One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Commencement Ceremony

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2002
Welcome

A most cordial welcome is extended to relatives, friends, faculty members, alumni, administrators, and staff members who gather here to celebrate the 139th Commencement of Bryant College.

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone wishing to photograph a graduate crossing the stage must use the designated photo area, take the photo, and return immediately to their seat. This will allow families to have an unobstructed view of the ceremony.

Program

Academic Procession

Flag Bearers
Bryant College Army ROTC Color Guard

Class Flag
Bryant College extends its gratitude to the late, Emeritus Honorary Trustee George J. Kelley '39, '69H for his generosity in providing ongoing support for the purchase and display of a graduating class flag. The 2002 Class Flag was designed by seniors from the Student Alumni Association, Michelle Comeau, Wendy Hildreth, Shannon Millerick, and Teresa Zygras. The flag is carried today by Michelle Comeau and Shannon Millerick. The flag symbolizes how the Class of 2002 has stood strong through the past four years and will continue to do so in the future. Like mountains, the Class of 2002 will persevere and rise above the rest.

Marshalls

Chief Marshall
Graduate Marshall
Graduate Marshall
Faculty Marshall
Faculty Marshall
Platform Marshall
Platform Marshall

College Mace Bearer
Professor Joseph Ilaqua

Professor Alan Olinsky
Professor Lynda St. Clair
Professor Laurie Bates
Professor Kimberlianne Podlas
Professor Terri Hasseler
Professor Hakan Saglru
Professor Janet Deon
Professor James Curran

Flag Bearers
Bryant College Army ROTC Color Guard
The National Anthem
Soloist: Kerry Beach '03
The audience is requested to remain standing through the Invocation.

Invocation
The Reverend Philip Devens
Bryant College Protestant Chaplain

Presiding
Ronald K. Machlley
President of Bryant College

Convening of the 139th Commencement
John D. Callahan '56
Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bryant College

Conferring of Honorary Degrees
President Machlley

Citations
Keith Murray
Professor of Marketing

Honorary Degree Recipients
Rick Goings
Patrick Keeley (awarded posthumously)
M. Anne Sostak
International Flags
The display of international flags was originally created as a gift from Priscilla Angelo and her husband, John Eng-Wong, friends of Bryant. The flags represent the countries of our students, faculty, and alumni. To welcome new alumni from other cultures, graduates from foreign countries are invited to exchange their native flags with the president.

Hooding of Honorary Degree Recipients
Dr. V. K. Unni
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Commencement Address
Rick Goings

Presentation of Commencement and Senior Service Awards
Dr. Unni
Dr. J. Thomas Eakin
Vice President for Student Affairs

Reserve Officer Training Corps Commissioning Service
President Machuley
Major Sam Houston

Alumni Greetings and Student Charge
Introduction Richard G. Carriere '82, '87MST
Speaker President of the Bryant College Alumni Association
Courtney A. Zullo

Presentation of Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees
Dr. Unni

Conferral of Degrees
President Machuley
Candidates are introduced by the faculty members of their respective departments.
The Bryant College Alma Mater
(audience invited to join in)

Throughout Our Lives: An Anthem for Bryant College

Bryant College, Black and Gold;
Your arms embrace us, young and old.
Though we be near, Though we be far,
We will remember throughout our lives.

Dear companions, classmates, friends:
Who knows where you and I will end!
Dear for a term, Dear for a year,
Dearest of all living through our lives.

Composer: Richard Cumming

Benediction

The Reverend Joseph Pescatello
Bryant College Catholic Chaplain

Adjournment of the 139th Commencement Ceremony

John D. Callahan ’56

Recessional

Please remain in place until the platform members and faculty leave the Commencement area.
Please join your fellow graduates, families, faculty, and staff for refreshments in the reception tent immediately following the ceremony.
Commencement Awards

The Anna M. & Jere St. Angelo '61 Accounting Awards
Denise Marie Labisi  Christopher Joseph Hallstrom
These awards are presented to graduating seniors in Accounting who are in the top 10 percent of their class and are residents of an urban area.

