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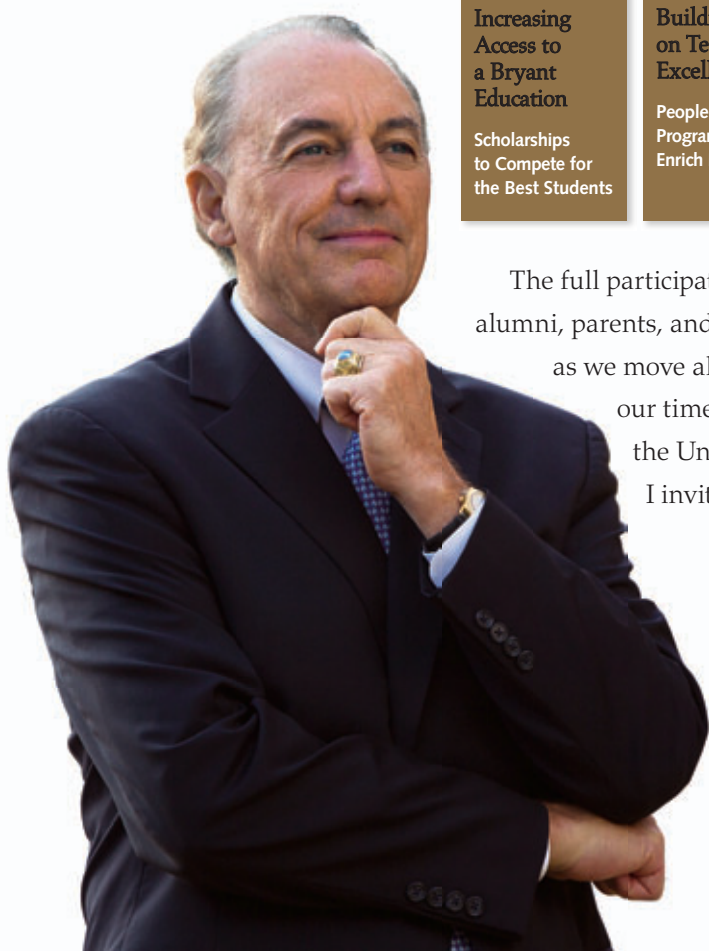
The summer issue of *Bryant* magazine incorrectly reported that two alumni, Wendy (Haynes) Jenkins '93 of Southlake, TX, and Matt Schoenberg '89 of Glastonbury, CT, had taken positions with new companies. Their class notes were based on news releases that contained inaccurate information.

# ENGAGE INSPIRE INVEST

For more than 150 years, Bryant has prepared students to achieve success in their lives and chosen professions. The value of a Bryant degree is increasing at a pace that only continues to accelerate, and by 2020 we will have successfully achieved the ambitious goals of our *Vision 20/20* strategic plan—positioning the University among the most prestigious schools in the country.

In September, our Board of Trustees approved the launch of our historic \$75 million capital campaign, *Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future*. We have already raised more than \$42 million in gifts and commitments, a philanthropic investment by Bryant's alumni, parents, and friends that will yield crucial dividends. I hope you will enjoy the stories about the transformative impact of philanthropy included in this issue of *Bryant* magazine.

To define our future and set the pace for others to follow, we must be bold in creating the model for educating innovative leaders with character who will make a difference around the world. Together, we will broaden the scope and enhance the quality of Bryant's innovative education to better prepare students to lead change in the world. This landmark campaign will make a profound difference in the academic standing of Bryant and its future students.



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The full participation of Bryant's powerful network of alumni, parents, and friends is vital to Bryant's mission as we move ahead with these exciting plans. This is our time to seize Bryant's bold future and take the University to the next level of excellence. I invite you to support our vision!

Sincerely,

Ronald K. Machtley  
President







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# EXPANDING THE WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY:

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The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future creates unlimited opportunities for high-achieving students from diverse backgrounds

BY NANCY KIRSCH

BRYANT UNIVERSITY'S commitment to prepare students for professional and personal success is unparalleled. Its distinctive, multidisciplinary curriculum integrates business disciplines with the arts and sciences, incorporates a global view, and instills integrity.



The outcomes of this approach are clear: Bryant graduates are leaving a mark on the world and achieving personal and professional success many colleges envy. Alumni create jobs, put communities to work, shape public policy, rescue private and public corporations, build nonprofit organizations, and lead startups. Through these ventures, they enrich their communities and contribute to a stronger, more vibrant and ethical society.

