Welcome

A most cordial welcome is extended to relatives, friends, faculty members, alumni, administrators, and staff members who gather here to celebrate the 1998 Commencement Exercises of the Bryant College Graduate School.

Program

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

Marshals
Chief Marshall
Graduates Marshall
Faculty Marshall
Platform Marshall

Professor Kathleen Simons
Professor Lawrence Witner
Professor David Beausejour
Professor Keith Murray

College Mace Bearer
Professor Arthur Gudikunst

The National Anthem
Soloist: Cecelia Rodi

Invocation
The Rabbi Lawrence Silverman
Bryant College Jewish Chaplain

Presiding
Ronald K. Machtley
President of Bryant College

Convening the 1998 Graduate School Commencement
John E. Wolfe
Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bryant College
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 body.

To welcome our new alumni from other cultures, graduates from foreign countries are invited to exchange their native flags with the president.

Conferring of Honorary Degrees
President Machtley

Citations
Patrick J. Keeley
Professor of English

Honorary Degree Recipients  Trustee Presenters
Dr. Morris J. W. Gaebe  William H. Heisler 3rd '76H
Robert L. McCabe  Bruce Sundlun '80H

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

Commencement Address
Robert L. McCabe

Presentation of Candidates for Graduate Degrees
Dr. Unni

Conferral of Degrees
President Machtley

Candidates are introduced by Assistant Director for Non-traditional and Graduate Admission, Cathy Lalli, of the Graduate School.

Alumni Greetings
Ernest A. Almonte '78, '85MST
Bryant College Trustee and President, Bryant College Alumni Association
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.

What's to come is still unsure;
But memories will long endure.
Strong in our hearts, Strong in our minds,
Strong and undying throughout our lives.

Alma Mater, hear our song:
From sons and daughters thousands strong,
Day after day, Year after year,
You will be with us throughout our lives.

Composer: Richard Cumming

Benediction

The Reverend Philip Devens
Bryant College Protestant Chaplain

Adjournment of the 1998 Graduate School Commencement Ceremony

John E. Wolfe

Recessional

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

Reception

The entire assembly is cordially invited to attend a reception on the lawn of the Bryant Center immediately following the graduation ceremony.
Morris J. W. Gaebe

Doctor of Humane Letters

Morris J. W. Gaebe is celebrating his fifty-first year with Johnson & Wales University, which has more than 10,000 students enrolled in degree programs in six states. Currently the chancellor and chairman of the board, Dr. Gaebe first served on the faculty, then as admissions director, vice president, and president before being named to his current positions in 1989.

Dr. Gaebe is active in the civic and educational communities. He is a member of the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame and is listed in Who’s Who in Commerce and Industry. In 1990, Dr. Gaebe was named to the College of Diplomates of the Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association and in 1992 was appointed to its board of trustees.

Dr. Gaebe received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois in 1941 and served as a lieutenant in the US Navy during WWII. He and his wife, Audrey, have four sons.
Robert L. McCabe

Doctor of Business Administration

Robert L. McCabe is among the region's most prominent business leaders. He is chairman of the retail subsidiaries of New England Electric System (NEES), a public utility holding company with headquarters in Westborough, Massachusetts. NEES comprises The Narragansett Electric Company, Massachusetts Electric Company, Nantucket Electric Company, and Granite State Electric Company.

He is a director and past chairman of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce and a director of the Coalition for Community Development, the Providence Foundation, the Rhode Island Philharmonic, the National Conference, and Grow Smart Rhode Island. Mr. McCabe serves as a trustee of Save the Bay, is on the executive board of the United Way, and on the executive committee of the National Jewish Medical and Research Center. He is a past chairman of the Good Neighbor Energy Fund.

