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THE GIFT OF GIVING BACK
Alumni, trustees, friends, students, and corporate and foundation donors have left an indelible mark on Bryant.

FUEL FOR BRYANT’S GROWTH ENGINE
The cumulative power of gifts to the Bryant Fund makes the difference between an ordinary education and an extraordinary one.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
Generous benefactors who recognize that a Bryant education opens doors make the dream of an exceptional education possible for generations of students.

SUPPORT FOR CENTERS AND INSTITUTES
Bryant’s centers and institutes foster scholarship, research, and innovation in academic programs, as well as local, national, and international partnerships.

BUILDING A SUPERIOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
Over the past 17 years, Bryant has invested nearly $200 million in its stunning campus and superior learning environment.

A TRAJECTORY OF SUCCESS: ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE
The Bulldogs are turning heads in Division I athletics, and Bryant’s student-athletes are equally impressive in the classroom.

DONOR ROLL
The Bryant Leadership Council’s generous support ensures that students benefit from an enhanced experience.

SPOTLIGHT ON: FACULTY
In Bryant’s 150th year, some accomplished faculty members share insight on what it means to teach at Bryant.

SPOTLIGHT ON: CAMPUS
The community celebrates the $10 million renovation of Bryant’s student center and its dedication as the Michael E. ’67 and Karen L. Fisher Student Center.

SPOTLIGHT ON: ATHLETICS
From honoring student-athletes, team accomplishments, and Hall of Famers to holding court on a brand-new gym floor, team spirit is alive and well at Bryant.

SPOTLIGHT ON: STUDENTS
Bryant welcomes the Class of 2017, which includes 20 class presidents, 245 team captains, an author of two books, and a student who climbed Mount Kilimanjaro.

SPOTLIGHT ON: ALUMNI
Alumni give back by raising money for the President’s Scholarship Fund, assisting students with career exploration, and sharing their expertise with young entrepreneurs.

CLASS NOTES

IN MEMORIAM
ENGAGE INSPIRE INVEST

Bryant’s year-long celebration of our 150th anniversary, a landmark that places the University in the elite company of some of our nation’s very most prestigious colleges and universities, is a milestone in one of the most dynamic periods of growth in Bryant history.

Over the past decade and a half, Bryant has advanced in the national rankings, established the College of Arts and Sciences, created an award-winning contemporary campus, moved up to NCAA Division I athletics, expanded global engagement, and achieved many other notable accomplishments that have garnered a new level of prominence.

Our anniversary has provided an opportunity to reaffirm our roots and values. For 150 years, Bryant has provided exceptional education that anticipates the future and prepares students for a changing world. Bryant’s unwavering commitment to excellence has prepared a century and a half of graduates with the knowledge, skills, and qualities of character to succeed in their chosen profession and in life.

As we begin our 151st year as a leader in higher education, there is much to herald a future as notable as our past. Our bold strategic plan, Vision 2020: Expanding the World of Opportunity, outlines the University’s course and ensures that we continue on a trajectory of excellence. These exciting plans for the future build on the tradition of continuous growth and innovation that is our legacy, but they can succeed only with your continued generosity.

This year, nearly 7,000 alumni, friends, parents, faculty, staff, and students engaged in advancing the mission of Bryant by contributing more than $4.9 million. The impact on our students is profound. We offer thanks to each of you who has contributed, and to all of the people and organizations featured in this issue of Bryant magazine—the last in our sesquicentennial series.

I look forward to celebrating with you our successes in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Ronald K. Machtley
President
Throughout Bryant’s sesquicentennial year, Bryant magazine looked back at significant moments in the University’s storied history. From recalling 150 years of educating men and women to telling stories of students’ and alumni’s war service, the publication illustrated Bryant’s evolution from a humble commuter college to a nationally recognized university.

Private philanthropy is the paramount factor contributing to Bryant’s growth.
through their unwavering support and generosity.

The trustees have provided leadership support to Bryant for decades, but evidence of their largesse became increasingly apparent 12 years ago when Bryant launched The Campaign for Bryant, a $35 million capital campaign that generated donations for student scholarships, academic support, and facilities. Jump-starting the first-ever campaign with a $5 million gift, Carol and George Bello ’58, ’96 helped build the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology, a state-of-the-art facility.

Bello, the campaign chair and retired executive vice president and controller of Reliance Group Holdings, noted at the time, “The beauty of having financial

RAISING THE BAR

The campaign’s successful culmination in 2004, exceeding the campaign goal and raising more than $40 million, elevated Bryant’s ability to offer more scholarships, expand academic programming and build new facilities, but it did not signal the end of leadership giving. Bryant’s supporters—so impressed with Bryant’s success—are maintaining the momentum with major gift contributions.

In 2008, trustee David Beirne ’85 made a leadership gift of $1 million that helped provide for the $2.7 million renovation and expansion that included new locker rooms at Bulldog Stadium, and earned him recognition as a Bryant Champion for Philanthropy in 2010.

John Joyce ’53 who received a small, partial scholarship, remembered how that assistance helped him, bridging a gap between earnings from his job at a produce store and tuition. Moreover, he remained mindful of the quality education that propelled his career as an accountant, tax auditor and funeral home operator.

“When I left Bryant, I was ahead of graduates from other schools. The instruction I received was first rate,” said Joyce. In gratitude, he established a charitable gift annuity, which will endow a scholarship for accounting or finance students with significant financial need. “It means a great deal to those who need extra help. I know what a little help meant to me.” Joyce was recognized as a Champion for Philanthropy in 2009.

Indeed, the Smithfield campus exists because in 1967, former Tupperware Corporation President Earl Tupper donated his 220-acre farm. Though Tupper had no direct connection to Bryant, he was impressed with its philosophy of helping every student get a job.

Administrators were both delighted and concerned upon receiving the farm. While the space met Bryant’s needs, the college had no endowment or plans to raise the funds needed to build a campus. The leadership nimblly structured a financial deal that included government grants and proceeds from the sale of Bryant’s Providence holdings to Brown University.

If Tupper’s was the first significant gift in subsequent years, Bryant’s alumni, friends, students, and corporate donors built a culture of philanthropy on the foundation he laid decades ago. Integral to promoting this philanthropic environment are current and former Bryant trustees. Described by President Ronald K. Machtley as “leaders in almost everything they do,” these trusted advisors have left an imprint on the University’s faculty and students success is being able to give back to the institutions that have helped you.”

With their gift of $1 million, trustee and 2011 Champion for Philanthropy Douglas Krupp ’69, ’89H, a senior partner at Berkshire Realty Ventures, and his wife, Judith, further enhanced the Bello Center by helping to create the Douglas and Judith Krupp Library within it.

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WE’RE JUST HONORED TO BE A PART OF BRYANT.

MICHAEL E. FISHER ’67
Board Chairman Michael E. Fisher ’67 also feels strongly about Bryant. He and his wife, Karen, recently committed $3 million to fund the Karen L. and Michael E. Fisher Scholarship for Athletic and Academic Excellence. In honor of their decades-long contributions, Bryant dedicated the transformed community life hub as the Michael E. ’67 and Karen L. Fisher Student Center in September as a lasting tribute to their leadership.

At the dedication ceremony, Michael Fisher modestly remarked, “We’ve never supported Bryant with the idea that our name should be on a building. We’re just honored to be a part of Bryant.” He added that he is indebted to the institution that catapulted his distinguished financial services career that included executive positions at Barclays Global Investors.

Similarly, Trustee Robert Brown ’86 cites Bryant as a defining force in his life. “Bryant provided me with a strong foundation that taught me how to learn. That inspired confidence in my skills and capabilities, all of which allowed me to build a successful career.”

In appreciation, Brown, president of the Bond Division for Fidelity Investments, has recently donated one of the largest gifts in Bryant’s history “to build facilities that are best in class and inspire prospective and current students to excel at Bryant and beyond.” The donation represents a contribution that Brown believes to be an integral element of the University’s continued growth. Trustee leadership gifts signal a level of caring and personal commitment from board members that often impels others to contribute. Such support is critical, noted Brown.

**IT TAKES A VILLAGE**

The alumni and their substantial gifts highlighted here, among others, will have an immeasurable impact on future generations of students. Their generosity represents confidence in Bryant’s ability to achieve new levels of excellence.

Sharing that conviction are numerous corporations and foundations—vital partners in helping Bryant strengthen its marketplace position, attract tomorrow’s leaders, and remain academically vigorous. From scholarship support to capital grants, they demonstrate their belief in Bryant in a variety of ways.

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), the global firm specializing in audit and assurance, tax, and consulting services, was recognized as a Bryant Champion for Philanthropy in 2010. Among several initiatives supported by PwC, opening a world of opportunity for multicultural students remains a priority. PwC and Bryant identify promising high school students and introduce them to accounting careers at the PricewaterhouseCoopers Accounting Careers Leadership Institute (PwCACLI). During the weeklong program, students make presentations to Bryant professors and PwC executives, demonstrating their understanding of accounting principles.

The institute tracks the participants’ performance and their future enrollment at Bryant, as PwC uses PwCACLI as a source of students for internships and future employment. Trustee Robert Calabro ’88 lauds its success. “I am extremely proud to be both a Bryant alumnus and a partner at PwC, and to have had the opportunity to be part of a program that has impacted so many students’ lives for the better. The future is in great hands.”

Helping Bryant students prepare for the future is Santander Bank, recognized as a 2011 Champion for Philanthropy. Santander supports the Sophomore International Experience that provides students the opportunity to participate in international study. More than 1,300 students have studied throughout Asia, Australia and Europe since 2007.
In announcing the bank’s support, Jorge Morán, then-Santander U.S. country head, affirmed the company’s dedication to students’ success. “We believe the best investment for the future is in higher education. This program serves an important role in students’ futures by providing them the opportunity to learn about other cultures and how businesses operate globally.”

The Amica Companies Foundation—the charitable arm of insurance giant Amica—partners with Bryant to help students capitalize on these experiences to achieve a competitive advantage in the job market. Students turn to the award-winning Amica Center for Career Education annually for assistance writing résumés and preparing for interviews through Amica-sponsored programs. For its longstanding commitment to Bryant, including support for the Women’s Summit, the foundation received a Champion for Philanthropy in 2009.

Taking Note of Their Example
When assessing their time at Bryant, students realize that many of the opportunities and experiences available to them were made possible through a multitude of philanthropic donations.

Finance students used live market data at the C. V. Starr Financial Markets Center financed by the foundation that bears its name. Baseball and softball players enjoyed the transformation of a basic baseball field into Conaty Park, one of the area’s top collegiate baseball settings, thanks to a $1.4 million donation from Trustee Bill Conaty ’67.

These treasures, among many on campus, inspire students to reciprocate before walking through the Archway for the first time on Commencement Day. Each year, the senior class donates funds that benefit the Bryant community. In fact, the Class of 1968 funded the Archway’s relocation to Smithfield in 1971, and the Class of 2008 raised more than $30,000 to restore it.

The total dollars raised and the participation rate for senior class giving have risen dramatically in the past five years. In 2012, 56 percent of graduates raised a record-breaking $60,000 for an endowed scholarship that will provide tuition assistance annually to students beginning in 2017. This year’s graduates aim to improve upon their predecessors and are diligently raising money for an endowed study abroad scholarship to be awarded annually beginning in 2016.

These gifts serve a dual purpose—to instill in students the importance of giving back to their alma mater and to encourage them to stay connected long after Commencement.

The Lifecycle of Giving
It all began with a donation of farmland. During the following decades, trustees, friends, and successful alumni who credit Bryant with their success made their philanthropic mark with gifts that enhanced the campus donated by Earl Tupper—buildings, scholarships, endowed chairs and athletic fields. Companies that employed these graduates took note of the high caliber of talent in their ranks and funded academic programming among other noteworthy causes. Charitable foundations recognized Bryant’s value to students pursuing a high-quality education and contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to support their endeavors. Students wanted to express gratitude to all who helped turn their visions into reality by giving back themselves. And this cycle begins again and continues, so that for the next 150 years and beyond, Bryant will enrich countless lives, one incredible student at a time.

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Fuel for Bryant’s Growth Engine

BY TINA SENECA ‘95, ’08 MBA
The Bryant Fund supports nearly every aspect of academic and student life—providing crucial resources that often make the difference between an ordinary education and an extraordinary one. The power of the Bryant Fund comes from thousands of gifts working together to have a transformative impact every year, and gifts of any size make an impact.

The Fund is Bryant’s most important source of annual charitable giving, supporting initiatives across all sectors of the University. Flexible-use annual support is particularly vital, keeping Bryant agile and able to address areas of greatest need.

Significant alumni participation as donors is also a key indicator of a strong university, sending a positive message to prospective students, as well as corporations and foundations, boosting our rankings in publications such as BusinessWeek and U.S. News & World Report, and increasing the power of your Bryant degree. This year Bryant continued its rise in the rankings. The University is currently 14th in its category and second on a list of eight “up-and-coming” universities in the region, as recognized by U.S. News & World Report.

Bryant students explore important ideas, connect with renowned faculty, and engage with leaders of business, government, and non-profit organizations. They gain real-world knowledge by completing internships in Washington, D.C., on Wall Street, and around the world. They acquire a global skill-set studying abroad on six continents. And when they graduate, they succeed at rates that other colleges envy.

Opportunities such as these are possible because of the Bryant Fund.

PHILANTHROPY PROVIDES ESSENTIAL FLEXIBILITY FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT

When Mirghavamaddin Bozorgmir ’83 MBA, Chairman and CEO, Mutual of America Capital Management Corporation, attended a recent alumni event in New York City and saw the trajectory Bryant was on, Bozorgmir’s interest in his graduate school alma mater was renewed.

“I was impressed with where President Machtley was taking the University,” he says. “To go from a small, regional school to one that’s truly international is remarkable.”

Every time he interacted with Bryant, Bozorgmir walked away from the encounter more inspired than before. A world traveler for business and for pleasure, he appreciates the value and insight that a culturally aware person possesses. He recently served as a panelist in a New York City Bryant2U event: Executive Advice for Aspiring Leaders, where he counseled, “Think and live life globally. Don’t limit yourself.”

Though he and his wife, Angela, support many organizations, Bozorgmir feels strongly about making Bryant one of their philanthropic priorities. And they choose to support The Bryant Fund with a generous leadership gift to its flexible-use area because of the confidence they have in the University’s leaders.

“I’d rather not put limitations on where Bryant can use my donations,” he says. “When I see management of the caliber that you have at Bryant, I’m confident they know where my money will have the most impact.”

CREATING A LEGACY OF EDUCATION AND ACHIEVEMENT

Richard Greifer ’61 had been a consistent donor to the Bryant Fund for more than a decade before his death in 2011. Originally from the East Side of Providence, RI, Greifer received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. A successful efficiency improvement consultant, He retired at the age of 50 and spent most of his time in Hollywood, FL.

Greifer credited his business success to Bryant and wanted to create a significant legacy by naming the University as a beneficiary in his will. A percentage of his estate provided flexible-use funds while reducing estate taxes for his loved ones. Bequests to Bryant—no matter the size—have a long-lasting impact on students, faculty, the curriculum, and programs.

