Alumni Achievement Award recipients honored

Bryant University’s Office of Alumni Engagement recognized seven recipients of Alumni Achievement Awards for excellence on March 28, 2014. Although more than last year’s number of recipients, Director of Alumni Engagement Robin Torbron Warde says, “Really, there is no ‘right’ number of awards – especially with the strong pool of outstanding Bryant alumni. With so many highly qualified nominees, it seemed fitting to honor them all this year.”

The secret to a successful nomination lies in being engaged with Bryant. “While distinguished careers are an important consideration, alumni who have stayed involved with Bryant today or are very willing to reengage with students, faculty, and other alumni in some capacity are usually pulled to the top of the list,” says Warde.

This year’s awards recipients are:

The Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Diane A. Kazarian ’83, CPA, CA (Toronto, Canada), senior partner and the National Financial Services Leader for PwC Canada, a job that includes banking and capital markets, insurance, asset management, private equity, and real estate businesses of the firm. She was recently named to the Women’s Executive Network’s 2013 Canada’s Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Awards. Kazarian says, “The relationship-building skills I learned early in my childhood and further developed at Bryant are the key to my success.”

David N. Ricchiute ’70, DBA (Granger, IN), Deloitte Professor of Accountancy, University of Notre Dame, received the Distinguished Alumni Award. Three-time recipient of the Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher of the Year and two-time recipient of the Master of Science in Accountancy Outstanding Teacher of the Year awards through Notre Dame’s Menlo College of Business, Ricchiute says, “Bryant awakened me to a professional career that became my life’s work, and exposed me to teachers who were as good as any I’ve witnessed since.”

Receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Graduate School of Business was Joseph R. Beretta ’78 MBA (Lincoln, RI), president and Chief Financial Officer of Robinson Green Beretta (RGB), one of Rhode Island’s most prestigious architectural, engineering, and interior design firms. He credits his success to the credo he lives by, “Always be honest with everyone in your business and professional life, and stay close to your family.”

Honored for her active alumni volunteer participation with a Nelson J. Galski Service Award was Carol (Carlson) Shibley ’73 (Coventry, RI), sales manager, Providence Biltmore. She has

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These entrepreneurs are all winners

Miguel Dominguez ’10, senior marketing manager at Trufoods, won the $20,000 first-place prize in Bryant’s New Venture Competition for Clique, his latest business endeavor.

The University’s version of “Shark Tank,” which drew 25 entries, is designed to spotlight enterprising alumni and students and to support promising new ventures. This is the fourth year the Bryant competition is held by Bryant’s Office of Alumni Engagement in coordination with the University’s Entrepreneurship Program.

On March 28, the six finalists made their pitches to a panel of alumni judges, all of whom are successful entrepreneurs. The winners were announced during the 2014 Alumni Achievement Awards Dinner that evening.

“This year we had some of the best entries we’ve ever seen,” said Brian Cowley ’82, CEO of CompareNetworks, Inc. One of Bryant’s most accomplished entrepreneurial alumni, and a competition sponsor and judge from the start, Cowley noted, “It was hard to pick a winner.

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Inaugural Alumni Engagement Day proves educational, informative

Alumni Engagement Day featured free panels and seminars presented by alumni experts in finance, marketing, and general business. The morning sessions addressed finance issues such as the impact of changing interest rates and the latest market trends.

What do rising interest rates at banks mean for investors? A panel of alumni discussed that topic with finance and business professionals, as well as students in the Archway Investment Fund classes.

Market trends

Thomas Tritzouris ‘99, director and head of fixed income research at Strategas Research Partners in Washington, D.C., moderated the panel on market trends.

“The Fed will be pulling back on the quantitative easing it’s been doing to help stabilize the economy,” he says. “I think what we’ll find is a volatile swing in equity and bond prices – a lot of down and eventually up in risk assets before asset prices eventually stabilize.”

“The bigger question is: Will companies then find any incentive to invest in themselves and if so, will banks have the appetite to lend for this business investment? If neither of these come to fruition, we have to ask is it because current regulations are making it undesirable for businesses to invest and impossible for banks to loan money?”

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New School of Health Sciences prepares Bryant students for emerging career opportunities

In business, healthcare is huge. There’s the supply side: Healthcare is the fastest-growing sector of the U.S. economy, employing over 18 million people. And there’s demand: Americans in 2012 spent a collective $2.8 trillion on healthcare, from hospital stays to prescription drugs.

