Graduate School
Commencement Ceremony

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007
Welcome
A most cordial welcome is extended to relatives, friends, faculty members, alumni, administrators, and staff members who gather here to celebrate the 2007 Commencement Exercises of the Bryant University Graduate School.

Program

Academic Procession
The audience is requested to remain standing through the Invocation.

Marshals
Chief Marshal
Graduate Marshal
Faculty Marshal
Platform Marshal

Professor Lori Coakley
Professor Michael Roberto
Professor Lynda St. Clair
Professor Charles Cullinan

University Mace Bearer
Professor Dayle Nattress

The National Anthem
Soloist: Tracy Morkunas '04

Invocation
Rabbi Sol Goodman
Bryant University Jewish Chaplain

Presiding
Ronald K. Machtley
President of Bryant University

Convening of the 2007 Graduate School Commencement
Thomas A. Taylor '63, '98H
Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bryant University
International Flags
To welcome new alumni from other cultures, graduates from foreign countries are invited to exchange their native flags with the president.

Conferring of the Honorary Degrees
President Machtley

Citations
Dr. Keith Murray
Associate Dean, College of Business

Honorary Degree Recipients
The Honorable Ernest C. Torres
Thomas A. Tanury

Trustee Presenters
Kathleen C. Hittner, M.D.
Michael E. Fisher

Hooding of Honorary Degree Recipients
Dr. V. K. Unni

Commencement Address
The Honorable Ernest C. Torres

Presentation of Candidates for Graduate Degrees
Dr. V. K. Unni

Conferral of Degrees
President Machtley
Introduction of Candidates: Kristopher T. Sullivan
Assistant Dean of the Graduate School
Alumni Greetings
Raymond Grigelevich '91, '00MBA
President of the Bryant University Alumni Association

Benediction
Reverend Philip Devens
Bryant University Protestant Chaplain

Adjournment of the 2007 Graduate School Commencement Ceremony
Thomas A. Taylor '63, '98H

Recessional
Please remain in place until the platform party and faculty members leave the Commencement area.

Reception
The entire assembly is cordially invited to attend a reception immediately following the ceremony in the Heidi and Walter Stepan Grand Hall of the George E. Bello Center.
Degree Candidates

Master of Business Administration

- Anoumou Komlan Adomey *
- Eric A. Ahnrud *
- Youssef Alouci Ismaili
- Jamie Lynn Albanese
- Robert G. Anderson, honors, β
- Todd V. Anderson, honors
- Lori Ann Andrade
- Juan Carlos Angel
- Robert Paul Angelini, honors, β
- Christopher D. Armstrong
- Edmond Assili
- Jean Eddy Bazile Jr.*
- Gary L. Blackmer *
- Thomas Patrick Blessing *
- Michael Francis Brennan
- Jonathan Brisson, honors
- Whitney L. Bundy *
- Ruben Antonio Burga, honors, β *
- David J. Burnett
- Nicole Cheri Bushey *
- Michelle Elizabeth Caffrey *
- Lauren F. Capizzo
- Robert W. Carey
- Eric William Carlson
- Kyle L. Cehanowicz *
- Kevin David Clancy Jr.
- Robyn J. Cook *
- Michael Edward Coppolino
- John DaLomba, honors
- Philip A. DeConto
- Raymond Joseph DeSantis Jr.
- Kyle DeVoe, honors, β
- Casey T. Factor *
- Thomas Herbert Faria *
- Jesse Ferreira
- Erin Figlock *
- Mounha Figueredo
- Brenda L. Figueroa
- Joseph William Fialherty III
- Tara Forrest
- Domenick C. Forte *
- Christopher Bryan Frank
- Theodore A. Garlacy Jr. *
- Joshua R. Gaynor *
- Armand C. Gendreau Jr., honors, β
- Mark Robert Gershman, honors, β
- Jessica Leigh Goneconte
- Johan Grahn *
- Jason Lawrence Graveline
- Matthew P. Grizack
- Steven M. Hasson
- Joseph Ward Heath
- Raymond E. Hebert
- Henry Brian Heinemann *
- Samuel M. Hernández *
- Adam Joseph Iacobucci *
- Alimamy D. Jabbie Jr. *
- Dustin R. Jenkins
- Philip Johnson, honors *
- Samuel Kornreich, honors, β *
- Michael McGregor Kwoka
- Lory L. LaRose, honors
- Jonathan P. Lapierre
- Douglas Michael Larocca, honors
- Jonathan T. Lavender
- Michael P. Lavoie, honors, β
- Khadija Loh
- Karen Lokey
- Sarah Long
- Susan B. Loo
- James A. Lucie *
- Gregory J. Martin *
- Anthony E. Matarrese
- Jonathan Paul Matrullo *
- Debra Ann Jasinski McGee *
- Brendan Scott McKerrnan, 
  honors *
- Andrew H. McLarty *
- Lindsey Maureen Megrew, honors
- Tonya Leigh Melillo *
- Cora T. Miller, honors, β
- Meagan Natalie Moran *
- Sandra Moreno Hopkins, honors, β
- Teri Rooney Morgan *
- Molly Nose Mulligan *
- Jeffrey R. Murray
- Matthew J. Muzrail
- Donna M. Normand *
- Joshua O’Connell *
- James E. O’Halloran, honors, β
- William S. Oakland *
- Michael Ajibola Kayode Olukoya
- Tanya Marisa Pacheco
- Nichole Julia Pamula *
- Jennifer Susan Parkhurst
- Chad Pastorius
Master of Science in Accounting
Kathryn H. Fohlin, honors