Recognition of Bryant's academic programs is widespread. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Bryant among select "up and coming" universities in our region, and 11th in our category. For 10 consecutive years, Bryant has ranked among the top 20. College Factual ranks Bryant among the top 10 business programs in the country. *Bloomberg Businessweek* ranks Bryant's business programs among the top 50 in the nation, 16th in the country for our International Business program, one of the few offering concentrations in business functions, and 18th in a national survey of employers. The Princeton Review recognizes Bryant among the country's top institutions for undergraduate education, according to *The Best 379 Colleges 2015* and *The Best 295 Business Schools 2014*. Bryant's College of Business is included in a select group of just 5 percent of colleges and universities worldwide that are accredited by AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

On the heels of celebrating 150 years of educational excellence, Bryant is looking ahead to launch its largest-ever fundraising initiative—***Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future***. A key campaign priority is to increase philanthropic support for annual and endowed scholarships to attract talented, high-achieving students from all segments of society.

### Competing for the Best Students

Although Bryant University currently offers generous financial aid and competitive tuition rates, it must expand scholarship opportunities for students with exceptional academic merit, accomplished students with significant need, students whose presence and contributions will enrich and diversify the community, and those who hope to enhance their academic experience through study abroad.

Bryant is committed to being the first choice, an affordable first choice, for an even greater number of high achieving, gifted students and student-athletes. Without scholarship support, some promising students fear their post-graduation options may be limited by overwhelming student-loan debt. For other highly qualified students, the decision not to enroll at Bryant is difficult but necessary—because of their inability to pay. Academically gifted students often weigh scholarship offers from multiple colleges and determine if the best opportunity is matched by an equally attractive financial aid package.

Expanding scholarship aid is essential if Bryant is to successfully compete with other colleges and universities that also are recruiting these students—high performers with the ability to contribute to and benefit from the Bryant experience. Gifted with creativity, passion, intelligence, artistic talent, and athletic prowess, these students enrich the campus and community while participating in the full spectrum of educational, cultural, social, and athletic programs Bryant offers.

### Success Inspires Donors

Many donors are inspired to give because of the remarkable accomplishments of Bryant alumni. **Thomas Taylor '63, '98H** and his wife, **Carol (Marsh) Taylor '63**, are members of the Bryant Leadership Council of Donors along



## BRYANT: THE PATH TO CAREER SUCCESS

A self-professed "shy kid," **Thomas Taylor '63, '98H**, rose through the ranks of Amica Mutual Insurance Company, serving as president and chief executive officer from 1995 through 2005. "I count my lucky stars that my life's path brought me to Amica, and Bryant started everything in motion," says Taylor.

As president, Taylor led Amica into uncharted waters by establishing an advertising program. "At Bryant, I had a passion for marketing and advertising," he says. Years after graduation, his Bryant education equipped him to exercise that passion on a relevant and timely project.

"Bryant taught me to be a better thinker and planner," he says, "and honed my organizational skills—all essential attributes of a successful leader."

Taylor received an honorary degree from Bryant in 1998. Delivering the commencement address 35 years after his own graduation was a "mind-boggling experience," he recalls. "I loved it."

Taylor chaired Bryant's board of trustees from 2005 to 2008. He has served as a former member or chair of numerous business and community boards, including the Alliance of American Insurers, the Providence Foundation, and the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council.



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**Thomas Taylor '63, '98H**

## SOLID FOUNDATION FOR A HIGH-POWERED EXECUTIVE

**Arthur Sukel '60** has come a long way since his days as a “wayward child” in high school. Quick to credit the U.S. Army for making “a man out of a child,” Sukel lauds Bryant for providing him with a solid education and the foundation for his career success.

After nearly 25 years with CBS, Sukel—then a divisional CFO and senior vice president—and fellow investors bought the magazines division from CBS. Shortly thereafter, the small group sold the division for \$650 million. “We doubled our money,” he says.

Now an independent investor, Sukel says, “If it weren’t for Bryant, I wouldn’t be in the situation I’m in now.” Although he earned an MBA, cum laude, from Fairleigh Dickinson University, he attributes his success and wealth to the education and skills he acquired at Bryant, which provided him with a strong finance and accounting base.

Sukel, who attended Bryant with help from the GI Bill, and his wife, **Carole (Oliner) Sukel, '59**, established a generous endowed scholarship providing tuition assistance to deserving students, especially those living with foster families.

with other trustees have generously supported the Trustees Scholarship Fund. When Taylor retired as president and CEO of Amica Mutual Insurance Company in 2005, the company established the Thomas A. Taylor '63, '98H Endowed Scholarship in his honor. Taylor finds it personally satisfying to help ease Bryant students’ financial burdens. He is impressed by the personal and career success attained by so many alumni—achievements that he attributes in large part to their Bryant education.