Those who name Bryant in their estate plans become members of the 1863 Society—named for the year of the University’s founding. They are a testimony to Bryant’s rich history and to the generosity of alumni and friends. Members of the 1863 Society—such as Nicholas de Rienzo ’59, whose bequest was realized in early 2013—are recognized in the Honor Roll of Donors (see p. 30), receive an 1863 Society memento, and enjoy invitations to special events.

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Supporting Every Aspect of Education

BY KIMBERLEY DONOGHUE
Since its founding, **Bryant University** has provided exceptional education preparing graduates for real-world success. Bryant strives to make that opportunity possible for those students who will benefit most from it. Philanthropy, in support of academic programs, faculty, and student scholarships, fosters continuous growth at Bryant.

Bryant has achieved national recognition for its innovative curricular experience that is changing the way teachers and students approach learning. That would not be possible without generous support from benefactors who recognize that a Bryant education opens doors: 98 percent of our graduates are employed or enrolled in graduate school within six months of Commencement.

Bryant’s dynamic and innovative curriculum attracts some of the best and brightest in the United States and beyond. The Class of 2017 had more than 50 percent of students applying Early Action or Early Decision—because they knew they wanted Bryant from the very start. This year’s first-year students represent one of the largest and most highly qualified groups in Bryant’s history.

**U.S. News & World Report** ranked Bryant 2nd on this year’s “up-and-coming” list for innovations in academics, faculty, and student life; **Princeton Review** named Bryant to the 2014 “Best 389 Colleges” list; and the International Business program rose to 16th nationally in Bloomberg Businessweek’s books.

Alumni and parents who know firsthand the lifetime benefits of a Bryant education are among the University’s strongest supporters. They understand the value of a Bryant education.

**David ’61 and Barbara Allardice** and Michael E. ’67 and Karen L. Fisher, during and after accomplished and prosperous careers, have made generous donations to the University.

“A major reason I’ve been successful is because of the education I received at Bryant,” says David Allardice. He and his wife, Barbara, have been donors since 2000—quite a “rewarding” experience, they say.

“Maybe even more rewarding [for us] than it has been for our students,” Allardice jokes. A management major at Bryant, he enjoyed every day of a 33-year career as a financial consultant to municipalities, including 22 years running his own business, Allardice & Associates, Inc., in Canandaigua, New York.

Parents such as **Carol J. and James J. Ansaldi P’15**, who make annual gifts of $1,000 or more are members of the Parents Council. They play an integral role in strengthening Bryant’s reputation through philanthropic support, admission outreach, and special event participation.

**Susan and William Pappas P’11**, were the first major Sophomore International Experience (SIE) donors. Recognizing the positive impact Bryant’s distinctive SIE program had on their son they wanted to help other students benefit from this transformational program. The couple were named Bryant’s Champions for Philanthropy Outstanding Parents in 2010.

**A MAJOR REASON I’VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IS BECAUSE OF THE EDUCATION I RECEIVED AT BRYANT**

DAVID ALLARDICE ’61
BRYANT UNIVERSITY has a 150-year tradition of exceptional education that anticipates the future in a changing world.

national recognition as a transformational experience that is changing the way students learn. Such remarkable advances would not be possible without support from generous benefactors.

Academic support enables experiential, real-world learning – a hallmark of a Bryant education. The Archway Investment Fund, one of Bryant’s signature programs, allows students to make investment decisions by managing a portfolio of $730,000 in real money, while using state-of-the-art resources in the C.V. Starr Financial Markets Center. Students are accountable for their investments and a report at the conclusion of each semester.

Philanthropy helps to make this unique learning opportunity—one that sets Bryant graduate apart—possible.

Bryant’s First-Year Gateway Program encourages students to draw meaningful connections between curricular and co-curricular experiences, apply knowledge and skills from multiple perspectives, effectively communicate ideas, and meaningfully reflect on learning experiences supported by philanthropy. The Gateway program, which includes the Bryant IDEA (Innovation Design Experience for All), a 72-hour immersion into teamwork and creative problem solving, has been recognized by—and receives funding from—a national educational foundation.

Complementing their coursework throughout their time at Bryant, students participate in many clubs and organizations, or Division I athletics. They learn which leadership and communication styles work best for them, how to build effective teams, and manage efforts for maximum impact. At Bryant, learning extends beyond the classroom.

Armed with the skills, knowledge, and qualities of character for a lifetime of success, Bryant graduates are assets to their employers from the first day and continue to thrive throughout their careers. As alumni, they give back not only of their financial resources but also of their time and expertise.

Bryant’s 40,000 alumni are an indomitable networking force. They participate in the Amica Center for Career Education’s job shadow program. They serve on the board of the Archway Investment Fund. They offer guidance and advice to current students as well as fellow alumni.

Many alumni recall what a difference a scholarship, big or small, made in their ability to attend Bryant. Donating to a scholarship or creating an endowed scholarship fund, paying it forward, so to speak, allows Bryant alumni to create a lasting legacy. Students get to focus on building careers rather than debt.

And that sense of community—helping one another—permeates every aspect of Bryant life: from faculty and administrators who mentor students to the departing senior class which, this year, established an endowed scholarship to help future students afford study abroad opportunities.

AN ENDURING COMMUNITY
One longtime member of the Bryant community, Roberta “Berta” Hysell, former director the Intercultural Center, is remembered for making multicultural and international students feel truly welcome at Bryant. She made a point to meet every student the day that he or she arrived on campus.

Now retired after 17 years of service, she continues to support students through the Berta Hysell and Friends Multicultural Endowed Scholarship Fund. To date, 46 donors have contributed to the fund, helping five students attain a Bryant education since its 2007 launch.

DONORS MAKE POSSIBLE BRYANT’S MISSION: to deliver an exceptional education for success in an age of unlimited global opportunity.
THREE
GENERATIONS OF
BRYANT SUPPORTERS

“My father [Ernest E. Stempel P’84 ’98H] strongly believed that a solid education was the key to achieving a better society,” says Diana Bergquist P’13 who, along with her brothers Neil ’84 and Calvin, manages the family foundation.

Impressed by the education Neil received at Bryant, Stempel, a former executive at the insurer American International Group, Inc., helped secure funding to establish the University’s nationally recognized actuarial mathematics department in the mid-1980s. And, when his grandson, Philip Bergquist ’13 was accepted to Bryant, Stempel could not have been more thrilled.

Continuing in her father’s footsteps, Diana and her husband, Lars Bergquist, are involved and supportive parents, joining the Parents Council in their son’s first year.

Following Stempel’s death in 2009, the Berquists assumed his role championing philanthropy at Bryant. Through their stewardship, the Stempel Foundation continues to support scholarships and the University’s Krupp Library, and is an early contributor to Bryant’s ambitious commitment to replicate China’s Forbidden City’s Shu Fang Zhai on the Smithfield campus.

An avid reader and ardent supporter of libraries, Diana Berquist also recently made a personal contribution to significantly expand the Krupp Library’s electronic and print resources.
THE POWER OF TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIPS

“When you write a check for scholarships, you know your money is actually going to do something for the student, for his or her future, and for the world,” says Joanna T. Lau ’97H, CEO of Lau Technologies, currently serving her fifth term as a member of Bryant University’s Board of Trustees.

The combined impact of philanthropic giving by Bryant trustees is powerful. From endowed named scholarships and individual gifts, to support of the Trustee Scholarship Fund and President’s Scholarship Fund, the trustees have helped thousands of students achieve a Bryant education. This year alone, the Trustee Scholarship Fund awarded 124 students scholarships averaging more than $21,000.

Working together, the trustees leverage their leadership talent and resources to make possible Bryant’s transformational education, inspiring and empowering graduates to truly make a difference in the world.
GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

When Don A. DeAngelis, CEO of Murdock Webbing Co., Inc., and his wife, Marjorie, considered how to best give back to the community, the path was clear:

“We’ve long believed in the power of education; there is no better way to help others,” says DeAngelis. Building on an enduring history of support for Bryant, DeAngelis – who served as a member of Bryant’s Board of Trustees from 1982-1991 – recently took his generosity to a new level by establishing the Marjorie and Don DeAngelis Endowed Scholarship to help a student from Rhode Island attain a Bryant education.

“We’VE LONG BELIEVED IN THE POWER OF EDUCATION; THERE IS NO BETTER WAY TO HELP OTHERS”

“The scholarship program at Bryant provides an important opportunity to give back to the local community in ways that will benefit generations,” he adds.

DeAngelis enjoyed meeting the most recent recipient of the couple’s philanthropy, Luisa Montoya ’15, who plans to become a Certified Public Accountant. Thanks to the support of donors like the DeAngelises, she will be the first in her family to graduate from college.

“There are no words that can describe how thankful my family and I are. It is such an honor to receive this wonderful award. I will forever thank you,” Montoya wrote to the DeAngelises.

PHILANTHROPY BEYOND GRADUATION

Throughout 16 years of exemplary and ongoing advocacy of Bryant, Ursula and Gordon Riblet P ’97 have participated in almost every aspect of philanthropy on campus. Fueled by a passionate belief in the University’s mission, the Riblets choose to make Bryant a priority for their support.

The Riblets were active ambassadors during their son Marc’s undergraduate years and have continued their commitment to Bryant since his graduation – inspired by their son’s professional success: he’s currently director of research and operations at The Onstott Group, an executive search firm.

As parents, they understand the value of a Bryant education: “It goes beyond academics. Bryant teaches moral responsibility in society and the business world,” says Ursula Riblet.

The couple finds those lessons necessary and inspiring as Bryant prepares students to live and work in a global society.

In addition to making contributions at the Trustee’s Society and Bryant Leadership Council levels, the Riblets have signed Parent Appeal letters, chaired the Parents Fund, served as charter members of the President’s Leadership Council (now the Bryant Leadership Council), and joined the President’s Golf Tournament Committee.

The Riblets’ commitment – both in time and philanthropic support – helps ensure future generations are equipped with the same tools of success as their son when they enter the global workplace.

HELPING OTHERS ACHIEVE SUCCESS

Edmund J. Brown ’50, co-founder of Crystal Thermoplastics, is remembered by his eight nieces and nephews for his can-do approach and zest for life.

In tribute to their uncle who mentored them in education, business, and their careers, the family established the Edmund J. Brown Jr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship after his death in 2012. The scholarship creates a lasting legacy of a man whose professional and personal successes will be remembered for generations to come.

“This scholarship is in keeping with his [charitable] spirit,” says Cathie Brown. “He treated everyone like family. Each person was important.”

“We WANT THE STUDENT TO UNDERSTAND THAT ALTHOUGH HE’S NOT WITH US PHYSICALLY, HE’S PRESENT FOR THEM, HELPING THEM ACHIEVE SUCCESS.”

“He wouldn’t make a big deal of the scholarship because he believed that helping others is just something that you do. But we want the students to understand that although he’s not with us physically, he’s present for them, helping them achieve success,” says Cathie Brown.
IN SUPPORT OF 24/7 EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Knowing firsthand the power of the experiential, 24/7, learning opportunities available at Bryant University, Stephen L. Tully Jr. ’98, director of client services for Cantillon Capital Management LLC, has been a steadfast supporter of his alma mater for more than a decade.

An enthusiastic and generous alumnus with both his time and expertise, Tully has participated in events in his local area, such as the Walk Down Wall Street panel in New York City, and also offered his expertise at an on-campus event for the Finance Association.

Most recently, he decided to expand his annual philanthropic giving, establishing the Tully Family Endowed Scholarship to provide student-athletes with the same opportunities he enjoyed at Bryant.

“I wanted to have an impact that will be greater than me and that will be ongoing,” says Tully, who named the scholarship fund in honor of those closest to him, including his wife and four children.

“At Bryant, I could take charge and make the experience anything I wanted it to be,” says Tully.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR GENERATIONS

Local businessman Paul Arpin ’87H, former chairman and CEO of the Arpin Group, long believed in the value of a Bryant education. He established a scholarship fund for Bryant students in 1987 and contributed regularly to it before his death in 2010. To date, 24 students have benefited from the Paul Arpin Scholarship Fund. Thanks to his bequest to endow the fund, the scholarship will continue to help a senior at Bryant every year. His legacy of generosity will make a difference in the lives of students for years to come.

“A LEGACY OF CONTINUOUS GIVING

“I was at a point in my life where I couldn’t afford to fail,” says Paul DeLomba ’60 of his years as a Bryant student. He had just completed three years in the military, was attending Bryant on the G.I. Bill, and had decided to major in accounting, a field he knew very little about.

He did more than simply not fail. DeLomba graduated summa cum laude, finished first among accounting majors in his class, and then embarked on a 30-plus year career at PricewaterhouseCoopers, where he became the first Bryant graduate to be named partner at the firm.

Bryant, he says, played an important role in his success. “The Bryant approach was superior, quite frankly. The professors were fantastic. They were real people who understood how to get students involved. And they were super, super teachers. Bryant was perfect for me.”

In gratitude, Paul and his wife Ruth—also a 1960 Bryant graduate; they met in Glee Club and were married a few months after graduating—have been generous in their support of Bryant. They have given to the Bryant Fund every year for nearly 50 years, over time increasing their giving to leadership levels to help meet new Bryant needs as they arise. They have been staunch supporters of student scholarships, both as a couple and through a PricewaterhouseCoopers Scholarship Fund. Acutely aware of the challenge many students face paying for a college education, they have grown their scholarship support into the Paul V. ’60 and Ruth L. ’60 DeLomba Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Why such strong support for Bryant? “Making funds available to help students to get a good education,” DeLomba says, “We’re all for that.”
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STEPHEN L. TULLY ‘98
Nothing is more important to the strength of a Bryant University education than the quality of the faculty.

Endowed positions create a powerful incentive for leading educators and scholars to join the Bryant community, and therefore are vital to our efforts to recruit and retain a highly qualified faculty.

The tradition of endowed chairs at Bryant began in 1984 with a generous donation from then trustee Norman Sarkisian ’53, ’88H, former president and owner of Beacon Industries.

The Sarkisian Chair provides Bryant with the opportunity to attract prominent scholars in the field of national or regional economics and business studies. Peter J. Nigro, Ph.D., professor of finance, is the second and current Sarkisian chair.

Nigro, an award-winning professor, came to Bryant with a record of distinguished professional achievement including working for eight years at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. Among his many accolades, Nigro was named one of Bloomberg Businessweek’s favorite professors in undergraduate education in 2007.

“The professor’s attention to practical, hands-on learning prepares people for the real world,” students told the magazine.

More recently, the Dr. Charles Smiley Chair was established in 2009 and is held by Hong Yang, Ph.D., professor science and technology, director of the U.S.-China Institute, the Confucius Institute, and Vice President for International Affairs. Yang, a mentee of Smiley’s at the University of Idaho, has been instrumental in Bryant’s emergence as a leader in international education, helping enhance our relations around the world in addition to his outstanding professorial and scientific contributions.
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LOYAL TO BRYANT

Creating an endowed scholarship fund is one of the most meaningful ways to benefit current and future students while establishing a lasting legacy. Through thoughtful estate planning, bequest intentions are contributions made through your will. Those who include Bryant in a will are recognized as members of the 1863 Society, named to honor the year of Bryant’s founding.