Master of Science in Information Systems
Matthew Robert Alarie *
Mary T. Bellafiore, honors, B
Brian J. Campbell
Robert J. Dobosz *
Diane Hewitt, honors,
Joseph A. Macedo
Gregory J. Martin *
Pia M. Mata *
Anita E. Nester, honors, B
George R. Saban, honors, B
Sushil A. Shah
Dennis Joseph Ventetuolo, 
honors, B
Jessica May Warnick *
Darlene Frances Wood

Master of Science in Taxation
James Anthony Benjamin *
Domenic Americo Cappalli
Albert Steven Cardente
Catherine A. Gaspar
Inna Kisseleva-Deeley
Mario A. LoStracco, honors
Michael J. Mitchell *
Leah J. Szlatenyi
Aaron M. Tate *
Denis F. Vieira
Scott Thomas Whittum

Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study
Lena W. Ngure

Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society
A member inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or above, and be ranked in the upper 20 percent of those receiving the master’s degree during the year.

* Tentative August graduate
Honorary Degree Recipients

The Honorable Ernest C. Torres
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

The Honorable Ernest C. Torres, of the U.S. District Court in Rhode Island, will give the keynote address. Judge Torres was nominated by President Ronald Reagan and received his commission in November of 1987. He served as chief judge from 1999 to 2006 and, in that time, presided over multiple high-profile cases, including Operation Plunder Dome, and the corruption scandal at Providence City Hall that led to the conviction of former Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr. He retired from active service in December 2006 but continues to serve on a part-time basis. He is a trustee of South County Hospital and a lifetime member of Duke University School of Law Board of Visitors.

Thomas A. Tanury
Honorary Doctor of Business Administration

Thomas A. Tanury is chairman of Tanury Industries, a multi-faceted, high-specialization metal finishing company with more than 500 clients throughout the United States and overseas. It services the aerospace, hydrogen energy cell, and cookware industries, among others. Since assuming management responsibilities for his family's business in the mid-1970s, Thomas Tanury has grown the company from one division with 15 employees to a comprehensive firm with 150 employees. He serves on the boards of directors for Rhode Island Hospital, Providence Performing Arts Center, and several other organizations.
The Harriet E. Jacobs Memorial Mace
The University Mace is carried at Commencement exercises and at other university celebrations. Crowned in gold, the mace has two dominant emblems: the seal of the State of Rhode Island and the seal of Bryant University.