The Bryant College Good Citizenship Award
Angela Marie Gugliotta
This award is presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated the qualities of sincerity and vigorous industry in the interest of good citizenship and who has, by example, furthered better government both on and off the campus.

The Computer Information Systems Department Award
Shannon Marie Lavallee
This award is presented annually to a graduating senior with a concentration in Computer Information Systems who has excelled academically, has enriched his/her Computer Information Systems education through meaningful work experience, and has demonstrated an unselfish attitude toward others through his/her active involvement in organizations, clubs, or events.

The English/Humanities Department Awards
Timothy Albert Trimborn (language)
Courtney Althea Zullo (communication)
Courtney Althea Zullo (literary studies)
These awards are presented annually to graduating seniors for outstanding achievement in the study of Communication, Language, and Literary Studies.
Commencement Awards

The George J. Kelley Award
Sarah Marie Smith
This award is presented to a graduating senior who at the end of the fall semester has completed at least 102 credits at Bryant and is recognized and honored for having the highest cumulative grade point average as of the end of the fall semester.

The George M. Parks Award
Elena Rose Fertitta
This award is presented to a bachelor’s degree candidate whose recognized leadership qualities have done the most to enhance the reputation of the college.

The History/Social Sciences Department Awards
Mark Joel Aplin (sociology)
Jason Scott Eddy (legal studies)
Denise Marie Labisi (psychology)
Shannon Mary Lewis (political science)
These awards are presented annually to graduating seniors for outstanding achievement in the study of Legal Studies, Sociology, Psychology, and Political Science.
The International Studies Award
Lisa R. Collins
This award is presented annually to a graduating senior for outstanding achievement in International Studies.

The Jack Rubens Leadership in Finance Award
Kevin Richard Cook
This award is presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding performance in academics, service to the finance department, and enthusiasm and leadership in extracurricular activities related to finance.

The Jeremiah Clark Barber Award
Jason Nathaniel Starbuck
This award is presented to the bachelor’s degree candidate who has shown the most consistent record of improvement in mastering the subject of a specific academic program.

The John Hancock Insurance Company Award
Sarah Marie Smith Timothy Albert Trimborn
This award is presented to two bachelor’s degree candidates who have demonstrated superior achievement in the study of Applied Actuarial Mathematics.
Commencement Awards

The Leander Francis Emin Endowed Homestead Award
Jason Scott Eddy
This award is presented to a graduating senior who has achieved scholastic excellence in Accounting. This award was inaugurated by the family of Leander Francis Emin, Bryant alumnus of the class of 1907, to honor his memory and his birthplace and home – the 1708 House and the entire Emin homestead, farm, and airport – which has now become the campus of his alma mater.

The Pell Medal for United States History Award
Candace A. Jolicoeur
This medal is presented to a graduating senior who has displayed excellence in the study of United States history. The Honorable Claiborne de Borda Pell created this medal to honor the memory of his father, the late Herbert C. Pell, statesman and diplomat, who served the United States as Ambassador to Hungary and Minister to Portugal.

The Reserve Officer Training Corps Achievement Award
Erin Eileen Barry
This award is presented to a bachelor’s degree candidate who has excelled in Military Science studies and other courses and who has shown superior leadership potential in the Military Science program and in extracurricular activities.

The Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants Award
Max Christopher Corvo
This award is presented to a graduating senior who, in the opinion of the accounting faculty, has demonstrated excellence in Accounting studies and intends to pursue a career in public accounting.
Honorary Degree Recipients

Rick Goings

**Doctor of Business Administration**

Since 1997, Rick Goings has been chairman and CEO of Tupperware Corporation, one of the world's leading direct sellers, with annual sales in excess of $1.2 billion. Prior to that he served as president and chief operating officer from 1996-1997, and as executive vice president of Premark International, Inc. (former holding company of Tupperware) and president of Tupperware Worldwide from 1992-1996. The People's Republic of China presented him with the Marco Polo Award in March of 2000 for his contributions to China's economic development and his concern for Chinese society. Mr. Goings also received the prestigious Herbert Hoover Humanitarian Award from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. He is on the Board of Directors of Tupperware Corporation, SunTrust Bank, Central Florida, N.A., Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and Rollins College. He is a 1969 graduate of Guilford College.

