its alumni website with a presence on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter, but the home base will always be www.bryant.edu/alumni. What’s next? Watch for a Bryant app for your iPhone soon!

Alumni Weddings

When Danielle (Esperance) married Christian Pratt on 9/18/10, the reception was like a Bryant Class of 2008 reunion. L-R in photo (all 2008 alumnae) are: Dung Le, Somalisa Ker, Christine Lasota, Kristen (Watts) Vale, Malloy Harvey, Danielle (Esperance) Pratt (bride), Lori McBride, Diana Girvan, and Meg Hauck.

Submit your “Partnerships” and “Additions” to the Office of Alumni Relations by e-mailing alumni@bryant.edu or by entering a class note via our online directory at www.bryant.edu/alumni. Send wedding photos that feature a group of Bryant alumni to alumni@bryant.edu. Resolution of photos should be “print-quality” (generally 300 pixels/inch).