The President's Chair
The President's Chair, a gift to the university from Priscilla Angelo and her husband, John Eng-Wong, is used on ceremonial occasions. It is a Victorian-style gent's chair rendered in walnut, and copied from an original French design from the period of the university's founding in 1863. The carved crest top includes the Bryant University bronze seal.

Bryant Medallion
The Bryant Medallion is worn by the president during academic ceremonies such as Commencement, Convocation, and the bestowing of honorary degrees. One side of the medallion bears a likeness of the university seal, the other, the names of all Bryant University presidents. The formal installation of a president is marked by the presentation of the medallion to the president by the chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The Bryant Seal
The Bryant Seal represents the educational mission of the university and its worldwide implications. The central symbol is an ellipsoid globe with quills on each side to signify the traditional emblem of communication in business. In the center, behind the globe, is a torch symbolizing liberty, the spirit of free inquiry, academic freedom, and learning. The Archway, forming the background for the globe, torch, and quills, is a university landmark affectionately remembered by thousands of alumni. The Latin motto expresses the purpose of the university: "Cognitio – Virtus – Successus" – Knowledge – Character – Success.
Alumni Charge

Today, as you celebrate your graduation from Bryant University, you find yourself saying goodbye to the classmates, faculty, and staff with whom you have formed close friendships over these last few years. Graduation, however, is not so much an ending as a transition. It’s true that you’re about to begin a new stage of life, but as a Bryant University alumnus/a, you are never far from the community you’ve come to know as a home away from home.

In fact, one of the reasons you chose Bryant was for its close-knit community. Through the Bryant University Alumni Association, you will always be a member of this community. You can stay in touch with friends by attending class reunions, regional alumni network events, and by signing on to the alumni online directory. And just as Bryant provided you with a solid foundation for a successful career, our alumni networks continue to support your professional goals.

As a Bryant student, you participated in academic, athletic, and civic events that not only provided you with many skills but also gave you a sense of satisfaction as well. As a Bryant graduate, you can stay involved by serving on university committees, advisory councils, and even the Board of Trustees. You can advance Bryant’s reputation by working on behalf of admission, career services, educational, and fund-raising initiatives. And throughout the year, Bryant alumni gather together to reach out to their communities through a number of volunteer programs.

Just as the Bryant community shared in the celebration of your accomplishments as a student, we will always be interested to hear of your successes. Let us know when you’ve moved, and what milestones you’ve reached so we can share your good news with your Bryant classmates and friends.

Congratulations on your graduation, and welcome to the Bryant University Alumni Association!
Academic Heraldry

The history of academic dress worn today dates back to the universities of the Middle Ages. A statute in 1321 required the wearing of gowns by all scholars and clerics. Probably the warm gown and hood were practical in the unheated buildings.

Students at most American universities wore caps and gowns daily while in residence until after the Civil War. These varied in design until they were standardized by the American Intercollegiate Commission in 1895. While the academic costume code has been modified over the years, the general characteristics of the initial requirements still prevail. The uniform system of academic heraldry serves to indicate the level of degree, the field of study in which it was earned, and the institution by which it was granted. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve and can be worn open or closed. The gown for the doctoral degree has bell-shaped sleeves with black velvet facing down the front and three bars of the same across the sleeves. However, these facings and crossbars may be in the color distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains. At Bryant University, the president and the honorary degree recipients wear gowns especially designed and trimmed in the university color of gold.

The academic hoods are lined with the color of the university granting the degree. The length of the hood varies slightly for bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. It is often the tradition of the candidates for degrees to wear the mortarboard tassel on the right front side before the degree is conferred and to shift it to the left when the degree is awarded.
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Restrooms and telephones are located in Residence Hall 16 and in the Bryant Center.
Health Services is located in Residence Hall 16 and will be open during the Commencement ceremony.
Lost and Found is located in the Public Safety Office in the Unistructure.
Film and Bryant memorabilia can be purchased at the Bookstore located in the Bryant Center.
A limited number of listener-assisted head sets are available at the sound control booth at the back of the tent.

Please ask an usher if you need assistance in locating any of these services.