Because healthcare makes such an impact on society and the economy, Bryant University is making a bold move into the sector. Under the strategic direction set by Bryant President Ronald K. Machlley, the University has announced a new School of Health Sciences.

“We leverage what we do well for emerging market needs,” says President Machlley. “That’s been the hallmark of our success for 150 years.”

Inaugural program: Physician Assistant Studies
A state-of-the-art addition to the Unistructure will house the School of Health Sciences’ inaugural program – the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies – which will train the next generation of physician assistants, or PAs, to serve on the primary healthcare team. A master’s degree in business administration with a healthcare concentration and a center for economic policy in healthcare will also be established.

PAs practice medicine under the direction of doctors, and take medical histories, conduct physical exams, prescribe medications, and perform other tasks done by doctors.

That’s why they’re in demand. Because PAs extend the medical care that doctors give, they make healthcare more accessible. They’re also uniquely qualified to offer preventive care and to care for the underserved – key goals of healthcare reform.

Currently in the process of accreditation, the PA program will begin accepting applications in April. The inaugural class will begin the program in January 2015.

For more information, go to: bryant.edu/earnthewhitecoat

Architect’s rendering of the patient examination lab, part of the addition to the Unistructure currently under construction.

architectural rendering courtesy of llb architects

Regional Alumni Network (RAN) and other alumni events

December 4 | New Haven, CT
Bryant Bulldogs vs. Yale Bulldogs
Jeff Swan ’85, Shawn Gale ’83, David Donahue ’84, and Adam Barkin ’85 enjoy a pre-game reception before cheering on Bryant to victory over Yale.

December 9 | South Bend, IN
Bryant Bulldogs vs. Notre Dame
Alumni from as far away as New Jersey catch up before rooting for the Bulldogs vs. Fighting Irish. Pictured (L-R) are David Pierce ’90, Kate Murphy, Denise (Martin) Murphy ’81, Lisa (Conde) Pierce ’91, Jay Weinberg ’85, Steve Tully ’94, Jeremy Blum ’95, Tiffany Garry ’08, Director of Athletic Communications Allie Crandall, Kimberly Cogswell ’09, Jake Chadwell, and Robin Warde P’17.
Robin Torbron Warde, she looks forward to helping plan recently connecting with Director of Alumni Engagement led her to pursue credentials in teaching English. in Literature course, which not only gave her a new started working on a novel. Gollnitz attributes part of her for writing. She has written a professional article and has 20 years. of Gollnitz has not met Bill Gollnitz ’82 MBA. When he missed a class, she had an excuse to call him. They've been married for introduced how to work with a team, a how to develop individual talents and raise people up in leadership, and how to organize and lead for the realization of a goal that is built around a vision,” she says. Gollnitz earned her Ph.D. in Education from Oakland University in Michigan. “My studies at Bryant taught me how to ask good questions about educational and institutional practices, and that skill became very important in my doctoral research.” She also says that Bryant helped her understand the importance of maintaining strong programs in business education in public high schools. It was during one of her final MBA classes that she met Bill Gollnitz ’82 MBA. When he missed a class, she had an excuse to call him. They’ve been married for 20 years. When she retired, Gollnitz hopes to pursue her passion for writing. She has written a professional article and has started working on a novel. Gollnitz attributes part of her interest in writing to Dr. Burt Fischmann’s ‘s New Directions in Literature course, which not only gave her a new perspective on reading and a love of literary analysis, but led her to pursue credentials in teaching English. Since leaving Rhode Island in 1982, Gollnitz has not had many opportunities to stay in touch with Bryant. After recently connecting with Director of Alumni Engagement Robin Thorburn Ward, she looks forward to helping plan an alumni event near Detroit.

Deborah-Lee (Dupointe) Gollnitz ’76, ’82 MBA K-12 curriculum coordinator, Birmingham, MI, school district

Jason Madson ’98 Photographer, teacher

When Jason Madson’s brother jokingly asked if he was taking photos of travel postcards while he and his wife were living in Dublin and traveling through Europe, something “clicked” for him. After 10 years not completely fulfilled on Wall Street – including work as an investment bank accountant at Goldman Sachs – the management graduate decided to start his own business. In 2000, he began working as a self-taught commercial, portrait, and fine art photographer. “I had to let it all go to realize and embrace my natural calling,” he says. “I hope my work brings peace into people’s homes and workplaces. It certainly has done that for me.”