“It’s amazing what some graduates have accomplished,” marvels Taylor. “In my heart of hearts, I know that if they hadn’t earned their degree from Bryant, they might not have received the training they needed to put them on their path to success.”

Taylor knows firsthand how much a scholarship can be a lifeline. After his father died suddenly, Taylor learned that his family lacked the funds to pay tuition for his junior year at Bryant. Describing those years as “really, really tough,” Taylor gratefully received a small sum of money from an individual who “provided a patchwork” to enable him to stay in school and go on to graduate.

“We didn’t recognize until years later how important the discipline my wife and I developed at Bryant would be to our success,” says Taylor, a former chair of the University’s board of trustees. “Our education and the dedicated faculty helped shape our personal and career development.”

The Taylors have also been impressed by the leadership of Bryant President Ronald K. Machtley and the success he has brought to the University.

They credit him with raising “the energy and vibrancy on campus, and fostering academic programs, truly dedicated faculty members, and an athletic program that is making headlines.”

### **A Catalyst for Success—and Generosity**

The “rags-to-riches” story, often celebrated in American literature, film, and music, was a first hand experience for many philanthropic alumni who credit Bryant with transforming their lives. The “world of opportunity” they found on campus was the catalyst that enabled them to create lives filled with personal satisfaction and professional success.

**Arthur Sukel '60** was accepted to several business-oriented universities and knew he wanted to study accounting. “I decided Bryant was the best place for me to go, and I was right,” he says. “A lot of people compared it to the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.”

Sukel came from “very humble beginnings,” according to his wife, **Carole (Oliner) Sukel '59**, and was the first person in his large family to earn a college degree. He attributes his professional success—nearly 25 years of increasingly challenging C-suite positions with CBS—to Bryant.

Decades after using the educational benefits offered by the GI Bill, Sukel is concerned that the cost of a Bryant education may often deter deserving students from enrolling. To address the issue personally, he and Carole, who are members of Bryant’s Leadership Council of Donors, established the Carole and Arthur Sukel Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship supports students in foster families (a related philanthropic priority for the Sukes) and other qualified stu-





dents who are financially unable to attend Bryant.

Now retired, Sukel has also paid college tuitions for several financially struggling relatives—including one who graduated from Bryant. Deeply invested in Bryant's success and with high expectations for the University's future trajectory, Sukel promises, "After I fund the initial endowment, I won't stop."

Sukel encourages successful Bryant graduates to donate annually, establish an endowment, and/or include Bryant as a beneficiary in their will or trust.

**Nicholas deRienzo '59** is one notable alumnus who remembered Bryant in his estate plan. A substantial gift from his estate funded an endowed scholarship that assists financially struggling students in the College of Business. He is one of dozens of members of the 1863 Society, a legacy society that recognizes donors who name Bryant University in their will or trust.

### "You Are More Than Rewarded"

Decades ago, **Richard "Dick" Capobianco '53**, now a Bryant trustee, knew individuals who couldn't afford the high cost of college. To help others who face similar challenges, he and his wife, **Geraldine "Geri,"** established the Richard Capobianco Scholarship, which provides aid to academically strong students with financial need who participate in Bryant clubs and co-curricular programs.

Capobianco built a small credit-reporting bureau into the Credit Bureau of Connecticut, a substantially larger business that serves clients across New England. Acknowledging the solid education in finance that he acquired at

## SUCCESS THROUGH INNOVATION

**Richard "Dick" Capobianco '53** expected to work for his father. As a youngster working at the United Wholesale Furniture Company, he witnessed managerial inefficiencies, which motivated him to study business management at Bryant. Eventually, Capobianco learned that he couldn't work for his beloved father, who didn't delegate. "I learned... very quickly that I couldn't not delegate," says Capobianco.

In 1956, the young graduate—discharged from the U.S. Army and engaged to be married—needed a job, and quickly. From his first position with a finance company, he earned promotion after promotion. After several years, he purchased a small credit bureau in New Haven, CT, and transformed it into a large entity serving business clients across New England.

Capobianco, a Bryant trustee, recognized the benefits of innovation and, far earlier than his competitors, transitioned to automated reporting. As a result, the company, now called the Credit Bureau of Connecticut, experienced "huge growth—from 12 employees to more than 200—and unbelievable volume," explains Capobianco. "When I bought the credit bureau, we were doing 700 credit reports a week; at my peak, we went up to almost 500,000 reports a month."