Members of the 1863 Society are testimony to Bryant’s rich history and 150-year trajectory of excellence. The generous gifts of 1863 Society members help Bryant ensure that its mission is secure.

“You went to school and you learned things,” recalls Dan Santos ’52, succinctly summing up his student years at Bryant more than 60 years ago. “There were no frilly courses. You learned the basics.”

Those basics propelled Santos into a job with New York Life, in 1954. By 1961 he was an agent, working in Louisville, KY. He’s still there today, now in his 59th year with the company.

Sticking with things, you might rightly conclude, is important to Santos. And his loyalty to Bryant has been exceptional. Santos has been giving to the Bryant Fund for more than 40 years. He’s been making gifts at the leadership level—$1,000 and above—each year for the last 20. The true impact of his generosity is roughly double what he’s donated, as most of his giving has been matched by New York Life’s matching-gift program.

“It’s a loyalty thing with me,” he says. “When you go to a school and graduate and it helps you succeed in your career, then why not pay something back?”

At an age when most people are long retired—he just celebrated his 82nd birthday—Santos isn’t ready to stop working just yet. “I’m not much for whittling on the porch,” he says.

But as you might expect of a man who’s spent his career selling life insurance, he is much for planning, and his support for Bryant reflects this. He has made Bryant a beneficiary in his will, and this gift makes him a member of Bryant’s 1863 Society. The society honors those alumni and friends of the University who make leadership-level planned gifts to Bryant through their estate plans or through a life income gift.

Most of Santos’ reason for supporting Bryant is to give back to a school that helped him in life. But chalk up at least a part of the rationale to enlightened self-interest. Santos keeps an eye on the college ranking guides, and likes to see Bryant on the rise. “What’s good for them is good for me also,” he says.

To join this special group of 1863 Society members, or if you have already named Bryant in your will or trust, please contact Edward Magro, J.D., executive director of development, at emagro@bryant.edu or call 401.232.6528.

WAYS TO GIVE

To engage with the life of Bryant University is to share our bold vision for the future. Philanthropy changes the lives of students for generations to come, and there are many ways to make a gift.

• Bequests
• Life Insurance
• Life Income Gifts
• Retirement Plans
• Matching Gifts
• Memorial and Honorary Gifts
• Donor Advised Fund
CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

Bryant University partners with global businesses, other institutions of higher education, and the community through its centers and institutes that are hubs for teaching and professional collaboration, as well as strategic resources for organizations.

Fostering scholarship, research, and innovation, academic centers and institutes also provide Bryant students with unique opportunities to enhance their education and advance professionally, even before they graduate. Other centers and institutes focus on real-world problem-solving and are among the many valuable ways Bryant assists various communities.

ADVANCED APPLIED ANALYTICS CENTER
Founding Co-directors Richard Glass, Ph.D., and Alan Olinsky, Ph.D.

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Director Judith Clare

JOHN H. CHAFEE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
Director Raymond Fogarty

CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE
Director Hong Yang, Ph.D.
Vice President for International Affairs

EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Director Annette Cerilli

HASSENFELD INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC LEADERSHIP
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Vice President for International Affairs

SUPPORT FOR CENTERs AND INSTITUTES

BY JANET PROULX
In addition to Bryant’s trajectory of excellence in academic and student life programs, the University partners with global businesses, other institutions of higher education, and the community through academic centers and institutes that foster scholarship, research, and innovation at all levels. These enterprises create connections locally, nationally, and internationally. They also provide Bryant students with unique opportunities to enhance their education and advance professionally, even before they graduate.

In 2010, when jewelry and design company Alex and Ani wanted to expand into Spain’s market, they reached out to the John H. Chafee Center for International Business. The firm was paired with Bryant students as part of their senior year practicum. Guided by faculty, they studied the company, conducted market research, and developed actionable strategies. The experience proved to be extremely valuable in their global expansion strategy, said CEO Giovanni Feroce. In 2011, Alex and Ani donated $1 million to Bryant’s nationally recognized International Business Program and the Chafee Center.

Generous donations also help to support centers and institutes such as the Advanced Applied Analytics Center and the Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership.

**HASSENFIELD INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC LEADERSHIP**

In 2010, the University launched the Bryant Institute for Public Leadership with a mission of equipping civic leaders with leadership skills and the tools to manage effectively and responsibly. Program offerings draw upon the real-world expertise of Bryant’s renowned faculty.

Alan G. Hassenfeld, chairman of the Executive Committee of Hasbro, Inc., was impressed—so much so that he donated $1 million through Hassenfeld Family Initiatives, LLC, to continue the work of the Institute. In recognition of the gift, the University renamed it the Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership.

“The Institute is a perfect fit for Bryant,” said Hassenfeld, a past Bryant trustee and 1985 honorary degree recipient. “President Machtley, who has served in Congress, understands the pressing need for ethical, effective leadership. Bryant’s faculty and the Institute’s founding director, Gary Sasse, have created a world-class program that can make a tremendous difference in Rhode Island’s future.”

“The need for a program like this is critical,” added President Machtley, citing Hassenfeld as the visionary behind the creation of the Institute. “We are grateful to have Alan and Hassenfeld Family Initiatives as partners in this endeavor.”

Bryant was recently awarded a significant grant from business analytics software provider SAS that will accelerate the University’s distinctive applied analytics curriculum and support the Advanced Applied Analytics Center (AAAC), which opened on campus in March 2013.

Analytics is the rapidly expanding field of extracting usable knowledge from enormous sets of heterogeneous digital information (“big data”). “Analytics is a critical 21st century skill and organizational function that can make or break any endeavor,” said Vice President for Academic Affairs José-Marie Griffiths. “Through the generous support of SAS, we will offer our academic community an enriched applied analytics program unlike anything currently available at the undergraduate level.

“This SAS grant also reflects Bryant’s continued partnership with leading corporations and thought-leadership organizations, working collaboratively to deliver programs and services that make our students among the most sought-after employees when they graduate.”

Richard Glass, Ph.D., professor of computer information systems, and Alan Olinsky, Ph.D., professor of mathematics and computer information systems, are the center’s co-founding directors. The AAAC sponsored the Analytics Symposium for Humanities and Social Science in November.

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150 Years of Building a Superior Learning Environment

BY MARIA CALIRI

Since the donation of Earl Tupper's gift of the Smithfield campus, Bryant has:

• added more than a quarter million square-feet of facilities during the past decade
• invested more than $180 million in its contemporary campus since 1996.
On April 15, 1970, Americans were awe-struck by Apollo 13 Commander James Lovell’s account of how he successfully guided the spacecraft with the exploded oxygen tank back to Earth. The nail-biting voyage will forever be remembered by Jack Swigert’s phrase, “Houston, we’ve had a problem here.”

Though spellbound by Lovell’s brilliant display of courage, Bryant administrators and local dignitaries were simultaneously engrossed by the formal groundbreaking of Bryant’s Smithfield campus. The ceremony did not garner national attention, but it marked the beginning of an era that precipitated a trajectory no one could have imagined—not the least of whom was Earl Tupper, who donated 220 acres for the campus.

On land previously dotted by apple orchards for which Smithfield is widely known, Bryant added more than a quarter-million square feet in the past decade and invested more than $180 million in facilities since 1996. This dramatic process of campus expansion and transformation has been led by President Ronald K. Machtley. During his 17-year tenure, Bryant’s landscape steadily assumed the profile of a student-centered campus through the construction of facilities that reflect program requirements, accommodate further growth, and support unfolding teaching innovations in higher education.

NOT YOUR FATHER’S CAMPUS

Prospective students visiting Bryant for the first time and graduates returning for Reunion @ Homecoming or other alumni events marvel at the inviting and pristine facilities. The newest jewel in the campus crown is the renovated Bryant Student Center. Now dedicated as the Michael E. ‘67 and Karen L. Fisher Student Center, the multi-use building offers a project room, a rehearsal and performance suite for student musicians, and enhanced offices and meeting rooms for the University’s clubs and organizations, as well as modernized spaces for the Bryant Bookstore, Bryant Pride Center, Hochberg Women’s Center and the Intercultural Center.

At the Fisher Student Center dedication held in honor of the Fishers’ leadership, President Machtley spoke of their unwavering generosity.

“They are two of the most generous people I know. They’ve given of their time. They’ve given of themselves and found ways to give even when it wasn’t necessary.”

Alumni philanthropy has also provided support for another recent addition to the campus—the Ronald K. and Kati C. Machtley Interfaith Center. Dedicated in 2010, it is a non-denominational place of worship and reflection that replaces the previous chapel in the student center. For this spectacular building, the facility’s designer, Gwathmey Siegel & Associates Architects, received two awards—a 2010 Honor Design Award from Faith & Form, The Interfaith Journal on Religion, Art, and Architecture, and a Building of America Award from Construction Communications magazine for its use of sustainable materials.

These buildings, along with every residence hall, classroom, data center, and athletic field, collectively contribute to the Bryant experience, the 24/7 atmosphere of purpose that connects learning opportunities in the classroom and beyond.

NEW BUILDINGS AND TECHNOLOGY PUT LEADING EDGE RESOURCES AT BRYANT STUDENTS’ FINGERTIPS.

PRESIDENT RONALD K. MACHTLey

FISHER STUDENT CENTER DEDICATION

After a summer of construction, the transformed and re-imagined student center that was originally built in 1986 had a grand opening on September 26. The Bryant Center, renamed and dedicated earlier as the Michael E. ’67 and Karen L. Fisher Student Center, reflects the leadership and generosity of alumnus Michael Fisher, a retired managing director of Barclays Global Investors, and his wife, Karen. Michael Fisher currently serves as chairman of the board.

Students participated in the design of the Fisher Student Center, working with Bryant leadership and architectural and design firm Ewing Cole on the $10 million renovation. Fisher Student Center highlights:

- Leadership pods and collaboration stations to advance innovative modes of learning
- Signature fireplace creating a central campus common and functional and symbolic hearth
- Project room for students to collaborate with international partners
- Recording studio for student musicians; rehearsal and performance suite
- Mixed-purpose space that accommodates 300 for campus-wide lectures and events, student performances, and special programming initiatives
- Enhanced offices and meeting rooms for clubs and organizations such as the Intercultural Center, Hochberg Women’s Center, and Bryant Pride Center
- Expanded dining options, a convenience store, and bookstore.
A GIFT OF FAITH

The turning point for Siro DeGasperis ’37 in a 30-plus-year career with UPS that involved 13 relocations came in Philadelphia, where he worked through the aftermath of a contentious labor strike.

Resolving strikes is seldom a painless process, but he impressed his superiors with his deft handling of matters. They made him the company spokesman on such issues and sent him around the country to give speeches on the procedure he used.

The lion’s share of credit for bold and courageous action goes to DeGasperis himself—it’s noteworthy that at one point in Philadelphia he found bullet holes in his car. But he also credits Bryant.

“The main thing I took away from Bryant,” he said, “was the ability to speak to groups. Bryant is where I learned to get up in front of a group and talk with confidence about things that were important.”

Grateful for that experience, DeGasperis today is generous in giving back. Initial $1,000 yearly donations grew into annual $5,000 contributions to an endowed scholarship fund that helps deserving students who lack financial means.

In addition, plans to create a religious center delighted him. As a student, he was frustrated by having to walk 15 blocks to attend Mass on Sunday. Those treks motivated his leadership gift in support of the Ronald K. and Kati C. Machtley Interfaith Center. “I wanted to give to something that creates a moral feeling on campus.”

A GIFT FROM THE ERNEST E. STEMPEL FOUNDATION—shepherded by Diana and Lars Bergquist ’13—illustrates how donors help the University champion these objectives. The Bergquists have contributed to Bryant’s ambitious commitment to replicate China’s Forbidden City’s Shu Fang Zhai, among several gifts including scholarship support. And the Fishers, also generous supporters of scholarships, have made gifts to the Elizabeth and Malcolm Chace Wellness and Athletic Center, including providing a new gym floor that was installed this summer.

The Shu Fang Zhai project represents history in the making, as it is the first time the Chinese government has allowed a section of the Forbidden City to be replicated and reconstructed outside China. Groundbreaking will take place next year, and the finished facility will house Bryant’s Confucius Institute and the U.S.-China Institute and will serve as an educational center for Chinese language, culture and history.

VISIONARIES

The transformation from farm to nationally ranked university is largely due to the Bryant benefactors who helped bring projects like the information and technology, wellness and athletic, interfaith and student centers and others to fruition. Notable donors, including George ’58, ’96H and Carol Bello; Malcolm “Kim” ’09H and Elizabeth Chace; Douglas ’69, ’89H and Judith Krupp and Michael E. ’67 and Karen L. Fisher; are visionaries who understand that a superior learning environment is established not only with professors and students but also with facilities that support their well-being and facilitate the interaction between students and faculty domestically and internationally.

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PURPOSE-BUILT FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

From the Chace Center to the Bello Center and all the buildings in between, each facility at Bryant has been designed to promote and support the student body’s potential to thrive. What follows are accounts of donors who were so moved by the Bryant experience that they made the University a philanthropic priority, contributing to campus facilities to enrich the lives of present and future generations.

A LESSON IN GENEROSITY

Having met at Bryant, Jane ’79 and Keith ’78 Mahler will always remember the University with a bit of romantic nostalgia. Equally as important, however,
NAMED GIVING

In recognition of the significant philanthropy that advances Bryant’s mission, many of the spaces within our outstanding learning environment are named in honor of Bryant’s most generous donors. These named spaces include:

**Tupper Campus**
Earl S. Tupper, president of the Tupperware Corporation

- **Koffler Technology Center and Communications Complex**
  Sol Koffler ’70H

- **Unistructure**
  Amica Center for Career Education
  Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership
  Hassenfeld Family Initiative
  Janikies Auditorium, named in memory of William and Amelia Janikies by their son, Nicholas W. Janikies ’57
  Koffler Rotunda, named for Sol Koffler ’70H
  Gulski Dining Room, named for Nelson Gulski ’26, ’72H
  Salmanson Dining Hall, named for Leonard I. Salmanson ’72H
  Classrooms, named for: George E. Bello ’58
  Davis Electronic Classroom:
    - Davis Educational Foundation
    - Arthur L. Duggan ’60
    - Max ’49 and Edith Gold
    - Jeffrey B. Hodgdon ’69
    - Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. ’36 Jarvis
    - Sol ’70H and Lillian Koffler
    - Stanley C. Menard ’90H
    - John Leo O’Hara
    - Victor Primavera ’49
  Providence Partnership of Architects
  George Shenkman ’38
  Jere ’61 & Anna M. St. Angelo
  Alberg Room: Named for Richard Alberg
  Atrium Fountain: Given in memory of George F. Congdon ’64 by Anne Congdon

**BUILDING WALLS OF WISDOM**

On any campus, the learning, camaraderie, and exchange of ideas that take place within the classrooms, gym, library, and throughout every facility are among the most vital elements of higher education. Facilities must provide more than four walls and operable heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems. Indeed, they must support innovative teaching methods and constantly changing technology. Materials within the buildings should be sustainable in order to optimize resources. And structures have to support students and faculty holistically in order to foster a strong sense of community. Such is the case at Bryant, where engaged alumni and friends rally to populate the campus with facilities that embody the charm of a New England university and the energy of an institution dedicated to nurturing scholastic development and personal growth.