Patrick Keeley

**Doctor of Humane Letters** (awarded posthumously)

Patrick Keeley, professor of English and Humanities, began his career at Bryant in 1967. He served under eight presidents and on two campuses. In 1982, he was voted the first recipient of the Bryant Alumni Association's Distinguished Faculty Award. In 2001, he received a Bryant Community Spirit Award, given annually to employees who go above and beyond the call of duty and make a unique imprint on campus. Professor Keeley served on numerous college committees over the years, and has been an enduring presence on campus. He was also a visible symbol of the college, and served as Master of Ceremonies at so many of Bryant's community events that he was known as the "Voice of Bryant." Professor Keeley had a B.S. from Bridgewater State College, and a master's degree from Providence College.
M. Anne Szostak

*Doctor of Business Administration*

M. Anne Szostak is the chairman and CEO of Fleet Rhode Island and executive vice president and corporate director of human resources and diversity for Fleet-Boston Financial. During her 28 years with Fleet, Ms. Szostak has held several executive positions including chairman, president, and CEO of Fleet Maine; executive vice president of consumer banking; and senior vice president of bank operations. She serves on the boards of Colby College and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. She has also served on the President’s Glass Ceiling Commission. Additionally, Ms. Szostak is a director of Tupperware Corporation, Providence Energy Corporation, and New England Business Service, Inc. She was honored with Colby College’s Distinguished Alumna Award, as well as the New England Council Leadership Award. Ms. Szostak is a 1972 graduate of Colby College.

Yesterday at the Graduate School Commencement, David M. Walker received an Honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree.
Graduation Honors and Honor Societies

Academic Honors
Cum Laude (with honors)
Magna Cum Laude (with high honors)
Summa Cum Laude (with highest honors)

Special recognition is accorded those who show distinction in academic achievement. Honors may be awarded on the basis of cumulative averages, as follows: Cum Laude (3.30), Magna Cum Laude (3.55), Summa Cum Laude (3.80). Students must have completed sixty (60) semester hours of course work at Bryant College to be eligible for honors.

Honor Societies
β Beta Gamma Sigma - Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest national recognition a student can receive in an undergraduate program in a business or management program accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. To be eligible for membership, a student must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and rank in the upper seven percent of the junior class or upper ten percent of the senior class.

Ω Omicron Delta Epsilon - Founded in 1915, Omicron Delta Epsilon is one of the world's largest international academic honor societies, and there has been a chapter at Bryant College since 1969. It is dedicated to the encouragement of excellence in economics. To be eligible for membership, a student must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of economics courses, have earned at least a "B" average in the economics courses, and have an overall scholastic average of "B" or better.

Λ Lambda Pi Eta - Lambda Pi Eta is an accredited member of the Association of College Honor Societies. It is the official communication studies honor society of the National Communication Association. To be eligible for membership, students must have completed at least 12 hours of communication courses, have a grade point average of at least 3.25, and be in the upper 35 percent of the graduating class.

HP Honors Program - The Honors Program is an enriched educational experience for academically talented students. To be recognized as an Honors Program graduate, a student must have successfully completed eight challenging courses enhanced with a specially designed honors component.
Degree Information

The 2002 Bryant College Commencement honors certified graduates and degree candidates who have been scheduled to complete course work by July 31, 2002. Honors are tentatively calculated as of the 2001 fall semester.

Code Key

- Beta Gamma Sigma graduates wear blue and gold cords with their academic robes.
- lp - Honors Program graduates wear gold sashes with their academic robes.
- o - Omicron Delta Epsilon graduates wear green and white cords with their academic robes.
- A - Lambda Pi Eta graduates wear red and white cords with their academic robes.

Students at Bryant College who have distinguished themselves through academic performance wear gold honor cords with their academic robes.