Capobianco, now retired, feels a strong connection to Bryant. He and his wife, **Geraldine "Geri,"** established an endowed fund for students in need.

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## PHILANTHROPY THAT INSPIRES

Nonagenarian **Olga O'Brien** is sharp, insightful, and remarkably self-effacing. "It's not good to be long-winded," says O'Brien, who, with her late husband, **William O'Brien '50, '54**, established the William R. and Olga O'Brien Endowed Scholarship. The fund has helped 17 students, generally commuting students studying accounting, attain an exceptional, globally focused Bryant education.

Until his death seven years ago, Bill had stayed very close to Bryant, O'Brien says. "We have always felt that it was good to give to an institution that is achieving such remarkable progress in so many arenas." Bryant is truly exceptional, as it blends a rigorous and student-focused academic curriculum with such warm and welcoming leaders—Ronald and Kati Machtley, says O'Brien.

Bryant's attention to the arts and sciences inspired O'Brien's granddaughter, **Gabriella Badaracco '15**, to attend the University, as she creates a path that will allow her to pursue a career in communications.

"Both my husband and I had help paying for our college educations," recalls O'Brien, who earned an undergraduate degree from Rhode Island College in 1945. "We received superior educations and had so many privileges—that's why we give back to Bryant."

## PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERAN STUDENTS

**Rodney Baillargeon '76** expected to enter Bryant as a freshman in the fall of 1970, but world events intervened. Drafted into the U.S. Army, he received orders for Vietnam; with the war's de-escalation, he was sent to Germany instead. When Baillargeon returned home three years later, he became a member of the first class to enroll at Bryant's Smithfield campus.

There was little time for cocurricular activities as Baillargeon juggled a full-time job, full-time academics, and a part-time work-study position. His participation in the Investment Club was transformative. "It piqued my interest in investments, which is what I ended up pursuing," Baillargeon explains.

After early stints working in personnel, he found his niche in the banking world. He has held increasingly senior positions at several banks—Connecticut Bank and Trust of Hartford, Shawmut, Fleet, Bank of America, and U.S. Trust—in several New England locales, including Hartford, CT, Massachusetts, and, most recently, Providence.

Now the managing director and market investment director at U.S. Trust, a subsidiary of Bank of America, the Massachusetts native has established scholarships for veteran students attending Bryant. "I want to give some other deserving students the same opportunities Bryant gave me," says Baillargeon, who was the first in his family to attend college.

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## KPMG SUPPORTS BRYANT STUDENTS

As a KPMG LLP audit partner for 29 years, **Daniel Schmitt '73**, a Bryant trustee, provided strategic business counsel to several of the nation's most prominent financial services companies, including Wells Fargo, Bank of NY Mellon, Citigroup, GE Capital, and Fleet Financial Group. "Auditors perform a critical role," says Schmitt, a CPA. "We are charged with upholding the highest standards of professionalism, quality, integrity and independence."



His Bryant education prepared him well to earn his CPA and rise through the ranks of a public accounting firm, he notes. In appreciation, Schmitt and **Karl Ericson '58, '91H**, a past Bryant trustee, created the KPMG Endowed Scholarship Fund in 1984 for deserving Bryant students.

Now retired, Schmitt serves as director and audit committee chair of KCG Holdings, Inc., a NYSE-listed financial services firm, and as a trustee of the Warren Alpert Foundation. A former president of Bryant's Alumni Association, he frequently shares his thoughtful insights with students in Bryant's innovative MPAC program.

During his 35-year accounting career, Schmitt, widely recognized as a consummate professional, also served KPMG as an area and business unit professional practice partner, a SEC review partner, a national training instructor, college/university relationship partner and a National Risk Management Committee member.

Bryant, he is resolute—and not reticent—in advising others to support their alma mater. "Give back to your college," Capobianco urges, "and you will be more than rewarded."

A member of Bryant's Leadership Council of Donors, Capobianco enjoys opportunities to raise funds for the University and its students. "It's an honor to ask someone to donate to Bryant," he says unequivocally. He remembers a scholarship student who wondered how she might repay him after he introduced her to a professional mentor. Recounting their conversation, he says, "I told her, 'When you graduate from Bryant and become successful, give something back to the school.'"