Madson’s work has been juried at art festivals and featured in a solo-exhibition at the Northern Lights Gallery in Racine, WI, where he was a permanent gallery artist. He also crafts handmade wooden frames.

Online, he operates The Adelaide Gallery (Adelaide-Gallery.com), named after his Dublin address, where he was inspired to capture the beauty of the world around him. Madison says Bryant taught him how to pull together research and resources. He also uses skills learned during the Personal Selling elective class he took in his senior year as he approaches current and prospective clients.

While he keeps in touch with his Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity brothers, Madison would like to expand his network to connect with, and perhaps develop a separate online group of alumni working in the business or artistic side of creative industries, such as entertainment, media, public relations, and advertising companies.

“We [Bryant alumni] could benefit from talking shop with similar folks, sharing tips and techniques, and swapping client war stories. And, we all have different skills and might be able to help each other”

These days, Madison is located in the Bay Area, San Francisco, and in addition to continuing to operate his online gallery, he spends his days teaching 10-15-year-olds the “finer art” of reading, writing, and arithmetic – a vacation he is happy to have realized. “I LOVE it,” he says, “and I hope to continue next year.”

Kristin (Anderson) Fraser ’94, ’99 MBA

PKPM managing partner

Traveling around the world to counsel clients is standard operating procedure for Kristin (Anderson) Fraser ’94, ’99 MBA. Fraser, who has more than 19 years of audit experience, is now the managing partner of the Providence office of KPMG LLP, one of the world's largest professional services firms.

Admitted to partnership in 2006, she provides professional audit services to a diverse cohort of large multinational companies. A 2012 graduate of KPMG’s Lead Partner Academy, Fraser is a current member of the Partner Insight Committee.

Crediting Bryant for her solid accounting and business foundation, Fraser says that two graduate-level entrepreneurial classes “helped shape my understanding of the inherent challenges of startup businesses and what’s needed to succeed.” As such, she better understands the mindsets of all C-level executives, not just those with finance and accounting backgrounds.

Bryant’s appreciation of and respect for multicultural differences in business conduct and communication also helped her succeed in a field traditionally dominated by men, she says when speaking to students about her college experiences, as she did recently during Research and Engagement Day in April 2014. After earning her CPA, Fraser returned to Bryant as an evening student to complete her MBA, while working full-time at KPMG, a “Big Four” firm. The Rhode Island native and mother of one daughter was named a “40 Under 40” in 2005, “Business Women to Watch” in 2008, and “Financial Services Industry Leader” in 2012, all by Providence Business News.

A former board chair of Dorcas Place Family Literacy Center and former board member of the Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants, Fraser now sits on the boards of American Heart Association of Southern Rhode Island, the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement of Rhode Island, and the Providence Foundation. Her work with Dorcas Place earned her a KPMG Community Involvement National Award in 2004.

“We think your education provides you with your foundation, how you leverage and apply that knowledge will ultimately determine if you are successful,” she says.

View more pictures at www.bryant.edu/alumniphotos

December 11 | Smithfield, RI
Festival of Lights is a 37-year campus tradition for students, alumni, and their families that celebrates faith and diversity. Matt Moore ’09 attended with his mom Danielle and sister Lilly.

December 11 | Providence, RI
John Garcia ’02 and Alicia (Robbins) Chevalier ’05 were among the early risers attending our Bryant 2U Breakfast Series featuring Professor Mike Roberto.

December 11 | Columbus, OH
Bryant Bulldogs vs. Ohio State Buckeyes
Bryant alumni from the classes of 1963 through 2013 gathered in Columbus to network and cheer for Bryant against OSU. Pictured (L-R) are Brady Frey, Kimberly (Rekart) Frey ’05, Skip Whitney, Rose Farago, Stephen Howington ’03, Bryce Howington, Stanley Yankin ’63, Bill Sliomson ’62, Robin Ward P’13, Sandy (Blair) Redding ’73, Tom Redding, Sarah (Krabbe) Switzer ’13, Spencer Switzer ’12, Mike Kelly ’79, Will Stark P’15, and Connor Ruppert (front).
Letter from Dustin Goldstein ’95, NAC president

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Stay tuned for regular updates – and don’t hesitate to contact me at dustin.goldstein@gmail.com with your ideas and suggestions for ways that the Bryant Alumni Association can best serve you – and Bryant University. — Dustin Goldstein ’95

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February 8 | Smithfield, RI
The 2014 Basketball Reunion brought both the men’s and women’s former players back to campus. Pictured here are Jessie (Weber) Shearer ’05 with Eric Jr., Megan Piper ’06, Pam Malcolm ’07, and Women’s Basketball Coach Mary Burke.

