About Bryant University

Founded in 1863, Bryant University has a distinguished history of innovative education and provides a transformative learning experience for more than 3,600 full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students. The College of Arts and Sciences, The College of Business, and the Graduate School of Business offer rigorous programs in a wide range of disciplines. Distinctive student life programs develop leadership, with a focus on character and ethics, and create a unique and empowering educational experience.

The University is known for its unique integration of business and liberal arts, which prepares graduates to make a difference in today’s diverse and global society. Bryant is recognized with accreditation from NEASC – New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The College of Business is also accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

The University’s business outreach centers offer a wealth of resources to professionals and businesses throughout the region, and include the John H. Chafee Center for International Business, the Bryant University-U.S. China and Confucius Institutes, and the Rhode Island World Trade Center, the only one of its kind located on a college campus.

Dr. José-Marie Griffiths to the distinguished position of Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Shattering the myth that business and the arts and sciences are separate paths to successful personal lives and professional careers
Dr. José-Marie Griffiths is an internationally acclaimed policy expert, researcher, and university administrator with more than 30 years of experience in academic, corporate, and government settings in the national and international arenas. She comes to Bryant University from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she served as Dean of the School of Information and Library Science and as a professor in the School of Information and Library Science.

Her research spans information science, technology, and leadership. Dr. Griffith’s work includes examination of the value and return on investment in information systems and services; researching the development of protocols and policies for resource sharing across organizations including both public and private institutions; reporting on the influences of the digital revolution on the conduct of research; and studying success criteria and best practices for information technology in higher education.

Dr. Griffiths was appointed by President George W. Bush to the U.S. National Science Board in 2006. She has also held two prior presidential appointments, one to the President’s Information Technology Advisory Committee, and the other to the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. Dr. Griffiths has served on numerous blue-ribbon panels and committees for agencies including the National Academy of Sciences, NASA, the U.S. Department of Energy, and the U.S. Navy. She was also an Oak Ridge National Laboratory collaborating scientist, and was elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Griffiths holds a bachelor’s degree in physics and a doctorate in information science from University College London.