### A Lifetime of Bryant Connections

Bryant's expanded academic offerings and global programs impress Olga O'Brien, widow of the late **William O'Brien '50, '54**, who was involved with the University until shortly before his death in 2007. The couple viewed Bryant as a strong institution that merited their financial support, she says. They established the William R. and Olga O'Brien Endowed Scholarship in recognition of the challenges William once faced as a commuting student. The scholarship generally supports commuter students majoring in accounting.

Pleased to provide these hard-working students with essential financial assistance, O'Brien is equally delighted that some family members have established





meaningful, lifelong connections to Bryant. Her daughter, **Patricia O'Brien '15P**, is a University trustee, and Patricia's daughter, **Gabriella Badaracco '15**, is a current student. Asked what her late husband might think of such family connections, she replies, "That would have been a thrill to him."

O'Brien is hopeful that her husband's example will inspire similar gratitude and generosity. "I hope that people who benefit from our endowment will have positive feelings about Bryant and their careers and, perhaps, perpetuate their own philanthropic experience," she says.

### Assisting Veterans

**Rodney Baillargeon '76** is a member of the first class to attend Bryant at the Smithfield campus. Through the Baillargeon Family Endowed Scholarship Fund and annual gifts to the Rodney R. Baillargeon Partners in Scholarship, this grateful veteran, who enrolled at Bryant after serving in Germany for three years with the U.S. Army, supports other veterans who enroll, as well as students from veteran families.

"Society is only as good as its educated individuals," says Baillargeon, who wants future students to experience, as he did, Bryant's extraordinary classes, professors, and co-curricular clubs and programs. "I'm appreciative of the opportunities I had."



Baillargeon's commitment to Bryant's bold future is deeply rooted. He participates in numerous Alumni Association events throughout New England, contributed to the prior capital campaign, and served on the advisory board for the Archway Investment Fund. He also places a high value on President Machtley's leadership in "transforming a solid business school into a globally focused university with Division I sports," Baillargeon says with pride.

### Young Alumni Provide Opportunities

As President and COO of Strategas Securities, **Nicholas Bohnsack '00** says, "The flexibility I have to pursue any project that will benefit the business is appealing, and Bryant's focus on entrepreneurial thinking provided me the foundation to do this." Bohnsack's involvement with the University continues on several fronts, from serving on the advisory board for the Archway Investment Fund to helping launch the Bryant University Wall Street Council.

He and his wife, Brooke, appreciate the opportunities a Bryant education afforded him and the close relationships formed with his professors. They generously support an endowed scholarship to ensure that those opportunities continue to be available to deserving students.

**Stephen L. Tully, Jr. '98** remembers his father explaining the economics of their being a middle income family where Stephen was one of eight children—all of whom would be going to college. "Bryant offered us an exceptional financial aid package," he says. Once on campus, he realized that Bryant offered him something more valuable than that—the chance to be a leader.

## HELPING BRYANT STUDENTS AND GRADUATES WITH AN EYE ON WALL STREET

When you are climbing the career ladder, sometimes you need a boost. That's one of the insights **Nicholas Bohnsack '00** has had during a successful career that's led him to his current position as president and COO of Strategas Securities. And it's an insight that has motivated him to co-found the Bryant Wall Street Council.

The Bryant Wall Street Council is an exciting new venture whose goal is to open doors to Wall Street careers for Bryant graduates while raising the University's visibility in the nation's iconic financial center. "The program will establish Bryant's credentials as a feeder for a major sector of the economy," says Bohnsack, who along with his wife, Brooke, also has established the Nicholas and Brooke Bohnsack Endowed Fund to help Bryant students.

One of the ways the program will establish those credentials is by creating internship and job-shadowing opportunities for Bryant students with Wall Street firms. And that, Bohnsack says, can make all the difference in the world to a student. "At some point in your career, you realize you didn't get there all by yourself. That's why I get satisfaction in giving back to Bryant and its students."

For information about the Bryant Wall Street Council, contact Regional Development Manager Susan Detri-Souve at (401) 232-6173 or [sdetri@bryant.edu](mailto:sdetri@bryant.edu).



## SUPPORTING BRYANT AND ITS STUDENTS

There are alumni who like to get involved, and then there's **Stephen Tully '98**.

Since graduating from Bryant, Tully has been an assistant coach of the football team, coached women's lacrosse, and advised a student IDEA team as it explored new entrepreneurial ideas. He has also launched a new entrepreneurial idea of his own: the Bryant Wall Street Council, a project he and four other Bryant graduates co-founded. Its goal is to help Bryant students get off to a strong start in finance and investment careers.

