BRYANT UNIVERSITY

Commencement

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN ARTS AND SCIENCES

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2014
A most cordial welcome is extended to relatives, friends, faculty members, alumni, administrators, and staff who gather here to celebrate Commencement for the Graduate School of Business and Graduate Programs in Arts and Sciences.

**PROGRAM**

**ACADEMIC PROCESSION**
The audience is requested to remain standing through the Invocation.

**MARSHALS**
Chief Marshal, Professor Michael Roberto, D.B.A.
Faculty Marshal, Professor Gaytha Langlois, Ph.D.
Student Marshal, Professor Lori Coakley, Ph.D.
Platform Marshal, Professor Elizabeth Yobaccio, D.B.A.

**UNIVERSITY MACE BEARER**
Professor Charles Cullinan, Ph.D.

**THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**
Raquel Kopeck ’17

**INVOCATION**
Steven Jablow
Bryant University Jewish Chaplain

**PRESIDING**
Ronald K. Machtley
President of Bryant University

**CONVENEING OF THE 2014 COMMENCEMENT FOR THE GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN ARTS AND SCIENCES AND GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**
Michael E. Fisher ’67
Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bryant University

**CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES**
Ronald K. Machtley

**CITATION**
Keith Murray, Ph.D.
Professor of Marketing

**HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT**
Robert A. DiMuccio

**TRUSTEE PRESENTER**
Deborah May ’07P
HOODING OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT
Richard Joseph, M. Litt., J.D.
Interim Provost and Chief Academic Officer

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Robert A. DiMuccio

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES
Richard Joseph

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
Ronald K. Machtley

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES
Richard S. Cheney
Director of Operations, Graduate Programs, College of Business

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS
Richard Joseph

HOODING OF CANDIDATES
All candidates:
José-Marie Griffiths, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs, University Professor

Master of Arts in Communication
Wendy Samter, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Professor of Communication

Master of Arts in Teaching
Donald Holder, Ed.D.
Director, Master of Arts in Teaching

Master of Science in Global Environmental Studies
Gaytha Langlois, Ph.D.
Professor of Environmental Policy; Chair, Department of Science and Technology

Master of Business Administration
Master of Science in Information Systems
Master of Professional Accountancy
Master of Science in Taxation
V.K. Unni, D.B.A.
Interim Dean, College of Business

ALUMNI GREETINGS
Glen P. Martin ’81, ’87 MBA
Vice President, National Alumni Council
Bryant University Alumni Association

BENEDICTION
Reverend Philip Devens
Bryant University Protestant Chaplain

ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2014 COMMENCEMENT FOR THE
GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN ARTS AND SCIENCES AND GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
Michael E. Fisher

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

RECEPTION
You are cordially invited to attend a reception immediately following the ceremony in the Heidi and Walter Stepan Grand Hall of the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology.

INTERNATIONAL FLAGS
To welcome new alumni from other cultures, graduates from foreign countries are invited to exchange their native flags with President Machtley.
Degree Candidates

College of Arts and Sciences  
MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION  
Jeanette Ferraro, Honors  
Jamie Rose Maniscalco, Honors  
Todd Lewis Stewart  

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING  
Ryan J. Lapre *  

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES  
Caitlyn R. Wirkowski, Honors  

College of Business  
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
Christopher Martino *  
Charles Andrew Matley III *  
Justin J. Mavromatis  
Jason Matthew Megaro *  
John P. Messiery Jr., Honors *  
Anna Miniuti, Honors *  
Matthew King Morse *  
Justin M. Paulsen *  
John Kenneth Poirier *  
Sean E. Richmond, Honors, BGS *  
Christopher Michael Sanders *  
Danitra M. Shorts, Honors *  
Jeffrey V. Siarni *  
Meredith L. Soper *  
Rahul R. Wadhwani *  

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION/MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS  
Thomas Christopher Riley, Honors, BGS  

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY  
Patrick J. Armenti  
April M. Arruda  
Courtney Marie Bernard  
Jourdan J. Bua  
Simone Arlene Chuda  
Corinne Cordeiro  
Evan F. Dedrick  
Christopher R. Dionne  

Nicole Gagliastre  
Chelsea Aileen Gavilanez  
Jessalyn Anne Gingras  
Ryan Z. Hansen, Honors  
David Russell Hoag III  
Waren Patrick Hofrichter  
James Huber  
Tyler Joseph Irving  
Matthew Ryan Jones  
Morgan Elizabeth Kauffman  
Jared Levine  
Dayna Elisabeth Lynds  
Eva Claire Mahan  
Anthony W. Mahn  
Danielle Victoria Moniz *  
Timothy Morneau  
Courtney Anne Nason-Farrell  
Katelyn O’Hara  
Benjamin N. Orrall  
Katherine Peters  
Aaron L. Pica  
Michael Allan Prew  
Allison J. Ravenelle *  
Joshua Adam Reynolds  
Megan Joy Robertson  
Shana-Kay Smith, Honors, BGS  
Chelsea Spillane  
Anthony Tempesta  
Chelsea Amber Theokas  
Julie Thomas  
Allison Margaret Tormey  
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* Tentative August graduate
Robert A. DiMuccio
HONORARY DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Robert DiMuccio is chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Amica Mutual Insurance Company, the oldest mutual insurer of automobiles in the United States. Today, it also offers homeowners, personal excess liability, and marine coverage, with Amica’s 2013 assets listed at $4.9 billion.

DiMuccio joined Amica in 1991 as a vice president in the accounting department, was promoted to senior vice president in 1994, named treasurer in 1996, and elected chief financial officer in 2001. During those years, he remained a member of Amica’s accounting department. He was named executive vice president in 2003, and president and chief executive officer in 2005. In 2008, he was elected the company’s chairman.

He began his career with the accounting firm KPMG Peat Marwick, where he worked for 12 years, attaining the position of partner.

He serves on the Board of Governors of the Property Casualty Insurers (PCI) Association of America. He is president of the board of directors of the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council. In addition, he serves on the boards of the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety, Property & Liability Resource Bureau, the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, The Washington Trust Company, and Crossroads Rhode Island.

DiMuccio, who has earned the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) and the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) designations, is a member the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Born and raised in Providence, he graduated from Providence College in 1979.

DiMuccio and his wife, Rena, live in Cumberland, R.I. They have two sons, Robert and Joseph.
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.

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 traditional for 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.

At Bryant University, the president, trustees, and honorary degree recipients wear specially-designed gold robes trimmed with black, representative of the University's colors.
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- Restrooms are located in Residence Hall 16 and in the Fisher Student Center.
- The Department of Health Services is located in Residence Hall 16 and will be open during the Commencement ceremony.
- Bryant memorabilia can be purchased at the Bookstore.
- A limited number of listener-assisted headsets 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.