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* Commissioned Second Lt., U.S. Army, ROTC Program
Degree Candidates - 139th Commencement Ceremony

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

Communication
Andrew Ross DeMambro, Comm Laude
Joseph Kaprazewski
Nicole Masucci
Karen H. Neves, Comm Laude
Adam M. Pimentel, (his)
Ryan William Tavenor, (A)
Courtney Althea Zullo, ENG, Comm Laude

Economics
Alison Brooke Gelinza, (com), (lgls), (psi)
Karl David Hawes, (soc), Comm Laude, (A)

English
Jarod Owen Ashton, (apst)
Erica Jeanette Young, (psy), Comm Laude

History
Robert Luigi Cicerone, Comm Laude
Matthew Dennis Fogarty
Candace A. Jolicoeur, (com), Magna Cum Laude
Joseph Frederick Twomey

International Studies
Laurent S. Faruque
Lyadamila A. Latanas
Julio Cesar Sandoval

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Accounting
Lauren Anne Balczewicz, (soc), Magna Cum Laude, (psi)
Maureen Faith Barber, (lgls), Magna Cum Laude, (psi)
Brooke Alexandra Barchard, (lgls)
Richard Barjon II, (com)
Lucas Kendall Barrett, (psi)
Matthew Francis Barrett, (lgls), Magna Cum Laude, (psi)
Linda M. Beane, (psi)
Rebecca D. Bergan, (psi, Comm Laude
Joshua Michael Brooks-Ramsdell, (lgls)
Karen Elizabeth Bush
Julie Elizabeth Case, (lgls)
Christine Marie Cederberg, (his)
Fung Y. Chan, (lgls)
Eric Michael Charlier, (lgls)
Ryan Allan Clemens, (lgls)
Sylvia C. Coimbra, (lgls), Magna Cum Laude, (psi)

Max Christopher Corvo, (lgls), Summa Cum Laude, (psi)
Susan Martins Costa, (psy)
Andrew David D'Aiello, (his)
Patricia D'Angelo, (psy)
Kimberly Marie Drouin, (lgls), Comm Laude
Jeffrey P. Duquette, (lgls)
Jason Scott Eddy, (lgls), Summa Cum Laude, (psi)
Rudolph Steven Falcone, (lgls)
John David Furt III, (lgls)
Sean Michael Feeney, (psy), Summa Cum Laude, (psi)
Steven Ferreira, (lgls)
David Roger Fletcher II, (lgls)
Danielle Maria Frances
Leslie Anne Ganac
Maureen Ann Garvin
Christopher Joseph Hallstrom, (eco), Summa Cum Laude, (psi)
Mary Theresa Herbst, (lgls)
Wendy M. Heidbrecht, (lgls)
Stacy Hine, (apst)
Mahdi Ali Hussein, (com)
Jeffrey Douglas Jackson, (lgls)
Limree Jameek Joorner, (his)
Susan D. Killory, (lgls)
Mark Zuko Kostovski, (lgls)
Denise Marie Labisi, (psi), Summa Cum Laude, (psi)
Timothy Roger Lannm, (lgls)
Joseph Patrick Lavin, (lgls),
Magna Cum Laude, β
Carl H. Lemke Jr., (lgls),
Cum Laude, hp
Alexandra V. Levine, (apst),
Cum Laude
Eric Lionel Limatour, (cis),
Cum Laude, β
Michael George Maksymiw, (apst),
(cis), Summa Cum Laude, β, hp
David E McClung, (apst),
Cum Laude
Timothy Michael McGrath, (psy)
Nicole Madeiros, (psy)
Scott Michael Murphy, (psy)
Jessica J. Naumes
Angela Lee Obal, (lgls), Cum Laude
Kristen M. O’Reilly, (lgls)
Nicole Marie Ouellette, (psy),
Magna Cum Laude, β
Ethann Park, (com)
Sarah Beth Parker, (lgls), Cum Laude
Athenasia Partalas, (lgls),
Cum Laude
Ryan Paul Patch, (his)
Frank Pellegrino III, (lgls)
Cheryl Lynn Phillips, (lgls)
Johnee Phoumeng, (lgls)
Justin Edward Price, (pols)
Jennifer Lynn Reichle, (lgls),
Cum Laude
Maureen Elizabeth Ring
Anthony C. Réaño, (lgls)
Eric J. Rocha, (psy),
Magna Cum Laude
Carlos Alberto Rodrigues
Melanie Jeanne Roy, (psy)
Sarah Ann Ryle, (lgls)
Loten A. Saccocca, (psy)
Siegfried Anthony Schaffer, (apst)
Howard Todd Sukirnak, (lgls)
Melinda Tábicas, (soc),
Magna Cum Laude, β
Robert Daniel Tanton, (psy)
Michelle Ann Thamou, (eng),
Magna Cum Laude, β
Rebekka L. Thompson, (cns)
Michael Patrick Toner Jr., (lgls)
Brian Weeks, (lgls)
Kelly Ann Wesley, (lgls)
Teresa Marie Woodcock, (eng)