Tully also provides the same opportunities to a student-athlete that he was afforded by establishing the Tully Family Endowed Scholarship. "My family has a long history with Bryant and my wife, **Colleen**, and I wanted that to endure and hope to have an ongoing impact through our endowment."

And he's done all of this before turning 40.

Why such dedication to his alma mater? "Bryant was generous with scholarships and opportunities for me to get a good education," says Tully, who is director of Institutional Client Services for Cantillon Capital Management, and whose grandfather graduated from Bryant in 1938. "I'm proud to do what I can to help the next generation."

"At Bryant, I could take charge and make the experience anything I wanted it to be."

Tully provides the same opportunities to a student-athlete that he was afforded and has endowed the Tully Family Scholarship. "I wanted to have an impact that will be greater than me and that will be ongoing."

### Corporate Endowed Funds Pay Important Dividends

Bryant does an outstanding job in preparing students," says **Daniel Schmitt '73**, a Bryant trustee and a retired KPMG partner. "Its students succeed—the ultimate proof of the quality of an education."

Noting that KPMG often hired and promoted Bryant graduates, Schmitt treasured the letters of appreciation he received from recipients of the KPMG Endowed Scholarship Fund and reports from the University. They were, he says, "meaningful and worthwhile."

Schmitt urges alumni to establish the personal discipline of contributing to

their alma mater early on. Graduates beginning employment at public accounting or investment firms, for example, earn a competitive first-year salary, he says. Even graduates with student debt, Schmitt suggests, might contribute to Bryant an amount equivalent to what they would spend at a football game.

Decades before Kickstarter became a popular way to raise capital, Schmitt and **Karl Ericson '58, '91H**, a past Bryant trustee, kick-started the philanthropy process for Bryant's young alumni by encouraging those who were non-partner KPMG employees to make a modest annual gift—just \$100—to the KPMG Endowed Scholarship Fund.

"Bryant is worthy, and we wanted a worthy gesture to instill in those young folks the spirit of giving," Schmitt says.

Established in 1984, the KPMG Endowed Scholarship Fund provides partial tuition for a Bryant junior or senior majoring in accounting who maintains a high GPA and demonstrates financial need.

## PWC: INVESTING IN SUCCESS

**Bob Calabro '88** is a huge fan of internships, for several reasons. For starters, he had an internship when he was a Bryant student, and it helped shape his career. Today, as a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, he likes them for what they mean to students, and for what they mean to his company.

"An internship has several layers of value," Calabro says. "For the student, it helps build a relationship with a prospective employer. And for the employer, it's a way of ratifying an employee's potential."

He keeps an especially keen eye out for Bryant interns, hundreds of whom have gone on to become employees of PwC. What's the attraction of Bryant students? There's the alumni connection, of course, says Calabro, a Bryant trustee who has helped start a PwC scholarship fund at the University. But it's more than that. "Bryant students are willing to roll up their sleeves and really dig into a project," he says. "And they're also able to step back and see the bigger picture and goal. That sets them apart."

*Bob Calabro '88, a PwC partner and Bryant trustee, and Michael Lynch, J.D., professor of accounting, work closely with students competing in the xTAX, a taxation case competition that is part of the annual xTREME Games sponsored by PwC.*





## Paying It Forward

Many other Bryant alumni and friends have stepped forward to help Bryant help its students. **Janice Wilbur Sullivan**, a past trustee, has connections to the University dating back more than a half-century. When her paternal grandfather, Elmer Wilbur, served as Bryant's dean of admissions in the mid-20th century, she was a frequent visitor to his office on the Providence campus. Creating the Janice Wilbur Sullivan Scholarship Fund, an endowed scholarship fund for deserving female students, was a straightforward decision for Sullivan and her husband, **Peter Sullivan '74**.

As the Sullivans manage competing demands for their philanthropic giving, they identify Bryant as a top priority. Giving back to their alma mater offers alumni, many of whom required financial assistance to remain at Bryant, the perfect opportunity to "pay it forward" and help someone else, says Sullivan, who attended but did not graduate from

Bryant. "Most successful people probably had some help along the way," she observes. "Not everyone comes from a wealthy family and not everyone can fly through school without loans or grants."

Higher education is, Sullivan notes, "sometimes... a given, sometimes... a gift. I wanted to give the gift of a Bryant education to a young woman who deserves it."

Her example of generosity is not lost on those she has helped. She has grown especially close to one former student who received financial aid through Sullivan's named scholarship fund. The former student, who earned a graduate degree, now has her own business and owns a commercial building. Sullivan says, "She eventually wants to give back to Bryant to help someone who was in her shoes 10 years ago."