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PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT POWERS THE BULLDOGS’
Philanthropic support has allowed Bryant to develop student-athletes who compete—and win—at the highest levels. All levels of support—from the parents of student-athletes to Black & Gold Club contributions—are essential to Bryant athletics. The names of Bryant’s most significant philanthropists can be seen around the campus, in facilities including the Elizabeth Z. and Malcolm G. Chace Wellness and Athletic Center, and Conaty Park—named for Bill Conaty ’67 and his wife, Sue. Their contributions, along with many other generous gifts, have transformed Bryant’s campus and continue to touch the lives of thousands of student-athletes, leaving an enduring legacy for generations to come.

LEADERSHIP FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

When President Ronald K. Machtley took the reins at Bryant University in 1996, he had a bold vision for the future of athletics at the school. Today, Bryant’s nationally recognized academic programs, stunning facilities, and a roster of prominent coaches attract top high school athletes.
alumni return to campus for Reunion @ Homecoming to cheer the football team to victory. Such athletic events generate campus pride and school spirit, bringing community members closer together.

The fabulous 2012-13 year of athletics—the first year Bryant teams were fully eligible for post-season play at the Division I level—ended with impressive athletic accomplishments, as well as exceptional academic achievements, including:

• 8 teams recognized by NCAA for team academics
• 202 student-athletes named to the NEC Academic Honor Roll
• 30 student-athletes named to the NEC Commissioner's Honor Roll

DREAM MAKERS

The facilities that our athletes and fans enjoy today were once just a dream. Upon his arrival, President Machtley launched the first phase of his plan, to turn an empty field into an outdoor stadium. Now completed with the help of leadership donors including David Beirne ’85, Bulldog Stadium is a 4,400-seat facility used by the football, soccer, and lacrosse teams. Thirty-five acres of athletic and recreational fields include tennis courts, a 400-meter track, a 3.2-mile cross-country course, playing fields, and a golf tee and putting green.

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The results of President Machtley’s plan speak for themselves: strong graduation rates, outstanding academic honors of student-athletes, and a healthy boost to enrollment. The energizing effect athletics has on the community is undeniable. A kind of pageantry exists on Saturdays in the fall as hundreds of alumni return to campus for Reunion @ Homecoming to cheer the football team to victory. Such athletic events generate campus pride and school spirit, bringing community members closer together.

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“the quagmire,” where the mud sometimes got six inches deep.

Now, the Bulldogs are a varsity team in Division I. They have an exceptional coach, Mike Pressler, who led the 2010 U.S. National Lacrosse Team to win the gold in the World Championships in Manchester, England. The Bulldogs play on a state-of-the-art, all-weather synthetic turf field in the winter and carefully manicured turf in the spring. And, they have a world-class locker room, thanks largely to Beirne who provided generous funding toward the cost of the $2.7 million renovation and expansion at Bulldog Stadium in 2009. In recognition of his philanthropy, Beirne was awarded the Scholar Athlete of the Year Alumni Award in 2010 and recognized as the Outstanding Alumnus, Champion for Philanthropy, at the annual Bryant Leadership Council Gala.

The evidence of alumni who were athletes in their day returning to help current athletes is visible throughout campus. It can be seen in the new gym floor, a gift from Mike ’67 and Karen Fisher, or in the University’s new baseball and softball complex, thanks to a $1.4 million donation from Bill ’67 and Sue Conaty.

Conaty, now a University Trustee and vice chairman of the Board of Trustees, served as captain of Bryant’s 1967 baseball team and was recognized with the school’s 1999 Distinguished Alumni Award. In October, he joined the Athletic Hall of Fame. His contribution has not gone unnoticed: game attendance tripled the year after the new complex opened.

When Mike Fisher returned to campus in 1966 to finish his degree and work in the athletics department, his coach, Tom Duffy, loaned the basketball player and his new bride some furniture to fill their empty apartment. Fisher has since built and retired from a very successful career in the financial services industry, but he has never forgotten all the things Bryant gave him, both before and after graduating.

“For me, attending college was a big financial struggle. But Bryant wouldn’t let me give up. The people here were encouraging and did everything they could to help me make ends meet—a basketball scholarship, on-campus jobs. They supported me when I was in need, and I’ll never forget that,” Fisher said. And he hasn’t. The Fishers have given back to Bryant in innumerable ways.
The late Malcolm G. “Kim” Chace ’09H was known for his keen business acumen and foresight. He was founder and chairman of Bank Rhode Island and director of Berkshire Hathaway.

He first came to know Bryant in 1958 as a student in an introductory accounting course held in a basement classroom on the former East Side campus in Providence. Years later, Chace recognized Bryant’s great potential and helped take it to the next level, serving as an active member of the Board of Trustees from 1999 to 2008.

Chace and his wife, Elizabeth, have supported a variety of initiatives at Bryant over the years. The women’s rowing program owes its start to the generosity of the Chaces, who procured two shells from Yale University, Kim Chace’s alma mater, for the team.

The Chace’s philanthropy has permeated and enhanced every aspect of the Bryant experience, from facilities donations, to matching gifts for the senior class gift, to scholarship giving. The Elizabeth Z. and Malcolm G. Chace Wellness and Athletic Center was dedicated in October 2003 to honor the couple whose generosity has greatly benefitted Bryant, as well as many other Rhode Island institutions.

The 31,000-square-foot Chace Center has become an integral part of campus life. It boasts state-of-the-art exercise equipment found in private health clubs; a six-lane, 25-yard swimming pool; and a soundproof aerobics/martial arts studio with specialized flooring, mirrors, sound system, and video equipment.

The Chace Center is a vibrant hub of activity not only because of its beautiful, sun-filled fitness facility but also because it houses community spaces such as the Multipurpose Athletic Center. Fondly known as “the MAC,” it is used for sporting events and large University functions such as the annual Women’s Summit®.

In addition to the leadership donation from the Chaces, the Center’s named spaces recognize philanthropy from:

- Clarence W. Jarvis ’36, former president of Jarvis Knitting and Conrad-Jarvis Corporation in Pawtucket, who was honored at the dedication of the Jarvis Fitness Center in 1990;
- The Eannarino family—the exercise room was dedicated in their honor in 2002;
- Mike ’67 and Karen Fisher—the bright and airy atrium, an inviting main entrance to the entire athletic complex, is named in their honor.

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Black & Gold

“Our coaches, student-athletes, and staff take tremendous pride in representing Bryant University and recognize this incredible opportunity would not be possible without the generous support of our Black & Gold members,” says Bill Smith, director of Athletics.

“The ability of our Bulldogs to be nationally competitive in Division I, both academically and athletically, is directly tied to the overall financial health of our department. The generosity of our Black & Gold members has been and will continue to be a critical component of that success.”

First established in 1980, the Black & Gold Club supports Bryant’s more than 500 student-athletes by providing the necessary resources to compete at the highest level. Support goes toward providing scholarships, facility improvements, uniforms and equipment, and team travel.

While our dedicated coaches and student-athletes are working very hard to compete for more conference championships, they can’t do it alone. Gifts from Bryant alumni, parents and friends help provide the resources that allow the Bulldogs to succeed on the playing fields and in the classrooms.

We look forward to seeing you at the game, cheering on your Division I Bryant University Bulldogs.
LAUNCHING CREW

The newly established club sport of women’s crew was made possible by Bryant benefactor Malcolm G. “Kim” Chace and his wife, Elizabeth Z. Chace. Before his death, Mr. Chace helped Bryant acquire its first eight-person shells. They were christened The Liz Chace and The Kim Chace.
Thank you to the nearly 6,000 inspiring members of the Bryant community who engaged in the transformative education of our students by contributing more than $4.9 million in annual and capital gifts in the 2012-2013 academic year.

BRYANT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS
The Bryant Leadership Council (BLC) comprises individuals who have made gifts of $1,000 or more in support of any area of the University. We thank these leaders and all of our contributors for their generous support that ensures our students have an enhanced experience at Bryant University.

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Outstanding faculty have played a critical role in Bryant’s success. Throughout this 150th anniversary year, we will feature remembrances from some of those dedicated and inspiring educators.

**BEAUDIN JOINS FACULTY**

Bryant University enhanced its roster of outstanding faculty this academic year with the addition of Assistant Professor of Economics Laura Beaudin, Ph.D., who recently earned her doctorate at the University of New Hampshire (UNH).


Her numerous awards include the 2012 Award for Excellence in Academic Work—Dissertation Year Fellowship; the 2010 Award for Excellence in the summer teaching assistant fellowship position; and the 2009 Elizabeth Bogan Award for Highest Graduate Academic Scholarship, Department of Economics, from UNH.

**MARKET POSITIONING**

When Frank G. Bingham enrolled at Bryant College in 1958, the country was suffering a terrible recession, with Rhode Island being especially hard hit. Many students had been in the armed forces and were eligible for tuition assistance through the GI Bill. For others, working multiple part-time jobs was the rule rather than the exception. For most students, it was necessary to obtain a degree from a good, recognized college in the shortest time possible.

“President Jacobs saw this situation as a unique opportunity to put forth a good product—a solid program leading to a degree that could be obtained quickly,” recalls Professor Emeritus of Marketing Frank G. Bingham ’61, ’72 MBA, Ph.D., Ed.D. “I took six courses each semester and went summers to finish in three years. Most professors were, or had been, business practitioners. We were told that one of three enrolled students would not make it to the end. They were not kidding!”

As the economy improved, Bryant built upon the strong reputation earned and enjoyed, hiring business practitioners to work with a superb full-time faculty, deepening the real-world perspective in the classroom. Bingham’s teaching and mentoring of legions of students is enriched by his impressive experience. He’s worked for Textron, Uniroyal, and Southern Cross Industries in Atlanta, and owned several businesses, including a large Hallmark retail-wholesale business in New England and a successful Florida real estate development firm. He is also a recognized expert in business-to-business marketing management and industrial sales training.

He’s written or co-authored five books and more than 100 refereed, published manuscripts.

Today, Bryant’s curriculum continues to focus on competencies employers require. “We offer demanding, but sensible courses,” says Bingham, who is proud to have students he has mentored over the years return to share their real-world insights with current students.

More than an academic journey, the Bryant experience shapes lives. Graduates like Bingham recognize that value and are proud to remain a powerful resource for current students and fellow alumni. —Maria Caliri
Karnatak University, India; and a bachelor’s degree from Gulbarga University, India.

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CENTER FOR GLOBAL AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC STUDIES NEWS

This fall, the Center for Global and Regional Economic Studies hosted Heidi Williams, Ph.D., visiting assistant professor at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research. Williams presented her research on “Intellectual property rights in health care markets.”

The Center supported three papers this past summer as part of its Working Paper Series:

• “The Relationship between Economic Growth and Environmental Degradation: Exploring Models and Questioning the Existence of an Environmental Kuznets Curve” by Jonathan Skaza ’15
• “Determinants of Fertility in the United States” by Dario Castro ’14
• “How synchronized is China with the other Asia-Pacific countries?” by Aziz N. Berdiev, Ph.D., assistant professor, Department of Economics. The authors will present their research at the 2014 Research and Engagement Day and at a conference.

BRYANT GOES TO WAR

As part of Bryant’s 150th anniversary celebration, Professor Judy Barrett Litoff’s Bryant College Goes to War was published by the University. The book is based on the 1,300 letters written by Bryant alumni serving their country during World War II to the Bryant Service Club in thanks for their care packages.

“These letters, many of which are reproduced in this book, tell the captivating story of Bryant women and men in the service. We learn of the opportunities and challenges experienced by Bryant alumni who were stationed stateside as well as those who served at ‘far-flung fronts’ in every major theater of war,” the front flap of the book jacket reads.

“Bryant was ahead of the game when I was hired in 1975 primarily to develop American women’s history courses,” says Judy Barrett Litoff, Ph.D., professor of history. “Only a handful of universities offered these courses then.

“I was afforded the opportunity because of the work of the pioneering women who came to Bryant before me—especially Gertrude Hochberg, Bryant’s first female vice president, and Clarissa Patterson, dean of academic affairs. Gertrude took me under her wing. Today, we’d call her a mentor.”

Since that time, Litoff, who is a leading expert on the history of American women and World War II as well as the author of 14 books, has continued to break new ground in and out of the classroom with exciting special projects, such as Bryant College Goes to War and Follow Me – China. Using some of the 1,300 letters that Bryant alumni stationed around the globe wrote to the Bryant Service Club during World War II, Litoff’s students conducted oral histories with Bryant wartime veterans and prepared papers on their findings that were later published. These letters also form the core of Litoff’s book, Bryant College Goes to War, published by the University in November as part of Bryant’s 150th commemoration.

Students engaged in the 2011 Follow Me – China experience traveled throughout China to explore its language, culture and history with Professor Litoff and College of Arts and Sciences Dean David Lux. During their travels, they published a blog. Returning to Bryant, they developed five Follow Me – China video segments that are used in Confucius classrooms throughout southern New England. Following the enthusiastic reception of the 2011 Follow Me video project, Litoff and Lux accompanied two other students to China in July 2013 to film segments for a Follow Me – China II video now in production.

These and similar research projects expertly prepare Bryant’s graduates for continued study and for employment. Says Litoff: “Whatever Bryant students choose to do after graduation, their marketability is enhanced by their keen understanding of the cultural and historical context of the local and global environs.” —Maria Caliri
SPOTLIGHT ON: FACULTY (CONTINUED)

ACCOUNTING RESEARCH GRANT

Accounting Professor Dennis Bline, Ph.D., and Assistant Professors Stephen Perrault, Ph.D., and Xiachuan Zheng, Ph.D., received a $77,000 grant from the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy for their proposal, “Developing a Model Accounting Curriculum: Which Attributes of Accounting Degree Programs Predict CPA Exam Success?”

The grant was part of the 2013 Accounting Education Research Grants, which funds up to $25,000 a year in research on educational issues affecting CPAs, boards of accountancy, and the public accounting profession. The grant program has awarded nearly $70,000 since its inception in 2011.

Bryant was one of three schools selected for the grant, along with the University of Notre Dame and Mississippi State University.

FACULTY-STUDENT COLLABORATION

Faculty-student collaboration is a hallmark of a Bryant education and this year, Professor of Sociology Sandra Enos, Ph.D., worked with Ariana Alicea ’12 to publish Peek Into My Pain: Reveal My Strength—a collection of stories written by children who are part of the foster care system.

The book is the result of Enos and Alicea’s work with 22 foster children in a storytelling workshop last August at the University of Rhode Island. Enos hopes the book will be carried in local independent bookstores; proceeds will go toward funding another book.

IN THE MEDIA

INSIDE HIGHER ED ON BRYANT’S PLANS IN CHINA

“We’re trying to establish ourselves as a global education leader with emphasis and expertise on China,” Hong Yang, Ph.D., vice president for international affairs, director of the U.S.-China Institute, professor of science and technology, told Inside Higher Ed, a higher education news source.