Accounting Information Systems
Shant Albert Ankelian, (lgls)
Jane Elizabeth Bunley, (lgls),
Summa Cum Laude, β
Kerry Alan Baker, (his)
Evelyn Burgos, (psy)
Kimberly Christine Burzinski, (com)
Anthony Charles Colson, (soc)
Thomas Lee Deatley, (lgls)
Joseph Eric Dunphy, (lgls)
Renee Marie Dunstan, (apst),
Magna Cum Laude, β

Christine Elizabeth Evon, (lgls),
Kerrin Ann Hughes, (lgls),
Magna Cum Laude
Susan Ly, (com)
Mark David McAuley, (com),
Magna Cum Laude, β
Kristin Marie Magnusa, (lgls)
Violetta Parzych, (lgls),
Magna Cum Laude, β
Renal Pinakin Patel, (lgls)
Daniel Eric Rashba, (lgls),
Cum Laude
Marc Ronald Raymond, (lgls)
Sherri Arline Rogers, (soc),
Summa Cum Laude, β
Bradley Raymond Routhier, (com),
Magna Cum Laude, β
Daniel Edward Scarlett, (psy)
Michael James Silva, (lgls)
Victor N. Silva, (lgls)
Pauline Stacy Ann Taylor, (soc)

Applied Actuarial Mathematics
Andrew Scott Bishop, (soc),
Summa Cum Laude, β
Gisele Marie Gagnon, (soc),
Cum Laude, β
Joshua Rolff Harold Griffin, (soc),
Cum Laude
John Erik Horvath, (eco),
Magna Cum Laude, β
Mary Day McGregor, (cis),
Cum Laude
Stephanie Jo Odell, (soc), (cis), 
Summa Cum Laude, β
Samuel Robert Peters
William Joseph Pitts, (eco), 
Magna Cum Laude, β
Jasvir K. Rai, ECO, hp
Sarah Marie Smith, (eco), 
Summa Cum Laude, β
Jacqueline Sylvia, (pols)
Timothy Albert Trimborn, 
Summa Cum Laude, β