April 13 | Philadelphia, PA
Nearly 100 alumni and friends met with students at the Philadelphia Convention Center to watch the NCAA Tournament. Pictured are (L-R) Tim Condon ’90, Jennifer Berndt ’08, and Mike Kulis ’91.

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Bryant makes NCAA Elite Eight®!

In January, the NCAA launched an online contest, “NCAA 6th Fan,” that challenged every Division I college to show its school pride. The Bryant Dawg Pound stepped up, and Bryant made it to the Sweet Sixteen®. Thanks to students, alumni, and faculty/staff voting online, Bryant was awarded $10,000 in general scholarship dollars.

But Bulldog fans weren’t done yet. Bryant made it to the Elite Eight, where we were, unfortunately, defeated by Arkansas State University fans.

Out of 345 NCAA Division I member institutions, Bryant beat 337 other schools to prove that “It’s not the size of the dog in the fight; it’s the size of the fight in the dog.”

Bryant cracks top 50 in Businessweek rankings

Bryant’s undergraduate business program is ranked among the Top 50 in the country, according to the 2014 Bloomberg Businessweek rankings, released April 4. The University moved up 14 places.

“Businessweek’s recognition of the excellence of our programs highlights our leadership role in delivering an innovative education that stands out among those of the top elite business schools in the country,” said President Ronald K. Machtley. “The University’s distinctive offerings and nationally recognized curriculum, which integrates business and the liberal arts with a global perspective, distinguish Bryant from other universities. This accomplishment could not have been achieved without the expertise and dedication of our faculty, the hard work and diligence of our students, and the leadership of our entire academic team.”

The schools were ranked by a combination of academic quality indicators, student surveys, feedback from employers in the business community, and median salaries. The employer survey ranked Bryant 186 out of the 332 undergraduate programs reviewed, affirming Bryant’s strength in preparing students for success. “In 2013, more than half of our students had job offers before they even walked on the stage at graduation,” said Madan Amavazia, Ph.D., associate dean of the College of Business. More than 98% of the Class of 2013 were employed or enrolled in graduate school within six months of commencement.

January 16 | Boston, MA
Student Alumni Career Night
A great crowd of alumni gave their time and advice at the Boston Student Alumni Career Night. Pictured (L-R) are Kenny Fraser ’08, Renee Dunstant ’02, and Derek Vallerand ’07 with a current student.

January 15 | Hartford, CT
Student Alumni Career Night
At the Connecticut State House, Lawrence Broduer ’88 and Joseph Muraca ’85 share insightful career advice with current students.

January 23 | Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Atlantic Resort & Spa in Ft. Lauderdale was the setting for our East Coast Florida reception. Some of the attendees were (L-R): Dr. Frank Pontarelli ’68; Mike Lukat; Monte Kosoff ’85; Robin DeMattia ’85; Dr. Frank Bingham ’61, ’72 MBA; Dr. Elaine Notarantonio ’75; and Steve Lazarus ’99.
What’s the big IDEA?

The benefit of years of experience is what alumni bring to the table during Bryant’s one-credit Innovation and Design Experience for All (IDEA) program, an intensive immersion into the phases of design thinking: inspiration, ideation, and implementation. For three days before the start of the spring semester, all first-year Bryant students work in groups guided by alumni, staff, faculty, or upper-class mentors.

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A presentation without PowerPoint
Imagine this scenario: You’re a freshman to critically think, how to make judg-
ments...how to work as a team,” says Gregg Pead ’74. “The questions that I’m asking are tough questions... I don’t know if I would have been able to answer them when I was in my first year,” says Vinton South ’10, executive team leader of logistics for Target, sales at RBS Citizens.

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Steve Berman ’68 works with students as a mentor in the IDEA program.