On Sept. 25, they reported: “After 15 years of expanding its presence in China, Bryant University plans a branch in Zhuhai.” The article covered Bryant’s plans to build a campus in Zhuhai and to construct a replica of the Shu Fang Zhai palace, a section of the Forbidden City, on the Smithfield campus.

“There’s something special about having a facility which is indigenous to a region in which you’re educating students,” President Ronald K. Machtley said of the replica.

The story also noted that Bryant has sent 39 faculty members to China since 2000, and 282 undergraduates to the country through the Sophomore International Experience program since its launch in 2007.

MEETING DEMAND

Although The Wealth of Nations by Adam Smith—published almost 250 years ago—is still referred to as the foremost work on economics, Joseph Ilacqua, Ed.D., professor of economics, strongly disagrees that the topic remains static.

“Our students today study economics from a multidisciplinary perspective. [Professor of History] Judy Barrett Litoff and I teach Cultures and Economics in Transition. We examine, from our two different perspectives, the tremendous challenges of the cultural and economic transformations that are under way in post-Soviet states, China, and other nations transitioning away from the old planned economies.”

Students in this class benefit from the professors’ numerous teaching and research visits to the newly independent states (NIS) and other parts of the world. They have taught a summer course on Labor and American Culture in the 20th Century at Kiev State University, and served as visiting scholars at the 70th Anniversary Conference of the National Academy of Science of Belarus. In addition, Ilacqua taught at the European Humanities University and Belarusian State Economic University in Minsk, Belarus, and was a visiting scholar at universities in China, Russia, Ukraine and the nation of Georgia. He has also conducted numerous seminars at institutions in various transition nations.

The recipient of seven merit awards from Bryant, Ilacqua has also been awarded eight research stipends. As a Fulbright specialist in economics education, he will be going to Pakistan for 20 days in March. He also is director of the U.S. Department of State’s Community Connections Program at Bryant, which arranges for managers from Belarus, Ukraine, and Russia to come to Rhode Island for cultural and business training experiences. In addition, Ilacqua serves as executive director of The 1769 Fund Inc., a scholarship corporation that grants scholarships to Bryant students in need of financial aid.

Bryant students take the lessons they learn from expert faculty like Ilacqua and immediately apply that knowledge during internships. Many of which are secured in government economic development offices and at contests, such as the Fed Challenge Competition. Participants analyze economic conditions and recommend an appropriate course for monetary policy. They prepare for months and compete against other top-ranked institutions. By providing students with both theory and experience, Bryant graduates are well positioned to thrive as they launch their careers.

— Maria Caliri

Joseph Ilacqua, Ed.D.
Professor of Economics
Teaching at Bryant since 1968
Recipient of 2005 Distinguished Faculty Award

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THE WHOLE IS GREATER THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS

Financial Services. Manufacturers. Insurance companies. These are just a few of the industries where Bryant mathematics graduates find jobs. “Our students are highly marketable,” says Chester Piascik, MS, professor of mathematics. “In my 45 years here, we always emphasized teaching math relative to real-life situations.”

Piascik always adds an “extra layer” to his lessons. “My goal is to ensure that students verbalize what they calculate. One student called this layer ‘the logic behind the process,’ and I couldn’t have articulated it better.”

Bryant goes above and beyond to achieve this objective. Its efforts to assist students in mastering real-world learning are among the University’s defining characteristics. “Students receive specialized attention, so there’s less of a tendency to get lost. Academic advisors and counselors in our Amica Center for Career Education are also available. Additionally, the Academic Center for Excellence offers tutoring. Students always have more than one place to go for guidance,” says Piascik.

The sum of all of these tools equals mathematics curricula that can be explained simply: applicable with a high return on investment. —Maria Caliri

GROWING A DISTINGUISHED PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

Saying goodbye to 1999 was worrisome for many concerned with Y2K, the scare that computer systems everywhere would recognize 2000 as 1900. A collective sigh of relief could be heard at the stroke of midnight on January 1, 2000 when no disaster occurred.

For Bryant’s psychology department, that New Year’s Day was a cause for celebration for another reason. Bryant rolled out a new major in Applied Psychology, expanding options for students choosing a major, as well as the number of psychology courses and professors. By that time, the program already had an established minor in psychology and offered a number of upper-level courses. It was, and still is, one of the University’s largest minors, notes Janet Morahan-Martin, Ph.D., professor and chair of the department. “It has been challenging but exciting to see our baby grow. We have also established a concentration in psychology that allows students with business majors to study psychology in more depth than the minor offers.”

And how that baby has developed. Bryant has differentiated its degree program by requiring all majors to take three courses in applied areas, such as Forensic Psychology and Educational Psychology. “This is very unusual, but we feel that it’s necessary to expose our students to different areas and challenge them to think in different ways.”

Students often use what they learn in these classes during internships. Frequently, they are placed in area hospitals, including Butler and Bradley, psychiatric hospitals in Providence, RI, serving adults, and children and adolescents, respectively. Bryant receives many requests for psychology interns—a feather in the cap of a program that graduated its first class less than 10 years ago.

In its second decade, the psychology program is destined to continue evolving to benefit students who are motivated to grow academically and personally in an ever-changing, dynamic environment. —Maria Caliri

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CARTER ON GUN CONTROL
The media often calls on Gregg Carter, Ph.D., professor of sociology, when issues of gun control are in the national eye. Carter, author of Guns in American Society: An Encyclopedia of History, Politics, Culture, and the Law, participated in a roundtable discussion on National Public Radio’s To the Point on July 16.

Following the George Zimmerman trial, the topic at hand was “Trayvon Martin, Stand Your Ground, and Gun Politics in America.” NPR host Warren Olney asked Carter about statistics that show that the number of gun-owning households in the United States has decreased, despite the rash of gun buying after a shooting and the number of guns in the general population.

Carter observed that although gun background checks are at their highest rates, on course for 23 million background checks in 2013, most of the checks are not for new gun owners. Carter also said he expects gun culture in the United States to change in the long term, becoming more similar to European systems. One factor, he notes, is the influx of immigrants who come from countries that do not have a strong gun culture and do not expect to own guns. Stream the discussion on kcrw.com or iTunes.

NY TIMES CIVIL WAR BLOG
Thom Bassett, MFA, lecturer of English and cultural studies, is a regular contributor to The New York Times’ Civil War blog, Disunion.

His eighth contribution, “Rashomon at Vicksburg,” was published July 8 with the question, “Did Grant win the siege, or did Pemberton lose it?”

“The fall of Vicksburg, Miss., on July 4 sent a shock wave through both North and South — it split the Confederacy in two and gave the Union nearly un contested control of the Mississippi River. Less clear was what brought about the surrender. Indeed, the principal players in the surrender drama — John C. Pemberton for the South and Ulysses S. Grant for the North — insisted on very different accounts,” Bassett wrote.

Follow the Disunion blog on Twitter @NYTcivilwar or at http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/category/disunion/

KEEPING UP WITH THE COMMUNICATORS
“I’m an autodidact, especially when it comes to technology,” says Mary Lyons, Ph.D., professor of Communication and Literary Studies. “I started accepting papers online decades ago and taught myself the technology required for new media.”

As she embraced the technological revolution, Lyons developed Communication as a minor in 1980. It did so well that it was one of the first two liberal arts majors offered when Bryant became a university 10 years ago. The program has continued to expand in large part as a result of its graduates’ professional success. Communication alumni are working for well-respected companies, such as Nickelodeon and ESPN, and leading nonprofits as well. They are also succeeding in Communication graduate programs throughout the country.

To maintain the department’s highly regarded status, Bryant continually adds courses that meet the needs of students entering a competitive marketplace. Today, these offerings include a wide range of classes within three categories: interpersonal communication, mass media, and video production. The department has also developed its own graduate program in Communication and will award its first Master of Arts in Communication in spring 2014.

Clearly, Lyons and her Communication colleagues continue to forge new trails that give Bryant graduates a distinctive and competitive edge. — Maria Caliri

Mary Lyons, Ph.D.
Professor of Communication and Literary Studies
Teaching at Bryant since 1970
Recipient of 1989 Distinguished Faculty Award
PROVIDENCE BUSINESS NEWS ON SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

In advance of the Sixth Annual Supply Chain Management Summit presented by Bryant University in partnership with Banneker Industries in August, Associate Professor of Marketing Teresa McCarthy, Ph.D. and Bryant Trustee Cheryl W. Snead ’06H, owner of Banneker Industries Inc., a provider of supply chain solutions, co-authored a guest column titled: “Supply Chain Management Key to RI Success” in the Providence Business News. The piece noted that “manufacturing is our past, our present, and our future in Rhode Island. But our growth through the years in the service industries, particularly supporting manufacturing, leads us to another growing competitive advantage known as supply chain management.”

HAZARD: FRESHMEN PITFALLS

Laurie Hazard, Ed.D., director of Bryant’s Academic Center for Excellence, recently weighed in on “The Other Freshman 15: pitfalls for first-year collegians” published in July on NJ.com, a New Jersey news source. “I tell students, ‘Procrastinators always try to recruit other students to procrastinate with them.’” Hazard recommended finding friends who respect the need to succeed in college. Hazard recently received the 2013 Special Recognition Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Field from The College Reading and Learning Association’s Northeast Chapter.

ASK AND THEY SHALL RECEIVE

Bryant’s leadership encourages faculty members to continually assess and refine curricula to prepare students for jobs in established and emerging professions. This support gave Rick Smith, Ph.D., professor of mathematics, flexibility to introduce his students to the Fibonacci sequence, a number pattern beginning with the numbers 0, 1, 1, and 2. The next number is found by adding up the previous two numbers and so on to infinity. The Fibonacci sequence is a topic from the mathematical field of Number Theory, which is used widely in the ever-expanding field of information security.

“After presenting the Fibonacci sequence to a class because I had extra time one day, students showed surprising interest in the subject and asked me to teach a full course in Number Theory. This course was enthusiastically endorsed by Bryant’s administration because it was consistent with the University’s focus on liberal arts.”

Smith not only brings students’ suggestions to fruition, he also helps hone their study techniques. “I distribute a handout— ‘The Top 10 Ways to Get an A in Math.’ Students can excel if they master each topic and aim for a 100 on every test.”

His laser-sharp focus on student perspectives and needs is an example of Bryant’s student-centered culture, a hallmark of the University’s 150-year history. Majors and course names may change, but Bryant’s faculty maintains a steadfast commitment to delivering excellence. — Maria Caliri

Richard M. Smith, Ph.D.
Professor of Mathematics
Teaching at Bryant since 1975
Recipient of the 2001 Distinguished Faculty Award

Teresa McCarthy, Ph.D.
The start of the fall semester at Bryant was highlighted by initiatives that build on the University’s dedication to excellence and innovation.

**FISHER STUDENT CENTER UNVEILED**

A ribbon-cutting on Sept. 26 reopened a completely transformed and re-imagined student center originally built in 1986. The “Bryant Center” was renamed and dedicated earlier in the month as the Michael E. ’67 and Karen L. Fisher Student Center in recognition of the leadership and generosity of alumnus Michael Fisher, retired managing director of Barclays Global Investors, and his wife, Karen. Fisher is in his second term as a University trustee and currently serves as chairman of the board. Students were active participants in the design of the Fisher Student Center, working with Bryant leadership and architectural and design firm EwingCole on the $10 million renovation. The three-story facility provides the versatile space and technology to support a variety of distinctive educational experiences and foster the sense of community that is a hallmark of the Bryant experience.

The Fisher Student Center will provide the entire Bryant community with a vibrant hub for collaboration, experiential learning, and relaxation. “As the Bryant community has become increasingly residential, attracting students and faculty from all over the world, spaces that facilitate round-the-clock learning and collaboration have become essential,” said President Ronald K. Machtley.

“Such facilities are a crucial part of Bryant’s Vision 2020 Strategic Plan.”

Over the last decade, the University has added more than a quarter million square feet in facilities, and, since 1996, has invested nearly $200 million in its contemporary campus.

Highlights of the Fisher Student Center:

- Innovative design features, such as leadership pods and collaboration stations, to advance new modes of learning;
- Signature fireplace that creates a central campus common and serves as a functional and symbolic hearth;
- Rehearsal and performance suite, including a recording studio, for student musicians;
- Mixed-purpose space that accommodates 225 for campus-wide lectures and events, student performances, and special programming initiatives;
- Enhanced offices and meeting rooms for clubs and organizations such as the Intercultural Center, Hochberg Women’s Center, and Bryant Pride Center;
- Expanded dining options, a convenience store, and a bookstore.

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The Fisher Student Center has a well-defined main entrance and an information center.

A fireplace, café seating, and expanded dining options have garnered rave reviews.

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FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS RECEIVE TOUCH-SCREEN LAPTOPS

One of the differentiators of the Bryant experience is superior access to technology. The University is ahead of the curve with its early adoption of the Lenovo X1 Carbon Touch—the only Lenovo account in the Northeast that has gone live with Windows 8.

Funded through tuition and fees, a fully loaded laptop is provided to all Bryant students. During Move-In Weekend, first-year students happily claimed their X1s, and the laptops are receiving high praise for aesthetics and design, weighing in at a mere 3.2 pounds.

“Bryant continues to distinguish itself as a student-centered learning community that utilizes technology in a way that supports students’ academic ambitions,” says Ronald K. Machtley, president. “Our students are thrilled with these new devices.”

X1 Carbon Touch features:

• The X1 merges the “consumption/entertainment” tasks (video streaming, music, ebook readers) normally associated with a tablet/iPad and the “creative/productive” tasks (word processing, data analysis, photo/video editing) of a laptop into one device.
• The icons for these different kinds of applications can literally be placed side by side in the new Windows 8 interface, which is a reflection of how students think and use their Bryant-issued laptops.
• Students can swipe through slides on a PowerPoint presentation or zoom in while editing Photoshop.
• The screen has 10-finger touch, which enhances and encourages collaboration between two or more students on one surface.
• Currently, the Windows 8 app store provides access to more than 100,000 free and paid apps, which students can download.

“Sheer part of our mission in selecting each upcoming year’s models has always been to provide the students with a laptop that can do all of the things they want to do,” says Academic Systems Technician Ethan Poole. “With the X1, there’s no need for them to bring an additional computer to campus—and Windows 8 helps extend that even further.”

Bryant provides a new computer device to students every two years as part of their tuition; they can take this updated device with them when they graduate. The majority of juniors this year chose the X1, but 83 took advantage of a second option: the Lenovo ThinkPad Tablet 2, a tablet-only computer that can run the same software as a standard laptop. The addition of a stylus allows each student to write his or her notes. Juniors who chose the second option were able to keep their older laptops, providing them with the ability to do heavy-duty typing for assignments and papers.

When it comes to computer support, Bryant students turn to Laptop Central—the main point of contact for those who have questions or issues regarding their computing devices. From virus removal to software troubleshooting and hardware repair/replacement, Laptop Central provides quick and professional service six days a week, as well as network and wireless support in the residence halls.

Corey Guay ’15, an Information Technology major from Greenville, RI, is a two-year veteran of Laptop Central. As a student assistant, he worked extensively over the summer with department staff to help get the X1 ready for distribution.

Guay, who tends to use a laptop for many hours a day, picked the X1 as his junior-year upgrade, preferring it to other devices. He likes the combination of portability and having a keyboard and larger screen.