**Computer Information Systems**

James Aikman, (his), (com), 
Magna Cum Laude, β
Timothy E. Allbrecht, (com)
John Richard Aldinger, (apst)
Jeremy Alan Antine, (com)
Robert Kay Bernstein, (com)
Elie Anton Timour Blaska, (com)
Jennifer Elise Booth, (apst), 
Magna Cum Laude, β
Sal Boscaino, (lgs)
Joseph Albino Britelli, (com)
DeSean Brown, (com)
William B Brule
Melissa A. Burney, MGT, (psy)
Shaun M. Callahan, MKT, (lgs)
David Armstrong Campbell, (com)
Stephen Gregory Carbone, FIN, (com)
Colleen Michelle Carey, (com)
Janet Castro, (com)
Jared Michael Cerce, (his)
Maria Chaplain, (com)
Narottam Brady Chirathivat
Sang Yoon Choi
Kristin Marie Chowning, (com), 
Magna Cum Laude, β
Conor Abraham Colgan, (apst)
Lisa R. Collins, INS
James Michael Corcoran, (pols)
Jay Daniel DeLeon, (com)
Gregory Francis Dicker, (com)
Jonathan Wayne Domen, (pols)
Jennifer Kathleen Dubie, (psy), 
Cum Laude
Miriam Elizabeth Ferreira, (his)
Matthew John Guadis, (his)
Michael Galperin, (soc)
Bret Jaffe Gordon, Cum Laude
Joshua Scott Gorraso, (com)
Robert Vincent Guarino, (lgs)
Salvatore Paul Gugnace, (pols)
David S. Gay, (apst)
Craig A. Hall, (apst)
Rebecca Leigh Harbin, (psy), 
Cum Laude
Tanison Kistler Hartwood, (lgs)
Daniel Blair Hodge, (com)
Elie Jean-Louis Jr, (com)
Brandon O. Jones, (soc)
Eric Jermaine Jordan, (biot)
Jason Leo Joral, (eco)
Jin Suay Kao, (psy)
Jennifer M. Kellieker, MGT, (psy), 
Magna Cum Laude, β
Michael Gregory Kork, (com), 
Magna Cum Laude, β
Adam Chandler Kronoff, (psy)
Justin James Latteur, (lgs)
Lisa Ann Lapointe, (psy)
Christopher Michael Laporte, (psy), 
Cum Laude
Shannon Holly Lavallee, ACG, (lgs)
Andrew John LeBlanc, (com)
Michael Anthony Leone, (com)
Scott Ronald Limoges, (biot)
Jennie Lee Liporace, (psy)
Jason Leonard Little, (biot)
Rick Dablain LoBrito, (lgs)
Richard James Lucian, (com)
Michael Joseph Macedo Jr., (soc)
Keith Magnus, (psy)
Dustin Ryan Matine, (soc)
Jason Paul Malcolm, (psy)
Melissa Dianne Martin, (soc)
Christopher Michael Matthews, (psy)
Matthew Michael McCann, (pols)
Joseph T. McNalty, (com)
Daniel C. McNulty, (com)
Jesse M. Miron, (pols)
Kevin Thomas Morgan, (eco), o
Kelli Anne Morton, (soc)
Victor Nikoditskii FIN, (com), 
Magna Cum Laude, β
Alfred Notarianni III
Joshua John O'Connell, (his), Cum Laude
Chinmunday Onyeckwu, (com) Yelena Orman, (psy)
Jill Marie Parsons, (ws)
Zdzislaw Jesse Pianka, FIN, (psy)
Vincent Joseph Pianulli, (lgls), Cum Laude
Joshua Benjamin Pransky, (soc)
Alan Henry Radin, (soc)
Nameet Kumar Rai, (com), Summa Cum Laude, β
Deanna Michelle Raphael, (biot)
Adam T. Retrig, (psy)
Kyle Reginald Richardson, (com)
Peter Nathan Robbins, (pol), (lit)
David Michael Robert, (com), Magna Cum Laude, β
Randi Raymond Rossi, (envs)
Michael Anthony Ruggeri, FIN, (com), Magna Cum Laude, β
Christian Duffy Sauman, (com)
Rodolfo Emil Scheck, (pol)
Erin Lynn Shevlin, (psy)
Jill Marie Simmons, (eng)
Michael Edward Stone, (pol)
Jason Stafford Edwin Swartz, (pol)
Bells Tamagni, (com)
Matthew Aaron Terrillon, (pol)
James Scott Thompson, (com)
Anaclis Torres, FIN, (lgls)
Anthony Peter Traino, FIN, (com)

Kristopher Michael Vaillancourt, MGT, (com), Magna Cum Laude, β
Jacob Noble Whagh, (envs)
Brian Matthew Wagner, (apst)
David John Walinski, (soc)
Kerry Lynn Wesley, (psy)
Melissa Ann Wright, MGT, (psy)
Kathleen Young, (soc), Cum Laude
Elliot H. Zatsky, (com)
Teresa Rose Zygras, MGT, (soc)