A graduate of the United States Military Academy, he served in the United States Army. He and his wife, Susan, have four children. Their son, David, is a 1994 graduate of Bryant College.
Master of Business Administration

Daniel Joseph Anderson
Robert M. Anderson *
Krishnarao Appasani *
Lawrence Nelson Ashley *
Abibatou Ba
Jeffrey Bar *
Roland E. Benjamin Jr.
Steven W. Bertone *
Dominique Clementine Blime
Linca L. Botelho
Kristin Lee Braun
Kimberly Murray Butler
Michelle M. Butler
Brett Lee Cambridge
Donna M. Capoverde
Laurie Anne Carroll *
Christine Marie Castro
Maria Cecchi
Dennis Michael Cesana
William J. Chalko
Guang Yu Chen
Helene Cherrier
Kim Marie Christie
Frank Cirillo
Glenn R. Clark
Lee Anne Clift *
Darlene D. Cobain *
Jacqui Boire Comiskey *
Gail L. Connolly
Shawn P. Connolly
Michael G. Daly
Charlene G. Davis, Honors
Trudy DeFreitas Delade
Debra J. Demeulenaere
Lee Ann DeRita
Michael J. Desrosiers
Mansan/Dominique Dingou
Michael DiSandro III
Peter John Donahue, Honors, * B
Robert C. Drinville
John R. Dumouchel
Shannon K. Dunnigan
Joan M. Fasano
Henrique Fernandes
Michael Flynn
Leo D. Fortier
Steven A. Franchetti
Chad Edward Freitas
Richard Michael Gagne
Rebecca Blackmore Gaulin *
Debra Gentile
Anu Goel, Honors
Christopher J. Goolgasian,
Honors
Allison Kristen Grenier
Glenn Alberi: Grilli
Matt James Guernsey
Lori S. Hall
Paula Ann Hamel
Michael Patrick Healy

β Beta Gamma Sigma
Honor Society
* tentative August graduate
Master of Business Administration

Marie J. Hebert
Mario F. Hernandez
Daniel P. Highcove Jr.
Diane Elizabeth Howes
Martha Mary Hudoba
Michael Peter Iozzi
Jeanne M. Jackson
Jessica Jensen
David William Jolin
Michael Wayne Kalif
Kathleen A. Kelleher
Patricia Ann Kelley
Kevin George Kelly, Honors
Mary Ellen B. Kennedy
Daniel M. Korrick
Jennifer A. Laforge
Thomas Joseph Lafrancois
Nancy June Lancaster
Steven Ronald LaPorte, Honors, B
Suzanne H. Larson, Honors, B
Marc A Legault
Nancy J. Levesque *
Mark Joseph Loiselle
Heather J. Loring
Scott J. Lynch
Michael Joseph Marcucci, Honors
Lori Lynn Mattingly
Mariette Jeanine Maynard
Tracy J. McCaffrey
Maureen A. McNamara, Honors

Kerrianne McNaughton
Rose F Medeiros
Kalpesh Bhaker Mehta
Nicole Marie Melmed, Honors, * β
Yu Meng
Joseph W. Mier, Honors, * β
James Edward Mitro II
David M. Moore
Bruce Paul Myers
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Theresa Marie Newfeil *
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Anna Marie Pierce
Donald Joseph Pierce
Mary Ann Pietrantozzi
Donald C. Plouffe
Xiuping Qu *
Kimberly Ann Radigan *
Christopher J. Ready, Honors, B
Vanessa A. Reisen
Edward W. Ricci II

β Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society
* tentative August graduate
Master of Business Administration

Monique Marie Rioux *
Anjanette M. Roldan
Seth A. Rossignol *
Felix J. Santilli, Honors
Paul Schasel
Paula R. Schmidt
Michael A. Sieber
Maureen Lynn Slattery
Christine Elizabeth Sommers
Nicholas S. Squeo
Julie A. Steitz
Tina Jaye Stiles

Norman G. Tashash
Yannick Thebault
James T. Tracey III
Joseph James Voccio *
Cynthia Robert Wager *
Hang Wang
James David Ward
Marcie Ann Wilde
Charlene Marie Wilk, Honors *
Doris Alice Wilson
Aprylle Monique Wright