“At Laptop Central, Information Technology major Corey Guay ’15 (right) explains the features of the touch-screen laptop to Walter Procyk ’15.”

“This year, students expressed a genuine excitement about the X1, and many told us how awesome it is,” says Guay. “They were impressed by the touch screen capabilities and sleek design. The X1 has a solid-state hard drive, which means it has faster seek times and boots into Windows in five to 10 seconds, and a rapid-charge feature means it can charge from 0 to 80 percent in roughly 30 minutes.

“If you ask me, that’s pretty cool.”
JOHN SADDLEMIRE
APPOINTED VP FOR
STUDENT AFFAIRS,
SUCCEEDS J. THOMAS EAKIN

In August, President Ronald K. Machtley announced the appointment of John Saddlemire, D.Ed., formerly vice president for student affairs at the University of Connecticut, as Bryant’s vice president for student affairs/dean of students. He succeeds J. Thomas Eakin, Ed.D., who retired after 16 years of service to Bryant and a nearly 30-year career at Penn State.

Saddlemire brings broad knowledge of higher education leadership and management to this position, having served for 29 years in a variety of increasingly complex roles at public and private universities. Before joining the University of Connecticut in Storrs, he was vice president for student affairs and dean of students at Heidelberg University in Ohio, and had worked at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania, The Pennsylvania State University, and University of Hartford. His administrative experience is complemented by more than 25 years of continuous teaching. He is the 2010 entrepreneurship in 2010. It was renamed the Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership after Hassenfeld Family Initiatives, LLC, donated $1 million to the University in 2013 to support the institute’s work.

Alan G. Hassenfeld ’85H, chairman of the Executive Committee of Hasbro, Inc., was the visionary behind the creation of the Institute, said President Ronald K. Machtley. “Bryant’s faculty and the Institute’s founding director, Gary Sasse, have created a world-class program that can make a tremendous difference in Rhode Island’s future,” noted Hassenfeld.

SUPPLY CHAIN SUMMIT

More than 200 business and academic leaders gathered for the 6th Annual Supply Chain Summit presented on Aug. 22 by Bryant University in partnership with Banneker Industries, a world-class provider of supply chain management solutions.

In her keynote address, Research Managing Vice President Debra Hofman unveiled new findings from Gartner Research detailing how organizations such as Apple, McDonald’s, and Amazon.com excel in their supply chain management practices based on peer ratings. Keynote presentations were also delivered by Scott Murphy, Dunkin’ Brands vice president/chief supply officer, and Cheryl W. Sneed, president and CEO of Banneker Industries and a vice-chair of Bryant’s Board of Trustees.

A C-Suite panel later in the day featured speakers from CVS Caremark, GSM Metals, and Sikorsky Aircraft.
The Eakin legacy

During his tenure at Bryant, J. Thomas Eakin, Ed.D. made substantial and enduring contributions. “Tom Eakin was a stalwart leader of Bryant’s exceptional student life,” said President Machtley. “Partnering with colleagues in academic affairs and other departments, he successfully oversaw the evolution of unique programs that integrate student life with academic initiatives—forging the distinctive Bryant experience that sets us apart from our peers. Tom and his wife, Marj, created a wonderful legacy in our community, and we will always remain grateful for their leadership and friendship.”

Eakin helped launch distinctive programs such as the Sophomore International Experience, diversity initiatives, expanded services for women, and Bryant’s award-winning career services center. He also helped to create innovative programs integrating coursework with an array of co-curricular opportunities, ensuring that the Bryant experience is 24/7. Among his notable achievements was his role in the renovation of the Bryant Center, recently dedicated as the Fisher Student Center.

In recognition of their many contributions, the University has dedicated the Tom and Marj Eakin Student Leadership Suite on the Fisher Student Center’s third floor. Featuring collaborative space for both academic and co-curricular activities, the suite has already become the heart of student life within the Fisher Student Center.

Saddlemire holds a Doctor of Education degree in higher education administration from The Pennsylvania State University, and a Master of Science in higher education and student affairs from Indiana University. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Bowling Green State University.

author of numerous publications and has given many presentations in his field. During his career he established a variety of academic partnerships to enhance the experience and retention rates of students.

Rosecliff, one of the Gilded Age mansions in Newport, RI, and the setting for films such as “The Great Gatsby” and “Amistad,” provided a magnificent venue for Bryant’s Sesquicentennial Gala on Oct. 12. The black tie event, a highlight of the University’s 150th anniversary celebration, generated significant support for the Bryant University Presidential Scholarship Fund. Guests included Bryant trustees and board chairs, current and emeriti; alumni, faculty, and staff; and the very generous individuals and corporations without whom the event would not have been possible. Read more at www.bryant.edu/150.

President and Mrs. Ronald K. Machtley (left) with Bryant Trustee Anne Szostak ’02H and her husband, Michael Szostak
SPOTLIGHT ON: CAMPUS (CONTINUED)

MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL FEATURES SILK EXHIBIT
Bryant University’s annual Mid-Autumn Festival featured a celebration of silk including a keynote speech on Chinese silk culture by Ms. Nannan Yu, curator of the China National Silk Museum; a silk fashion show with Bryant student models; and a performance by the University’s award-winning Dragon Dance Team.

A Chinese Silk Exhibit illustrated the history of silk and displayed traditional apparel from ancient (replicas) and modern times, as well as a variety of manufacturing devices. A reception followed, where guests were treated to moon cakes, Chinese tea, and light refreshments. Sponsored by the U.S.-China Institute and Confucius Institute, the celebration was held on Oct. 4 in both Janikies Theatre and The Heidi and Walter Stepan Grand Hall.

BRYANT RISES TO NO. 14 IN ‘U.S. NEWS’ RANKINGS, NO. 2 ON ‘UP-AND-COMING’ LIST
Bryant University ranks 14th in the Regional Universities (North) category and second on a list of eight “up-and-coming” universities in the region, according to rankings released Sept. 10 by U.S. News & World Report. It is the ninth consecutive year Bryant has appeared among the top 20 schools in its category. Last year, the University was ranked No. 15.

Innovations in academics, faculty, and student life as identified by Bryant’s peers earned the University a spot on the “up-and-coming” list. Bryant’s inclusion is in part a reflection of the successful outcomes arising from its nationally recognized First-Year Gateway, launched in 2012 as a part of Vision 2020, a strategic initiative led by Bryant University President Ronald K. Machlrey.

“The First-Year Gateway is the initial component of a multi-year plan that is transforming Bryant’s approach to teaching and learning,” said José-Marie Griffiths, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs and university professor. “Its aim is to produce graduates equipped not only with the professional skills to succeed but also with global context and critical thinking and reasoning skills to succeed as citizens of the world.”

XBRL CONFERENCE
Bryant hosted its 13th Annual XBRL Conference Oct. 17 and 18. Titled “XBRL and Healthcare Standardization,” the event drew academicians and accounting, healthcare, and auditing professionals and provided a forum to explore “big data” and how business and health-care data convergence could “save and serve.”

Professor of Accounting Saeed Roohani, Ph.D., initiated the conference at Bryant when XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language) was still in its infancy. It took about 10 years for Roohani and the organization he is a member of, XBRL International, to get XBRL adopted as the common language of financial reporting. Today, regulators worldwide, including the Securities and Exchange Commission, have authorized it as their required electronic reporting format.

AN ALL-STAR FORCE IN AMERICAN MUSIC

Michael Feinstein, the multiplatinum-selling, two-time Emmy and five-time Grammy Award-nominated entertainer, performed to an appreciative crowd on October 24 in the MAC. The concert, part of the President’s Cultural Series, was among a number of events throughout the year celebrating Bryant’s 150th anniversary.

Dubbed “The Ambassador of the Great American Songbook,” Feinstein is considered one of the premier interpreters of American standards. His 200-plus shows a year have included performances at Carnegie Hall, Sydney Opera House, and the Hollywood Bowl, as well as the White House and Buckingham Palace.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS
This year, Bryant welcomed seven members to the Bryant Board of Trustees. Each trustee will serve a three-year term. They are:

- Corey Durling '75, Owner, Quick Chek Food Stores, Whitehouse, NJ (Board member 2003-2012)
- F. Kurt Last '77 (BSBA); '78 (BSLE), Executive Vice President, Specialty Operations Division, WorkingBuildings, LLC, Atlanta, GA
- Robert Mead '73, President (Retired), Tyco Engineered Products and Services, RI and FL (Board member 2003-2012)
- Cheryl Merchant '12H, President & CEO, Hope Global
- Kristian P. Moor '81, P'17, Chairman and CEO (Retired), AIG, New York, NY (Parent of Jonathan Moor '17; Board member 2003-2012)
- Patricia O'Brien P'15, Associate Dean, Administration and Finance, Boston University School of Public Health. (Parent of Gabriella Badaracco '15)
- Raquel Cordeiro '13, Sales Associate Program, EMC Corporation, Franklin, MA

WOMEN’S SUMMIT® 2014
The date of the 17th annual Women’s Summit® is Friday, March 14, 2014, with the theme “Be the CEO of Your Life!” Mark your calendar now for this conference, chaired by Kati Machtley, which sells out early each year. Registration will begin January 22, 2014.

TOWN-GOWN NEGOTIATIONS
With increased financial pressures on municipalities across the country, as well as on places of higher learning, town-versus-gown squabbles over PILOT payments—an acronym for payments in lieu of taxes—are increasingly common and often contentious, according to The New York Times, which, along with The Wall Street Journal, has reported on the new law that will require Bryant to negotiate a payment for services with the Town of Smithfield. The University believes the legislation is unjust and unconstitutional, and cites the important role Bryant already plays in the town’s economy.

While challenging this legislation in court remains an option, it is Bryant’s hope to avoid the expense of litigation. President Ronald K. Machtley has designated a group of senior staff members as a negotiating team to represent the University in order to reach an equitable agreement with Smithfield. To learn more, visit www.bryant.edu/Smithfield.

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**TOGETHER AGAIN**

Tim O’Shea, entering his sixth season as head men’s basketball coach, has hired 61-year-old Al Skinner as his newest associate head coach, joining fellow associate Happy Dobbs.

Skinner and O’Shea first worked together at the University of Rhode Island, where O’Shea was Skinner’s assistant from 1988 to 1997. The two were credited with recruiting the historic URI class that brought the Rams into NCAA Division I and qualified for the College Basketball Invitationals (CBI) in their first year of D-I championship eligibility.

“The real beneficiaries are going to be our student-athletes,” O’Shea said. “Our program has been gaining momentum since we started the move to Division I, and bringing someone of Al’s stature on board only adds to that.”

This past winter, Bryant won 19 games—a new school record in Division I—and qualified for the NCAA Tournament bid in its first year of D-I championship eligibility.

**HALL OF FAME WELCOMES 10 NEW MEMBERS**

Around the turn of the century, Bryant University added four new varsity sports. The addition of football and field hockey in 1999, followed by men’s lacrosse in 2000 and women’s lacrosse in the spring of 2002, were all part of the New Century Plan for Excellence put forth by President Ronald K. Machtley. This fall, five former student-athletes representing each of those new sports programs were among the 10 individuals inducted into the Bryant University’s Athletic Hall of Fame.

**STUDENT-ATHLETES HONORED**

**Kevin Brown ’13** (Northborough, MA), named NEC Player of the Year, also earned a 2013 NEC Scholar-Athlete award in baseball. A total of 74 student-athletes from Bryant were named to the NEC Spring 2013 Academic Honor Roll and an additional eight were named to the Commissioner’s Honor Roll.

**Hall of Fame Inductee Bill Conaty ’67 (center) with Wall of Fame contributor Jeff Doppelt ’73 (left) and Athletic Director Bill Smith**

**FULL STEAM AHEAD**

Bryant’s softball team finished this past spring 21-22 overall and 10-10 in the NEC, but won seven of their final nine games, including seven in a row between mid-April and early May, and finished the final month of the season with an impressive 14-7 record.

Three players helped lead the surge—shortstop Aubrey Mable ’14 (Aurora, CO), outfielder Lauren Guy ’14 (La Habra, CA) and freshman/designated player Elle Madsen (Wheat Ridge, CO), each of whom earned First Team All-NEC honors.
and 6–3 in conference to earn its first trip to the NEC Tournament, where it knocked off No. 2 seed Central Connecticut before ultimately losing to top-seeded Monmouth in the championship game.

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Led by NEC Rookie of the Year Kyle Buschmann ’16 (East Haddam, CT), Bryant’s golf team earned Top 5 finishes in each of five spring tournaments, including a win over Duke University at the Prisco Boulet Shootout in Rumford, RI. The fall season got off to a flying start with the Bulldogs winning the season-opening tournament, the Blue Devils Invitational. Buschmann carded a two-under 68 in the final round to pace the Bulldogs.

HOLDING COURT

Bryant’s men’s tennis team fought tooth and nail with conference powerhouse Fairleigh Dickinson in a remarkable run to the NEC Finals. After finishing the regular season 14–10 overall and an unprecedented 6–0 in conference play—the best finish in school history since the transition to D-I—the Bulldogs rolled past Saint Francis and Mount St. Mary’s in the conference quarterfinals, before reuniting with Fairleigh Dickinson in the championship. Bryant beat the Knights, 4–3, during the regular season, but Fairleigh Dickinson got revenge with a 4–3 win in the finals despite losing the vital opening doubles point to Bryant. Six Bulldogs earned All-NEC honors, led by conference Rookie of the Year Max Vogt ’16 (Fair Oaks, CA) and Ron Gendron, who earned the NEC Coach of the Year award.

PAWSOX HONOR

BRYANT’S 150TH

Alumni and the Bryant community celebrated Bryant’s 150th birthday at McCoy Stadium with a barbecue during a Pawtucket Red Sox game in August. President Ronald K. Machtley accepted a “What’s Right about Rhode Island” award from the PawSox during a ceremony on the mound.

A SEASON OF FIRSTS

The women’s lacrosse program made tremendous strides this past spring. Led by midfielder Lisa Vendel ’14 (Sandy Hook, CT), who put together one of the best seasons in school history, Bryant finished 10–8 overall and 6–3 in conference to earn its first trip to the NEC Tournament, where it knocked off No. 2 seed Central Connecticut before ultimately losing to top-seeded Monmouth in the championship game.

Basketball and volleyball team members gather on the gym’s new flooring—a gift from Michael E. ’67 and Karen Fisher.
SPOTLIGHT ON
STUDENTS

Bryant students participate in a myriad of learning experiences that reach far beyond campus.

DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT
President Ronald K. Machtley honored Kayleigh Ballantyne '14 with this year’s Bryant University Distinguished Character Award at Convocation.

“There’s another type of courage,” President Machtley told the first-year students, “and that’s when you respond to something that’s involuntary, something that happens unexpectedly.”

During the summer, Ballantyne, a member of Bryant’s field hockey team, was attacked in South Boston, MA. She successfully fended off her assailant though she sustained injuries. Machtley said Ballantyne “showed extraordinary courage. . . . [She] was truly a heroine.”