Jay Weinberg ’85, president of The Jay Group in Chicago - one of 36 alumni who returned to campus to impart their real-world knowledge and challenge the next generation of Bryant graduates.

Neither snow, nor sleet, nor freezing rain... Not even winter storm Janus, which dumped more than 12 inches of snow on some parts of Rhode Island on the second evening of the program, could cool the students’ creative energy.

“To overcome snow storms, time con-
straints, and inexperience in such a short period of time the way these students did was more than impressive to me,” says South. “This is the future of the University, and this program and those future alumni add value to my degree. It’s very cool to see where Bryant is going.”

“When these young people come into the field and people know they’re from Bryant, they make me proud,” says Steve Berman ’68 who, as a mentor, shared with students what he’s learned in more than 45 years of success in the food industry with organizations such as Pepsi-Cola, ConAgra, and Tribe Mediterranean Foods.

IDEA is a feature of Bryant’s nationally recognized First-Year Gateway Experience, which focuses on encouraging innovation and entrepreneurialism and is just one facet of the University’s Vision 2020 strategic plan. If you’d like to be involved January 19-20, 2015, contact Robin Warde, rwarde@bryant.edu, with the subject line “2015 IDEA.”

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Business exposure through social media
Afternoon sessions tackled the roles social media and big data play in the changing way we do business. Founder of Crystal Clear Digital Marketing in Orlando, FL, Tim Sawyer ’01 says of social media, “During The Oscars, host Ellen DeGeneres tweeted a selfie using her Samsung Galaxy phone. That photo was retweeted almost two million times THAT NIGHT and crashed Twitter’s servers.”

The business ramifications: “At one point Samsung was getting about 900 mentions a minute on social media, according to Kontera, a company that tracks content on social media sites. Talk about exposure: Content sharing, consumer interaction, and user reviews play a significant role in the ability of a campaign or a business to gain exposure on the web. I think we can all agree that the modern consumer is connected 24/7, is extremely mobile-reliant, has a shorter attention span and an endless stream of content to engage, interact with, and share. Businesses that understand this will be successful in their efforts to gain market share, regardless of industry. We call it, ‘fishing where the fish are!’”

Making sense of Big Data
“Big Data has never been well defined,” says Jay Weinberg ’85, president of The Jay Group, an integrated marketing services firm based in Chicago, IL. “Ask five people their definition, and you’re likely to get six different answers!”

For Weinberg, Big Data is trying to make sense of huge amounts of data that not in a traditional ‘row and column’ format. “Think of a square mile of empty land with a grid of roads and traffic lights. Place a thousand cars on the roads and ask the drivers to make their way out of the grid. Pretty easy. Now take away those roads and traffic lights so you have just a big paved surface. Park those same cars randomly in the middle and ask the driv-
ers to find their way out. Not as easy.”

With the advent of social media, the Internet has turned around, asserts Weinberg. “The people who were consuming all the content previously provided by organizations are now creating the content,” he says. “We are now creating as much content in the world every three months as was created from the beginning of time up to the year 2000. Big Data is helping us make sense of that content.”

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January 26 | Sarasota, FL
Karen and Joe LaPlume ’74 MBA hosted our West Coast Florida alumni reception in their Frank Lloyd Wright home on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. Pictured are (L-R) Ed Magro, Executive Director of Development; Janet (Swartz) Watson ’79; Karen and Joe LaPlume; Mike Pead ’78; and Gregg Pead ’74.

January 28 | Naples, FL
In Naples, FL, Roger ’61 and Jeannine Plante visit with Mike P’85 and Janet P’85 DaMattia at the Tarpon Cove Yacht and Racquet Club for our annual alumni reception.

February 6 | Chicago, IL
Felipe Ruiz ’09 and Diana Rostkowski ’09 were among the Chicago area alumni catching up with Coach Marty Fire at the East Bank Club

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Julio Vasquez-Pretto '98 also received a Nelson J. Galski Service Award.

Alumni Photos

John F. Del Vecchio '98 (Dallas, TX), co-founder and co-manager of Active Bear ATF and author of What’s Behind the Numbers? A Guide to Financial Chicanery and Avoiding Huge Losses in Your Portfolio,

Annavarjula, Ph.D., was awarded the Distinguished Faculty Award. "At Bryant, I received a well-rounded education in business, science, and the humanities," he says. "I didn’t realize it at the time, but knowledge of history is very helpful to business as it provides you with a sense of human nature."