This idea of sharing the gift of opportunity is what drives so many alumni to make Bryant a philanthropic priority.

**Barbara and David Allardice '61, John Joyce '53, John LaRocca '70, and**

**Scott Voss '92** recognize that their contributions in support of endowed and annual scholarships will help ensure that Bryant can continue to open a "the world of opportunity" to current and future students.

Bryant alumni, parents, and friends have long demonstrated their support through generous gifts that have enabled the University to achieve the level of national prominence it enjoys today.

## ***Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future***

envisioning a premier University that sets exciting new standards of academic and athletic excellence, while removing the financial barriers that prevent some of the very best students from enrolling. To fulfill that vision, Bryant is again depending on the confidence and generosity of loyal benefactors and first-time donors who know and value the impact of Bryant graduates—innovative leaders with character who make a difference around the globe.

*Nancy Kirsch is a freelance writer and contributor to Bryant magazine.*



## A COMMITMENT TO HELPING STUDENTS IN NEED

The Take Your Daughter to Work Day initiative could have originated with **Janice Wilbur Sullivan's** grandparents. Her grandfather, Elmer Wilbur, served as dean of admissions in the '40s and '50s. As a young girl, Janice frequently visited the Providence campus of Bryant College.

A former trustee, Sullivan and her husband, **Peter Sullivan '74**, established the Janice Wilbur Sullivan Scholarship Fund, an endowed fund benefitting female students. "Everyone should be afforded the opportunity to attend college," asserts Sullivan, noting that alumni who have done well should ease the burden of college loans and grants for others, if they are able to do so.

Although she and Peter came from fairly humble backgrounds, they are fortunate to be able to help others in need, she says.

Sullivan, who attended but did not graduate from Bryant, is honored to help deserving female students. She wants to see each of her scholarship recipients "make it and be happy. If she has a dream, I'd like to help her make it come true."

# ADVANCING

## *Innovative Academic Programs for Bryant's Future*

**T**HE LANDSCAPE OF higher education has shifted dramatically in the last decade. Chalk-dusted classrooms have been transformed into dynamic learning hubs utilizing new teaching technologies. Traditional textbooks are augmented by experiential education and real-world case studies. Study groups have matured into collaborative teams, where each student's effort is central to its success.

By keeping pace with and often leading these educational trends, Bryant University is excelling in academic innovation. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Bryant No. 11 in its *Regional Universities North* category and positions the University among a select group of "up-and-coming" schools.

Nothing is more important to Bryant's continuing academic excellence than hiring and supporting a world-class faculty. ***Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future*** will enable Bryant to make strategic and sustained investments to attract and retain exceptional faculty, executives-in-residence, and visiting scholars who will ensure continued distinction in the teaching and learning environment.

### **ATTRACTING EXCELLENCE**

The exceptional quality of a Bryant education is intrinsically linked to the scholars who educate, motivate, and inspire students. The University's elite and diverse faculty are central to its mission. Without their expertise and commitment, the most exciting technologies won't accomplish the outcomes our students expect and deserve.

Bryant is competing with colleges and universities across the country and around the globe for select scholars who are world-class thought leaders in their fields, demonstrate excellence in teaching, and inspire innovative learning.

One of the best ways to attract and retain outstanding faculty is the creation of endowed teaching positions. Endowed chairs recognize distinction in an academic discipline and signal the University's commitment to support leading-edge education and research.

Prospective faculty and the families of prospective students who are evaluating a university's offerings assign special weight to the number and diversity of endowed academic chairs.

Bryant's current endowed chair exemplifies the importance of this academic tradition. Peter J. Nigro, Ph.D., an award-winning professor, holds the Sarkisian Chair in Financial Services. Another esteemed professor, Hong Yang, Ph.D., who also serves as Bryant's vice president



# EXCELLENCE

BY STASIA WALMSLEY



## THE SARKISIAN CHAIR IN FINANCIAL SERVICES

*Giving back, creating a legacy*

When the late **Norman Sarkisian '53, '88H**, attended Bryant, it was “an on-street-parking school in Providence. He could barely support himself,” recalls Joanna Sarkisian, Norman’s wife. “But he learned so much and was inspired to become successful—and he did become successful.”

Sarkisian was the president and owner of The Beacon Group for more than 35 years. In 1984, his generous gift established the first endowed faculty position at Bryant, the Sarkisian Chair in Financial Services. “Norman credited Bryant with his success,” Joanna says, “and he gave back to show his appreciation. He always held Bryant close to his heart.”