In the student newspaper, The Archway, Ballantyne wrote: “My favorite part about Bryant is the people that surround you every single day and the amount of comfort that one has being on this campus,” she said, crediting Bryant’s Department of Public Safety and her “25 sisters” on the field hockey team with making her feel safe.

SASS SPEAKER
The Student Arts & Speaker Series featured Shawn Johnson, retired American artistic gymnast, on Sept. 17.

At the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Johnson helped establish the United States as one of the most talented gymnastic teams in the world, winning the individual gold medal in the balance beam, and three silver medals in the individual all-around, floor exercise, and team categories.

LEAVING A GLOBAL LEGACY
The class of 2013’s class gift established quite a legacy at Bryant—a $40,000 endowed scholarship for study abroad.

But what was most remarkable was a record-breaking participation level of 57 percent—the highest in Bryant’s 150-year history.

The class already has a goal to raise another $10,000 within the next four years to complete the endowment. At the five-year class reunion in 2018, they plan to announce the first student recipient of the class’s endowed scholarship. The study abroad scholarship will be awarded to students who have financial need.

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and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Endowed scholarships are an enduring gift because members of the class can donate now, in five years, and/or in 50 years.

“The legacy of each class is their echo throughout Bryant’s history. It is that special something left behind that represents each club, organization, sport, memory, and friendship that was created during their Bryant career. This year’s graduating class is well on its way to leaving its mark that will never be forgotten,” stated The Archway student newspaper.

DANCING WITH DRAGONS
Bryant’s Dragon Dance Team added to its collection of awards by placing third and winning one of three “Most Popular Team” awards at the Kunshan Lujia International Dragon Dance Competition, held Sept. 7 and 8 in China.

This was the team’s second international competition. In 2011, they traveled to Shanghai for the World Dragon and Lion Dance Competition, placing third. As was the case then, the Bryant team was the sole North American team in the tournament, held in Kunshan, about 30 minutes outside Shanghai.

URBAN CAMPING
While 100 percent of Bryant students participate in service-learning projects as part of their curriculum, some go above and beyond the call of duty.

James Toomey ’14 was part of the team that helped bring to life Rhode Island’s first urban campground in Woonsocket this summer. The campground is located near the Blackstone River at River Island Community Park, which includes a footbridge leading to a small island.

“We saw the island campground as a perfect example of sustainable tourism,” Toomey told Providence Business News.

Established in September 2009, Bryant’s Dragon Dance Team combines athleticism and artistry to bring serpentine life to a 54-foot-long tube of fabric that trails a highly decorative dragon head. The team has performed throughout New England since October 2009.

Watch the video: http://www.bryant.edu/news/university-news/story.htm?id=5621
At the Sept. 4 Convocation ceremony, Bryant officially welcomed its 154th class. The Class of 2017 joined a student body that hails from 33 states and 85 countries.

The plenary speaker was Pietra Rivoli, Ph.D., professor of finance and international business at Georgetown University and author of the award-winning book *The Travels of a T-shirt in a Global Economy*. The book was required reading as part of Bryant’s First-Year Gateway experience. In her talk, Rivoli stressed the importance of balance, particularly relating to questions of economics and ethics.

The 894 first-year students represent one of the largest and most highly qualified groups in the University’s history. Ninety-five transfer students also became part of the Bryant family this fall.

Among the entering class are:
- 20 class presidents
- 245 team captains
- A number of entrepreneurs
- A student who climbed Mount Kilimanjaro
- An author of two books

Nearly half of the class applied Early Action or Early Decision. In fact, the number of Early Action students is greater than the number of Regular Decision Students—testimony of their interest in attending Bryant.

More than 18 percent of first-year students are Exploratory students who have not yet decided upon a major. For these students, Bryant now offers MyPath@Bryant—a partnership between the award-winning Amica Center for Career Education and the Undergraduate Advising Office. MyPath provides resources and programming to assist Exploratory students in making decisions about majors and careers.

**CLASS OF 2017 PROFILE**

- Resident students: 95%
- Men: 57%
- Women: 43%
- Total number of incoming freshmen: 894
- International students: 8%
- Students who identify with African American, Latino American or Asian American backgrounds: 17%
- Average GPA: 3.4
- Average class rank: Top 25%
- Countries: 30

**TOP 5 COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN (BESIDES THE UNITED STATES)**

- India: 33
- China: 17
- Canada: 12
- Ghana: 9
- Venezuela: 7

Led by faculty and staff, the Class of 2017 processes to Convocation.
Bryant alumni are making an impact in their communities and organizations, and as active participants in University programs and events.

**PRESIDENT’S CUP 2013: PRESIDENT’S SCHOLARSHIP**

Each year the President’s Cup Golf Tournament takes place on the historic greens of the Newport Country Club, with alumni and friends hitting the links to reconnect and support the President’s Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are awarded to academically talented students.

This year, the event drew 200 golfers and volunteers, and raised a record $127,000 for Presidential Scholarships—the fourth consecutive year of raising more than $103,000. Since its inception, the annual outing has raised $865,000 toward scholarships for academically talented students.

As part of Bryant’s 150th anniversary celebration, several prizes were added. Buick and BMW cars were offered as part of the hole-in-one competition. A Super Raffle raised an additional $7,350. Golfers could also “buy a drive” from members of the Bryant golf team. The event continued into the evening with a post-tournament reception, and silent and live auctions. More than 150 sponsors contributed to the success of the tournament through auction.

On the lawn of the building at One Young Orchard Avenue on Providence’s East Side, Bryant alumni representing class years 1949 to 2009 gathered in September to celebrate Bryant’s 150th anniversary. For those who graduated earlier than 1971, the location held extra significance—it was the site of their old Bryant campus, specifically, South Hall, the main classroom building. The festivities continued with a special WaterFire Providence, sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations and the U.S.-China Institute at Bryant, featuring 150 Bryant alumni, faculty, students, and staff as torch bearers.

Read more at www.bryant.edu/150.

**ALUMNI CELEBRATE BRYANT AT 150**

**ALUMNI/STUDENT CAREER LINK**

The Alumni/Student Career Link is an online directory of Bryant alumni volunteers willing to assist students and alumni with their career exploration process. This is a collaborative effort between the Amica Center for Career Education and the Alumni Relations Office.

Alumni volunteers can go to career.bryant.edu for more information or to change or update their preferences regarding how they wish to assist students and alumni.

**BRYANT ALUMNI NAMED TO “40 UNDER 40” LIST**

Providence Business News recently named four Bryant alumni to the 2013 class of “40 Under 40” winners.

They are: Thomas Kiley ’97, CPA, president and owner, Kiley and Co., an accounting and leadership coaching company, and director of tax training, 20-20 Services, LLC; Thomas Lopatosky ’98, president, LOPCO Contracting, a painting, construction, and restoration company; Damien Cabral ’05, vice president and partner, TribalVision, an outsourced
experience—the opportunity for students to immediately apply what they’ve learned in the classroom to real-world situations—with entrepreneurship to produce Bryant Ventures. Although it’s an experiential component of the entrepreneurship program, Bryant Ventures is open to all students, regardless of major.

What sets this organization apart from others that act as incubators for entrepreneurial ideas is that Bryant Ventures offers the guidance of dedicated faculty to assist the teams, as well as many veteran mentors—many of whom are Bryant alumni. This mix of professionals provides students with diverse advice and feedback grounded in years of experience. It is also common for past teams to provide advice and support when possible, helping fellow students get on the right track.

A Winning Start-up

Among Bryant Ventures past teams is Gredio, a web application for food businesses that bring in less than $1 million in revenue. The app helps them better manage inventory, control finances, and maintain lot tracking for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Gredio was founded by Michael Adams ’10 of Essex, VT. Throughout Adams’ time at Bryant, he ran an energy bar company from his dorm room, selling his bars at The Scoop in what was then the Bryant Center. After graduation, Adams launched Green Mountain Mustard. Running the mustard company, he realized there was no software to help him manage the business. Adams found a technical co-founder to build Gredio in January 2013. Gredio recently won the first-annual LaunchVT business plan competition and was awarded $20,000 in cash and $47,000 in in-kind donations from area businesses. “We’re ultimately looking to become the all-in-one software solution for small food producers,” says Adams, who stays in contact with several Bryant professors.

For more information, contact Potter at spotter@bryant.edu or visit the Bryant Ventures website at http://bryantventures.org.

BRYANT VENTURES OFFERS STUDENTS ALUMNI GUIDANCE

From an intensive two-course seminar in the 1980s to its current status as a full program in the College of Business, Entrepreneurship has long been a path to success. Sandra Potter ’76 MBA, Ph.D., the program director, has combined a hallmark of the Bryant marketing department and non-traditional ad agency; and Tyler Ray ’09 MBA, attorney, Duffy & Sweeney. The awards honor 40 Rhode Islanders under the age of 40 who excel in their fields and in their communities. Nominated by their peers/staff, the nominees are evaluated using three criteria: career accomplishments, professional expertise, and community and charitable involvement.

Throughout Reunion @ Homecoming, alumni reacquainted themselves with a campus that has grown and transformed since their student days. “Nearly 30 years ago, I was struck by the beauty of the Rotunda,” said Tony Cohutt ’88 (Saco, ME). “The Mike ’67 and Karen Fisher Student Center is one more example of how Bryant has consistently found a way to combine cutting-edge design with functionality on campus.”

Some Reunion @ Homecoming Highlights:

• Alumni from the Classes of 1938 to 2004 attended the Loyal Guard Luncheon and Induction Ceremony for the Class of 1963.
• Alumni Reunion Golf Outing and the Rob McGee ’88 Memorial Golf Outing
• Sesquicentennial Gala at Rosecliff mansion in Newport, RI.
• Class of 2008 gift dedication
• Read more at bryant.edu/150.

Thomas Kiley ’97

Damien Cabral ’05

Tyler Ray ’09 MBA

Sandra Potter ’76 MBA, Ph.D.

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CELEBRATING REUNION @ HOMECOMING 2013
1956
JANET (FURTADO) LEBEL, of Fall River, MA, retired as a congressional aide in the Fall River Office of U.S. Senator John F. Kerry when Kerry was appointed United States Secretary of State. She served in that post for more than 15 years after her first retirement in 1996, as office manager for the International Ladies’ Garment Workers’ Union, Southern New England District.

1962
DAVID STERLING, of Granby, CT, was part of the class of 1962 inducted into the Risk Management Hall of Fame. He joined the Hartford Financial Services Group in 1964 after serving two years in the U.S. Army. He retired from The Hartford after 42 years, most recently serving as assistant vice president and senior risk manager. He is considered a pioneer for implementing one of the first employment practices liability insurance programs in the insurance industry.

1976
STEVEN BOKOFF, CPA, of Norwich, CT, has been named a director at Dime Bank. He is managing partner of the certified public accounting firm Goldblatt Bokoff LLC and Thames Financial Management. He has been a corporator at Dime Bank since 1995. He is a corporator and chair of the investment committee at Norwich Free Academy, and a member of the planned giving advisory council steering committee at William W. Backus Hospital.

1977
J. THOMAS GENSCH, of Toms River, NJ, was named president of Quipa US, the new North American segment of Quipa, a software company headquartered in Sydney, Australia, that delivers new and revolutionary technologies for secure network connectivity. He has more than 25 years of enterprise software company experience. He previously served as chief risk officer for MuseGlobal, where he collaborated with agencies such as the Department of Homeland Security, the FBI, and the Department of Justice.

1979
GARY DELLAPOSTA, CPA, of East Falmouth, MA, has joined The Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod’s board of directors. He founded his own firm, Gary M. DellaPosta CPA in 1982 and focuses on small business accounting and income tax preparation for companies with $200,000 to $80 million in annual revenues. He has been a corporator at The Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod since 2012.

1980
E. JEFFREY HUTCHINSON, of Ashaway, RI, was awarded his doctorate in computing from Pace University. He currently serves as the global chief information officer for Toronto-based Maple Leaf Foods.

1981
LARRY CONDON, of Stratford, CT, has been named administrator of the Jewish Home for the Elderly in Fairfield, CT. He brings 25 years of experience providing care and support for seniors. He most recently served as the district director of operations for a large proprietary chain of nursing homes in Connecticut. He has a long-term care certificate from the University of Connecticut.

MICHAEL TEDONE, CPA, PFS, of Wethersfield, CT, was named a partner at Connecticut Wealth Management, the largest independent financial planning firm in the Greater Hartford, CT, area. He previously served as a vice president and managing director of Filomeno Wealth Management.

1982
ANNE (LAFERRIERE) CIRESI, of Johnston, RI, has been named assistant vice president and manager of claims processing services at FM Global. She joined the company in 1989 as an administrative assistant claims secretary and has held a number of positions of increasing responsibility.

FRED COLSON, of Mancos, CO, was named senior director at Axis Health System, a community mental health organization in southwest Colorado. The company’s model, which combines primary healthcare and mental services, is the subject of a groundbreaking paper soon to be published by the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare. He most recently served as the CFO of the Forman School, a coeducational college preparatory boarding and day school for students with dyslexia, ADHD, and learning differences, in Litchfield, CT.

1983
J. ALBERT HANFORD, of Center Sandwich, NH, has been awarded a Career Achievement Award from New Bedford Vocational High School. He served in the Navy as an interior communications electrician, worked for the former New England Telephone Company, and was a licensed private detective in Rhode Island and New Hampshire. His book The Dawn’s Early Light, a science fiction fantasy novel, was published in 2007. Hanford received his A.S. in Computer Information Systems in 1981, his B.S. in Criminal Justice in 1982, and his B.S. in Computer Information Systems in 1983.

1984
BRIAN HOYT, of Lancaster, OH, a business management professor at the Ohio University Lancaster campus, was selected as a Presidential Teacher Award winner for 2013. Selection was based on excellence in teaching and meritorious academic pursuits both inside and outside the classroom, as acknowledged by peers and students. He holds the title of Presidential Teacher for three years and receives $5,000 annually. He was nominated by a student, an anonymous individual, and an Ohio University alumnus.

DEBRA (FAGNANT) PAUL, MBA, CPA, of Cumberland, RI, has been named president and CEO of Fellowship Health Resources, a nonprofit behavioral healthcare agency that provides clinical and supportive services to persons recovering from mental illness, addiction disorders, and other life challenges. She joined the agency in 2012 as its CFO. She was previously the CFO of Women and Infants Hospital, and senior audit manager at KPMG.

1985
E. ELIZABETH “BETH” CARTER, of Warren, RI, received her Professional Motivational Analyst certification. She is the founder of Beth Carter Enterprises, which provides professional coaching, motivational speaking, seminars, and executive search services. She recently opened a second office in Warren, RI, in addition to her Fairfield, CT, location.
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KIM GIFFORD, of Danbury, CT, a Realtor for Coldwell Banker for 10 years, was featured on an episode of TLC’s My First Home. The episode, called “Picky, Prepared, and Perplexed,” aired in May.

1986
KRISTINE (KNOWLES) DONNELLY, of Lakeville, MA, has been named administrator of the Hannah B. Griffith Shaw Home for the Aged in Middleborough, MA. She first joined the facility in 1991 as an outside consultant and was appointed controller in 2008. She received her nursing home administrator’s license in 2010. She also serves on the finance committee of LeadingAge Massachusetts and is a member of the American College of Healthcare Administrators.