These entrepreneurs are all winners

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because every one of the finalists’ plans has a shot."

The $5,000 second-place prize went to Marisa (Nocera) Banigan ’07 for Rains to the Rescue! “Get out there and raise more money,” Cowley told Banigan when he presented the award.

Steven Brodeur ’17 won the $7,000 student award for Winsulate: “You guys are on to something really neat,” Cowley said to the freshman finance major and his team.

This year’s sponsors and judges more than doubled the prize money for the contest. Additional in-kind services and mentoring will also be provided to the top six finalists, which also included Salvatore Galbo ’11, Vbox; Conor McCarthy ’14, Sports Video Partners; and Jacob Radler ’13, Living My Dream.

A DIFFERENT LEVEL

The grand prize this year doubled last year’s cash award, and judges and sponsors are looking to increase next year’s prize to $50,000.

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### Alumni Weddings

May 4, 2013 | Millis, MA | Jillian (Baker) Gould ’08, ’09 MPAC and Graham Gould ’08, ’09 MPAC (L-R) On stairs: Cliff Ammann ’08, ’09 MBA, Mark Harty ’08, Blaine Flore ’08, Michael Dee ’08, Graham Gould ’08, ’09 MPAC (Green); Front row (L-R) Christopher Brown ’08, ’09 MPAC, Kelly Crane ’08, Kate (Remick) Ammann ’09, Jillian (Baker) Gould ’08, ’09 MPAC (Bride), Daniel Loureiro ’94, and Steve Godaere ’08.

### Partnerships

- **2013**
  - Sarah Krabbe ’13 and Spencer Sweitzer ’12
  - June 29, 2013 | Portland, ME | Sarah Krabbe ’13 and Spencer Sweitzer ’12
  - [Petionville, Haiti](https://www.bryant.edu/) on 6/29/13 | Sarah (Krabbe) Sweitzer ’13 and Spencer Sweitzer ’12

- **2012**
  - Kara Plourde ’09 and Stephen Virta ’09
  - November 10, 2013 | Hartford, CT | Kara Plourde ’09 and Stephen Virta ’09

- **2011**
  - Ryan Timothy to Timothy ’99 and Melanie Magnotta on 11/20/13
  - June 22, 2011 | Oakland, CA | Red Sox vs. Oakland A’s | 1:05 PM game

- **2010**
  - Nolan Dennis to Melanie (Parisiak) ’03 and Dennis Goggin on 1/4/14
  - June 22, 2010 | Newport, RI | July 19, 4-7 PM | Newport Polo

- **2009**
  - William Brixton to Stefanie (Mello) Baker ’05 and Daniel Oryeiro ’94 on 1/14/14
  - June 29, 2009 | Providence, RI | July 19, 4-7 PM | Newport Polo

### Additions

- **2013**
  - Nolan Dennis to Melanie (Parisiak) ’03 and Dennis Goggin on 1/4/14
  - Martin Beach, FL | May 18, 11 AM | Olde Cypress Golf Club

- **2012**
  - William Brixton to Stefanie (Mello) Baker ’05 and Daniel Oryeiro ’94 on 1/14/14
  - June 29, 2012 | Portland, ME | Sarah Krabbe ’13 and Spencer Sweitzer ’12

### Calendar

**April**
- Raleigh, NC | April 25, 6-8 PM | Geo Restaurant
- Charlotte, NC | April 24, 6-8 PM | Ruth’s Chris

**May**
- New York City, NY | May 15, 6-8 PM | Standard Biergarten
- Smithfield, RI | May 17, 10-AM Undergraduate Commencement
- Naples, FL | May 18, 11 AM | Old Cypress Golf Club
- Miami Beach, FL | May 21, 6:30-8:30 PM | Smith & Wollensky

**June**
- Manchester, NH | June 5, 6-8 PM | Manchester Country Club
- Detroit, MI | June 7th Bloomfield Open Hunt Club
- Boston, MA | June 17, 7 PM | Sunset Sail

**July**
- Portsmouth, RI | July 19, 4-7 PM | Newport Polo

**September**
- Smithfield, RI | September 12-13 | Reunion @ Homecoming Weekend

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