Master of Science in Accounting

Michael Lanfredi

Denis E. McCarthy

β Beta Gamma Sigma
Honors Society
* tentative August graduate
Master of Science in Taxation

Steven A. Campano
Margaret Carlson
Kristine Viola (Hilsman) DeSimone *
Deana M. Filippelli
David Allan Gilmore, Honors, B
Scott Lane Glass B
Louis Port Goldman
Richard G. Lawrence
Alan David Lury
Robert George Manny
Mark James McPhillips *

Bonnie Moffett
Donald J. Montefusco
Mary Lu Notarianni Nadeau, Honors, B
Richard Alan Proule, B
R. David Randall CPA *
Antonio J. Rebelo *
Lynne Ann Regine
Alan R. Riendeau
Debbie A Shakan
Richard Philip Swanson
Marc D. Tondreau

Certificate Of Advanced Graduate Study

Robert Edward Bisson
Barbara Elena Paglio Danesi
William G. Dean
Robert E. Donovan
Paul Francis Fioravanti
Stephen Halay Gobewole
Patricia H. Hunter

Janice M. Nolan
James E. Powers
Michael E. Powers
Dennis Rodney Racine
Todd Nicholas Teixeira
Haihuan Teng
Jeffrey R. Wall

* Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society
* tentative August graduate

These names represent the entire list of Master of Science in Taxation and Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study degree recipients.
Honor Society

β  Beta Gamma Sigma

A member inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma from among the masters students must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or above, and be ranked in the upper twenty percent of those receiving the masters degree during the year. Those masters students who have previously been inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma membership as undergraduates and who rank in the upper 20 percent of those receiving the masters degree, must be inducted in the 20 percent limitation referred to in the Bylaws.
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 the two dominant emblems of the institution: 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 bestowal 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 presidents is marked by the presentation of the medallion by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees to the president.

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

Commencement is not an ending, but a beginning. Your relationship with your Alma Mater will not end today, but rather evolve into a new form. In Latin, Alma Mater means “fostering mother” and alumnus meant originally “foster child.”

Your relationship with your parents doesn’t end the day you leave home; rather, as you gain your independence, your ties with your family become centered around mutual respect, affection and moral support. So it is with your relationship to Bryant College. As you move out with hope and courage into your careers or further education, you will want to maintain close ties with your Alma Mater.

The vehicle for maintaining these ties is the Bryant College Alumni Association. Through this organization you will be able to stay in touch with the friends you have made here, at class reunions and at local alumni chapter events. You will also be able to utilize the resources of Bryant College as you develop your career path. You, in turn, will become a resource for the College. Our alumni serve on various College committees, curriculum advisory councils, and on the Board of Trustees. We also help to maintain and advance the excellent reputation of this school through volunteer efforts on behalf of admission, career development, educational programs, and fund raising. Through the Alumni Association, you play a significant part in enhancing Bryant College’s ability to attract quality faculty, administration, and students.

So today the Alumni Association extends to you an invitation to begin a life-long relationship with your Alma Mater. Stay in touch. Let the Alumni Office know where you are, and what your latest accomplishments are. Get involved with local alumni chapters. And through your individual support and work with other alumni, help keep Bryant College an outstanding institution for future generations. Your efforts will help insure that years from now you will still be able to point with pride to your graduation from Bryant College.

We extend to you and your family and friends our congratulations and our warmest welcome to a proud Bryant family.

Congratulations and welcome to the Bryant College Alumni Association.
Alumni Heraldry

The history of academic dress worn today dates back to the universities of the Middle Ages. A statute of 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 Inter-collegiate 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 doctor’s degree has bell-shaped sleeves with black velvet facing down the front and three bars of the same across the sleeve. 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, humanities.

The length of the hood varies slightly for bachelor’s and master’s, and doctor’s degree. Today, the hood for those receiving bachelor’s and master’s degrees 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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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.
Flowers are available at the Student Senate concession table.
Refreshments are available at the outdoor ARAMARK concession.
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.

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