Graduate School Commencement Exercises

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1996
Welcome

A most cordial welcome is extended to relatives, friends, faculty members, alumni, administrators, and staff members who gather here to celebrate the 1996 Commencement Exercises of the Bryant College Graduate School.
Order of Exercises

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

Marshalls
Chief Marshall
Graduate Marshall
Faculty Marshall
Platform Marshall

Professor Shirley Wilson
Professor John Quinn
Professor Sam Mirmirani
Professor Ron DiBattista

College Mace Bearer
Professor David Beausejour

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.

The National Anthem
Soloist: Cecelia Rodi

Invocation
Rabbi Lawrence M. Silverman
Bryant College Jewish Chaplain

Presiding
Dr. James A. Norton
Interim President of Bryant College

Convening the 1996 Graduate School Commencement
John E. Wolfe
Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bryant College

Conferring of Honorary Degree
President Norton
Citation
Patrick J. Keeley
Professor of English

Honorary Degree Recipient
Robert Holland, Jr.
Marcy Syms

Trustee Escort
Ernest A. Almonte '78, '85MST
Edwin J. Santos '81

Hooding of Honorary Degree Recipient
Dr. Michael B. Patterson
Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean of Faculty

Commencement Address
Robert Holland, Jr.

Presentation of Candidates for Graduate Degrees
Michael B. Patterson

Introduction of Candidates for Graduate Degrees
Dr. Anne C. Parish
Director of Graduate Programs

Presentation of Diploma Cases
President Norton

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

Presentation of Graduate Student Faculty Award
Introduction: Sandra Barbar '96MBA
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.

Knowledge, learning, work and play;
Our minds will grow from day to day.
All that we learn, All that we know,
Always will be with us through 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.

Dear companions, classmates, friend;
Who knows where you and I will end?
Dear for a term, Dear for a year,
Dearest of all lasting through 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, Adjunct Professor of Music

Adjournment of the
1996 Graduate School Commencement
John E. Wolfe

Benediction
The Reverend Philip Devens
Bryant College Protestant Chaplain

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

Reception
Sponsored by Office of Alumni Relations
The entire assembly is cordially invited to attend a reception on the plaza in front of the gymnasium immediately following graduation exercises.

Child Care
To enable parents and other guests to concentrate on the Commencement ceremony, the College is offering child care service at the rear of the Multipurpose Activities Center (MAC). The play area will be available 3:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. We encourage you to use this service at any time during the ceremony.

The play area is staffed by members of the Student Alumni Association.
Honorary Degree Recipients

Robert Holland, Jr.

Doctor of Business Administration

President and chief executive officer of Ben & Jerry's Homemade, Inc., a Vermont corporation well known for its ice cream and frozen yogurt; previously served as chairman and chief executive officer of Rokher-J., Inc., a New York-based holding company participating in business development projects and providing strategy development assistance to senior management of major corporations; member of the board of directors of Mutual of New York, TrueMark Manufacturing Company, and Frontier Corporation; chairman of the board of trustees of Spelman College and a trustee of Atlanta University Center; graduate of Union College and Bernard Baruch Graduate School.

Marcy Syms

Doctor of Business Administration

President and chief operating officer of Syms Corp., one of the first stores to offer designer and name brand clothing at substantially lower prices than conventional stores; the company now operates 38 stores in 16 states, and employs nearly 3,000 people; member of the board of directors of Midlantic Bank, New Jersey's third largest, and the National Association of Women Business Owners; advisory board member for the National Association of Female Executives, MasterMedia, Inc., The Empower Program; distinguished columnist at Family Business Magazine and author of the widely acclaimed book, Mind Your Own Business; and Keep It in the Family; graduate of Finch College and Boston University.
Master of Business Administration

The 1996 Bryant College Graduate School Commencement honors certified graduates and degree candidates who have been scheduled to complete course work by August, 1996. Honors are tentatively calculated as of the fall semester, 1995.

John P. Addessi *  Deborah Fraieli
Sandra Renee Anthony-Iosue  David France
Pierre-Olivier Antoine  John Gallonio
Sheikh Aslam  Shohei Goda
Albert John Barbar  Michelle M. Godin
Sandra Barbar  Serhan Gokmen
Bryan Francis Barrette  Theresa A. Goldstein *
Robert C. Baxter, Jr.  Kenneth Goulart *
Michael T. Beauparlant  Stephen G. Hallal
Deborah A. Bettencourt  Heather B. Hanna
Olivier Bourgeois  Jody Vaughn Harrison
Michelle Ann Brater  Mona A. Henry
Michael F. Cahill  Jeffrey D. Hiebner
Richard Thomas Carnevale  Raymond Owen Jenness
Normand G. Caron III  Erik M. Jeppson
Chris Harold Cocaine  Adam Brett Joffe
Eric Andre Cohen *  Stephen Edward Jones
Robert William Coia, Honors  Timothy W. Judge, Honors, β
Todd Edward Anthony Costa *  Mary Ellen Karkutt
Jacqueline Feix Costantino  John L. Keevan III
John S. Costantino  Kerry Jean Kelley *
Sylvain Henry Cotte  Robert Francis Kelley
Danny M. Crane  David A. Klein
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Kristin Manocchia-DeThomas
John Vincent Marcantonio
Germano Vlad Mariani
Peter Anthony Martino III
William Alexander McKenzie
Manuel S. Mello
Theresa Monaghan Mendes
Robert Christopher Meros
John D. Midwood
Karen E. Miller
Tracey Mitchell
Barbara Joan Morton
Raymond A. Munkelwitz
Barbara Simpson Nardacci,
Honors, β

Christian M. Roberts
Derly Giovanna Romero Pardo
James Robert Samos
Brian A. Silven *
Clemente Simone
William Carl Secher
Joyce E. Smith
James Francis Soares, Honors, β
Denise Marie Soucy
Nicholas S. Squeo
Patricia J. Steere
Maureen T. Sylvia
Lisa Szynal
David G. Thibault, Honors, β
Annette M. Treen
Nicholas Francois Tricot
Scott Pierson Van Winter
Michael Vitsaxakis
Lisa M. Westerman *
Joshua Winston
Jaimye M. Wright
Susan G. Wyllie
Luis V. Ydrach-Angelet
Lisa S. Ziniti

Δ Beta Gamma Sigma
* Tentative August Graduate
Master of Science in Taxation

Linda Jean Albamonti, β
Gary R. Alger
Kathleen Ann Bertone
John Albert Cacchiotti, Jr. *
Maria J. Cesario
Claire Y. Costa, Honors, β
Richard V. Digennaro
Mark V. Dow
Tammy Jean Duxbury
John E. Finnerty, Jr.
Mary Elizabeth Hebert
Richard A. Kowal
Elizabeth Marie Kozar, Honors, β
Kathleen M. Labonte
Norman L. Langlois
Michael R. Magnone

Frank S. Mansella
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Gregory James Meisnerz
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Mark R. Provost
Debra A. Raymond
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Colin George Thornton
John J. Weeden

β  Beta Gamma Sigma.
*  Tentative August Graduate

Certificate of
Advanced Graduate Study

Robert A. Codagnone
Frederick W. Ernsting
Marlin Erik Kaufman
Linda Jane Massa

Man Mohan Mehrotra *
Robert D. Michaud
Brian Douglas Smith

*  Tentative August Graduate
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.

Bryant College Alumni Association
Academic 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 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, 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.
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.
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