Finance
Shahtiar Ahmed, (com)
Omari Shawn Allison, MKT, (eco), Cum Laude
Faisal Sameer Ghazi Al-Omari, (pol)
Mark Joel Aplin, (soc) Cum Laude, β
Arda M. Ardan, (lgls)
John Panos Argeris, (lgls), (psy), Cum Laude
Sherri Lee Archue, (lgls)
Anthony Auscavitch III, (apst)
Jeffrey Wayne Backstrom, (psy)
John Lawrence Bigda II, (apst), (aam)
Chad Michael Bojanowski, (eco)
Andrew James Boryjajak, (pol)
Adam Vincent Brzazauskas, (pol)
Michael James Breenan, (psy)
Shawn E. Cadino, MGT, (com)

Jenelle Leigh Caiola, CIS, (soc)
Stephanie Marie Carlson, (lgls), (aam), Magna Cum Laude, β
Matthew Warren Carpenter, (soc)
Dominick Catania, (lgls), Cum Laude
Jennifer Lynn Chagnon, (eng)
Summa Cum Laude
Natalie Catherine Chappel, (lgls), (apst)
Anissa Marie Collins, (apst)
Leo Edward Connolly, (pol)
Kevin Richard Cook, (eco), Summa Cum Laude, β
Stacey Robin Coulter, (lgls)
Sarah Marie Danforth, (psy)
Edward Albert Darragh, (lgls)
Adam Jeffrey Davis, (psy)
Andrea Marie DeFiore, (soc)
James Luke DeNapoli, (psy)
Jennifer Lynn Dickson, CIS, (lgls), Cum Laude, β
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The Harriet C. Jacobs Memorial Mace
The College Mace is carried at Commencement exercises and at other college celebrations. Crowned in gold, the mace has two dominant emblems: the seal of the State of Rhode Island and the seal of Bryant College.

The President’s Chair
The President’s Chair, a gift to the college from Priscilla Angelo and her husband, John Eng-Wong, is used on ceremonial occasions. It is a walnut Victorian style gent’s chair copied from an original French design from the period of the college’s founding in 1863. The carved crest top includes the Bryant College 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 college seal, the other, the names of all Bryant College 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 college 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 college landmark affectionately remembered by thousands of alumni. The Latin motto expresses the purpose of the college: “Educando Dirigere Mercaturam” – Education for Business Leadership.
Alumni Charge

Today, as you celebrate your graduation from Bryant College, you find yourself saying good-bye – to the classmates, faculty, and administrators 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 College alumnus, you are never far from the community you’ve come to know as home away from home.

In fact, one of the reasons you chose Bryant was for its close-knit community. Through the Bryant College Alumni Association, you will always be a member of this community. You can stay in touch with friends by attending class reunions and local alumni chapter events. 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, which not only provided you with many skills, but gave you a sense of satisfaction as well. As a Bryant alumnus, you can stay involved by being a member of college committees, advisory councils, and even the Board of Trustees. You can advance Bryant’s reputation by serving on behalf of admission, career development, educational, and fund-raising initiatives. And throughout the year, Bryant alumni gather together to reach out to their communities in a number of volunteer programs.

And just as the Bryant community shared in 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 friends.

Congratulations on your graduation and welcome to the Bryant College 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 College, the president and the honorary degree recipients wear gowns especially designed and trimmed in the college color of gold.

The academic hoods are lined with the color of the university granting the degree. The border of the hood is in the color of the discipline in which the degree was earned. For example, colors associated with different subjects include: light brown (or sapphire blue) for commerce, accountancy, business; copper for economics; light blue for education; peacock blue for public administration; purple for law; and white for arts, letters, and humanities.

The length of the hood varies slightly for bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degree. Today, the hood for those receiving a bachelor’s degree has been replaced by the mortarboard or cap, with long tassels in black or in the color appropriate to the subject. It is often the tradition of the candidates for degrees to wear the 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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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.