JOHN FRANZONI, of North Adams, MA, was named principal of Brayton Elementary School in North Adams. He previously served as assistant principal and dean of students at Greylock and Sullivan elementary schools in North Adams. He has been head coach of the Drury High School girls basketball team since 2002. He has a master’s degree in education, specializing in curriculum and teaching, from Fitchburg (MA) State University.

1987
TODD LASHER, of Cheshire, CT, was named vice president and general manager of channel business at ShopKeep POS, a leading tablet-based point-of-sale system. He brings more than 20 years of experience leading strategic partnerships in the financial services industry. Most recently, he was vice president of business development at First Data. He has also held senior positions at Money Network, American Payment Systems, and General Electric.

DAVID MCMANUS, of Northport, NY, has been named general manager of the Fortuna Realty Group’s new 122-bed luxury hotel in SoHo scheduled to open in late 2013. He has more than 20 years of experience in all facets of the hospitality industry, most recently serving as the general manager of the Empire Hotel, a four-star property in New York City.

1988
AMY (MCFARLAND) ROLLINS, of Lincolnville, ME, has been appointed to serve a two-year term on the Maine Bankers Association Leadership Council as the marketing/communications chair. She is assistant vice president and director of marketing at First National Bank, Maine’s third-largest community bank.

1989
KAREN (GAUDREAUL) BALCH, of Narragansett, RI, has been named vice president and regional manager of Navigant Credit Union’s daily branch operations in Woonsocket, the Greenville section of Smithfield, and Glocester. She joined the credit union in 2009.

BRENDA (LAVIGNE) BURDICK, of Adams, MA, was appointed chairwoman for the Berkshire United Way’s Board of Directors. She is the senior manager of marketing and public relations for General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems. She has served on the Berkshire United Way’s board since 2009.

CELESTE (HARPIN) CLANCY, of Valrico, FL, was named a member of the Million Dollar Round Table, the premier association of financial professionals. Members are required to adhere to a strict code of ethics, focus on providing top-notch client service, and must continue to grow professionally through involvement in at least one other industry association. She is a financial professional at Romero Insurance and Financial Services.

JONATHAN DUNCKLEE, of Mystic, CT, announced that his family’s company, Duncklee Cooling and Heating in Stonington, CT, celebrated its 40th anniversary this summer. The company was started by his father. At the anniversary celebration in June, the First Selectman of Stonington proclaimed the day to be “Les and Jonathan Duncklee Day.” Earlier this year, Duncklee was named Employer of the Year by the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce.

1990
MICHAEL JONES, of Ipswich, MA, was profiled in the Boston Business Journal and shared his goals as president and CEO of the Institution for Savings in Newburyport, MA. He became one of the youngest bank executives in Massachusetts when he was named president and CEO of Ipswich Cooperative Bank 11 years ago.

1992
JOHN SOUZA, MBA, of Tiverton, RI, was named to the board of directors of the Fall River (MA) Municipal Credit Union. An instructor of criminal justice at Bristol Community College, he served as police chief in Fall River from 2001 until his retirement in 2010. He also holds a J.D. from the New England School of Law. He previously served as a police officer for the Fall River Police Department, and was an attorney-at-law with Gunner and Gunner.
1994
SCOTT SWENOR, CPA, of Manchester, VT, has been appointed to the board of trustees of Burr and Burton Academy, an independent high school in Manchester, VT. He is the chief financial officer for Manchester Capital Management and has more than 20 years of accounting and finance experience.

1995
BETH (MURPHY) KOVACS, of Milton, MA, was named to the newly created position of vice president of organizational and leadership development at Coverys, one of the top 10 medical professional liability insurance providers in the country. She previously served as a senior consultant with Ignite, a Boston-based training, development and consulting firm. She has been working with Coverys as an external consultant since 2007, and has more than 15 years of industry experience.

1996
FARAZ SATTAR, of San Ramon, CA, has launched Accretive Wealth Management. He has more than 17 years of experience in a variety of roles, including as an equity analyst at Montgomery Asset Management. He was the youngest CFO at San Francisco-based Contango Capital Advisors.

TIMOTHY SKWIO, of Windham, NH, a financial planner with Prudential Financial Services, has qualified for membership in the Million Dollar Round Table, one of the life insurance industry’s most prestigious organizations. Membership is based on excellence in customer sales and service, and only a small percentage of life insurance and financial services professionals qualify each year.

1999
DAWN (COX) PATTERSON ’01 M.S.A., CPA, of Methuen, MA, was promoted to audit manager at Rodman & Rodman, P.C., an independent accounting and tax firm with a specialty practice in clean technology and renewable energy. She oversees a variety of compliance matters for both profit and nonprofit clients. She has worked at Rodman & Rodman for 11 years.

2000
TOV BIRKE-HAUEISEN, of Darien, CT, has joined PwC as a tax partner in the firm’s state and local tax practice in New York. He has more than a decade of experience working primarily in the income and franchise tax arena, most recently at Ernst and Young. He has an MBA from the University of Connecticut and a law degree from Concord Law School.

OSCAR “TIM” HEBERT, of West Greenwich, RI, was nominated by Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Chafee to the board of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation. He is president and CEO of Warwick-based Atrion Networking Corporation, a leading information technology service provider.

GEOFFREY JAROK, of Lowell, MA, published his first novel, Cubicle Envy. The story is a dark satire about office life during the recent recession. When frustration bubbles over at a mega-corporation, the accountants take it upon themselves to carry out a fraudulent scheme to help out all of the employees. It is available for download on all major e-readers, including Nook, Kindle, and iPad.

EARL JONES JR., of Cambria Heights, NY, received a Master of Divinity degree from the Princeton Theological Seminary. At commencement, he was awarded the school’s David Allan Weardon Award in Sacred Music.

2001
STEVEN BUCCIGROSS, CPA, of East Weymouth, MA, has been named a partner at Feeley & Driscoll, P.C. He has worked in the accounting industry for more than 12 years. Currently pursuing a master’s degree in taxation at Bentley University, he is a member of the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

2002
THOMAS DEARNLEY, CPA, of Boston, MA, was named a partner at Feeley & Driscoll, P.C. He has more than 11 years of experience in public accounting and is pursuing a master’s degree in taxation and an MBA at Bentley University. He is a member of the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

2003
MICHAEL GAMBLE, of Safety Harbor, FL, has been promoted to corporate vice president of sales, forecasting, and analytics at New York Life Direct located in Tampa. He has been with New York Life Direct since graduating. He completed two internships with the company while a student.

NISLO GALVAO, of Braintree, MA, announced that more than 400 Boston public high school students have participated in programs organized by his nonprofit organization, Early Investors, a volunteer-staffed initiative aimed at preparing the next generation to better manage its finances. The organization, which was founded in 2010, was recently featured in The Boston Globe.

JAMES NICHOLAS, of Waterford, CT, was named Marketer of the Year by the marketing-tactics firm Glazer-Kennedy Insider’s Circle. He is the owner of Jimmy Marketing, the website-design and video-production company he started as a teenager.

2004
JOANNE (HALLAK) BAZ, of North Providence, RI, has been named vice president and regional manager of Navigant Credit Union’s daily branch operations in Smithfield, Lincoln, and Pawtucket. She joined the credit union in 2000.

JESZUA ZAPATA, of Cranston, RI, has been named the 2013 Rhode Island Small Business Administration’s Young Entrepreneur of the Year. He is CEO of Xito Creative Solutions, a full-service online marketing agency that he founded in 2004. The firm has collaborated with more than 300 clients, ranging from emerging start-ups to Fortune 500 companies. The award is based on the company’s financial track record, demonstrated success, and potential for future growth.

2005
ALICIA (ROBBINS) CHEVALIER, CPA, of Stoughton, MA, has been named a partner at Feeley & Driscoll, P.C. She has been with the firm for more than seven years and is pursuing an MBA at Northeastern University. She is a member of the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

JON FEINMAN, of Cambridge, MA, was featured in the Boston Globe and on ESPN’s “SportsCenter” and “Outside the Lines” for an organization he started, InnerCity Weightlifting in Dorchester, MA, which helps former gang members get their lives on track. A former soccer standout, he founded the initiative in 2009.

2006
JENNY BALDASSARRE, of South Weymouth, MA, has been named executive director of The Oaks, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center in New Bedford, MA. She began her career in long-term care as an administrator in training at Life Care Center of West Bridgewater, MA. She also served as executive director at Life Care Center of Leominster, MA, for two years before joining Golden Living, where she oversaw facilities in Plymouth and Chestnut Hill, MA.
IN MEMORIAM

SANDRA CANO, of Pawtucket, RI, served as an interpreter at a Young Women’s International Training Institute that took place in Bangkok, Thailand, in May. She is a member of the board of directors of YWCA Rhode Island and is a business and community development officer at Navigant Credit Union.

TIM DUFFANY, CFP, of Boston, MA, co-founded Single Point Partners, a registered investment advisor, in Boston, MA. The firm serves as a primary point of contact providing counsel, planning, strategies, implementation, and service for clients’ financial affairs. He previously was a financial services representative at Baystate Financial Services and an associate at the Boston Partners Financial Group.

2008

DAVE CRANSHAW, MBA, received the Young Alumni Award from Rhode Island College, where he earned his bachelor’s degree. He is assistant director of university communication at the University of New Haven.

2010

STEPHANIE BARONE, CPA, of Cheshire, CT, has been appointed to the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants’ advisory council for the organization’s 2013-2014 activity year. She is a staff accountant for ESPN in Bristol.

JOHN NEIL of Scituate, Mass., has joined Hill & Partners, a full-service team of branded environment specialists. As associate project manager, he assists with sourcing, coordinating to design and production, coordinating various exhibitor services, and overseeing the installation and dismantling of exhibits at trade shows. He previously worked as a fleet coordinator at the BMW Gallery.

2011

JARROD GIBBONS, of Cambridge, MA, worked at Citizen Disability, LLC, a national disability law firm, as a legal intern for the summer of 2013. He is currently studying elder law, special needs, and estate planning at New England School of Law in Boston and will complete his degree in 2014.

JASON LAVALLEE, of Feeding Hills, MA, has been named an account executive of financial services at FieldEddy, a commercial insurance and employee benefits leader. He provides advanced planning strategies to help clients protect their assets and safely grow their wealth. He previously served as a financial services and investment advisor representative at MetLife. He has Life and Health Licenses and Series 6 and 63 designations.

LAUREN MCCLURE of Kingston, Jamaica, has helped launch Blast, an online platform that allows subscribers to get discounts on goods and services available in Jamaica. She also launched Go Viral, which offers social media and marketing tools for businesses in her home country.

2012

EVAN BARTLETT, of Brookfield, IL, has been selected as a project coordinator for 2Seeds Network, a non-profit organization that supports small agricultural development projects in Africa. As a project coordinator, she will be living in rural Tanzania for a year to develop and build projects to assist farmers.

DANIEL ROOD of Nashua, NH, has joined BMW of Ridgefield (CT) as a client advisor. He supports customers interested in purchasing of new and used BMW vehicles.

ALYSSA SILVA, of Cumberland, RI, successfully urged officials at the Rhode Island State House to light the building’s recognizable dome to help raise awareness for Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a disease she has battled throughout her life. The dome was lit in green for 10 days in August. She has raised more than $78,000 for research dedicated to finding a cure for Spinal Muscular Atrophy. She is a contributing writer for The Huffington Post (online).

CHRISTIANO BARBOSA, a first-year student, died October 24 from injuries sustained when the vehicle in which he was riding with friends collided with a tree on the lower campus, below the former rugby fields. The other students were treated and released from the hospital. At a memorial service on campus on October 29, President Ronald K. Machtley presented Barbosa’s family with a Certificate of Academic Achievement, acknowledging that Christiano would always be part of our academic community and that it was a great achievement to have been a student at Bryant. The service was attended by a large number of his family and friends from his East Providence, RI, home, as well as his Bryant men’s volleyball teammates and friends from Residence Hall 17.

GERALD F. CERCÉ ’69, a former member of the Bryant Board of Trustees, died April 2, 2013, at age 65. After graduating from Bryant, he purchased Femic Inc., a small costume jewelry company. Under his leadership and through numerous acquisitions, including the purchase of Foster Grant, Femic grew to a company doing more than $250 million in sales. In 1996, he and his partners sold a portion of their company to a private equity firm, and sold the balance of their interests in 2002. Cercé, along with two partners, formed Management Capital, a private equity firm, to invest in small businesses. He was a founding member of Cherrystone Angel Group, a Rhode Island-based company that provides seed money to help entrepreneurs get their ideas off the ground, and served as chairman from 2005-2008.

JOHN F. JOLLEY, a professor of history and social sciences for 34 years, died on February 20, 2013, at age 72. Among many honors, he received the Distinguished Faculty Award in 1987 and was chosen many times as Professor of the Year by his students. He frequently taught SOC 351-Contemporary Social Problems, and brought special meaning to the course by inviting guest speakers including people who were homeless, alcoholics, drugs addicts, prostitutes, and convicts. He earned a bachelor’s degree in history from Mississippi State University and was awarded a fellowship to the University of Nebraska, where he obtained advanced degrees in ancient and medieval history, as well as sociology.

CLARISSA M. PATTERSON ’53, ’86 MBA, died September 30, 2013, at age 81. A faculty member from 1975 to 1993, she served as department chair and as dean of faculty—the first woman at Bryant to become a college-wide administrator. As acting vice president for academic affairs in 1978, she was instrumental in setting up a department for instruction in computer use that was separate from the management department. The new department, Systems Management—offered a major that became popular with students within a few years. Committed to affirmative action, Patterson worked to bring qualified female faculty to Bryant. Her education included a second master’s degree and an Ed.D.
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March 19, 2013

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May 3, 2013

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May 7, 2013

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July 13, 2013

BARBARA (ELDRIDGE) EMERY ’40
May 16, 2013

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April 3, 2013

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May 23, 2013

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March 19, 2013

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June 8, 2013

EUGENE F. SPAGNOLO ’48
May 5, 2013

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May 19, 2013

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April 22, 2013

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January 31, 2013

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May 26, 2013

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FRED J. SOLTYS ’49
August 11, 2013

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May 30, 2013

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June 30, 2013

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May 26, 2012

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July 19, 2013

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April 6, 2013

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June 19, 2013

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June 8, 2013

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April 24, 2013

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LESLEI L. ROBERTS ’56
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April 16, 2013

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May 24, 2013

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April 14, 2013

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May 30, 2013

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June 4, 2012

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July 7, 2013

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January 20, 2013

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April 10, 2013

JAMES H. WILKINSON ’67
April 6, 2013

DALE R. COLLETT ’68
May 27, 2013

WILLIAM G. ARNDT ’69
May 20, 2013

ROBERT T. LIZOTTE ’69
April 1, 2013

FRANK H. PAYNE ’71
May 18, 2013

VINCENT GESUALDI ’72
April 28, 2013

RICHARD A. LEFEVRE ’72
August 9, 2013

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July 2, 2013

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March 1, 2013

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April 24, 2013

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April 23, 2013

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April 6, 2013

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July 9, 2013

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July 9, 2013

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