Today, award-winning professor Peter J. Nigro, Ph.D., (shown above) holds the Sarkisian Chair. Before joining Bryant’s faculty, he was a senior financial economist with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency for more than a decade. Among the many accolades he has earned as an educator, Nigro was named one of *Bloomberg’s Businessweek’s* favorite professors in undergraduate education.

“Norman would have been very proud of the work Peter is doing,” notes Joanna. “He is a credit to the Sarkisian Chair.”

for International Affairs, holds the Dr. Charles “Jack” Smiley Chair. Nigro and Yang bring exceptional teaching and professional experience to the students they teach and guide.

Among the keys to Bryant’s “bold future” is strengthening traditional core academic disciplines in the College of Business and the College of Arts and Sciences. The campaign is seeking support for endowed academic chairs in these areas, among others. In addition, Bryant is seeking new funding to enrich opportunities for students who will learn from executives-in-residence and visiting scholars across all academic disciplines.

### AN ESSENTIAL GLOBAL OUTLOOK

Bryant is an established leader in international education. Students recognize that understanding the cultures and economies of the world are a critical component

of their education. They expect to learn these important lessons in the classroom, on campus, and around the globe—and Bryant must continue to assure these opportunities.

Nearly 50 percent of Bryant students study abroad. The University’s international programs include the Sophomore International Experience, which is supported, in part, by a grant from **Santander Bank**. The international financial institution also funds a new Faculty Research Collaboration Award that encourages partnerships among faculty in the network of more than 950 universities worldwide that receive Santander Universities International Experience grants.

Nationally ranked—and climbing rapidly—the interdisciplinary International Business program is Bryant’s fastest-growing major and one of a few in the nation to offer concentrations in business functions including accounting, computer information systems, entrepreneurship, finance, global supply chain management, management, and marketing.

Bryant’s new Global Supply Chain Management program provides students with experience in a field that *Bloomberg Businessweek* called “one of the hottest tickets” in business education. The Global Immersion Experience for students in



## SAS SUPPORTS ADVANCED APPLIED ANALYTICS CENTER

*A regional beacon for “big data”*

In March 2013, Bryant opened the Advanced Applied Analytics Center (AAAC) with founding co-directors Richard Glass, Ph.D., professor of computer information systems, and Alan Olinsky, Ph.D., professor of mathematics and computer information systems, at the helm. Not long after its inception, a major gift from business analytics software provider **SAS Institute** provided the funding to develop the center into what Glass calls, “a regional beacon for analytics.”

In its first year, AAAC has used the SAS gift for innovative programs in applied analytics, often called “big data.” Faculty training and research were also funded by the SAS award, as were efforts to form

strategic alliances with private- and public-sector organizations. One such partnership with the Rhode Island Department of Health is a collaboration that could lead to an unprecedented study of community health and healthcare disparities in the state. The center also started a summer program for high school students and hosted two major symposia at Bryant.

In complementary academic initiatives, Bryant inaugurated an Applied Analytics concentration for undergraduates—one of only a handful in the U.S.—and created a Graduate Certificate in Business Analytics. MBA students may now specialize in Business Analytics as part of their program.





## RHODE ISLAND FOUNDATION FUNDS RESEARCH

*Generosity promotes partnerships and opportunities for Rhode Island businesses, students*

As a Rhode Island presence for 151 years, Bryant University regularly seeks opportunities to share its academic resources for the betterment of its home state. In a recent multi-organization partnership, the **Rhode Island Foundation** funded the Rhode Island Manufacturing Renaissance Project administered by Bryant's John H. Chafee Center for International Business.

The grant has helped to finance the compilation of regional business information and data sharing to stimulate employment and economic growth in Rhode Island. Early results indicate that state manufacturers are interested in working with more local

suppliers. Many are also looking at international sales and expanding their global supply chain.

The Foundation is also a supporter of the University's faculty-student research initiatives—the kind of engagement that attracts talented students from around the world to Rhode Island to study and build professional careers. One recent grant backed a collaborative project led by Christopher Reid, Ph.D., assistant professor of science and technology. Reid and a team of students are studying multi-drug resistant bacterium, research that could lead to more effective medical treatments.

the Graduate School of Business and MBA concentrations in business analytics, global finance, global supply chain management, and international business continue the international focus in post-graduate studies.

### ONGOING INNOVATION

In recent years, Bryant has launched several new academic programs and initiatives that provide students with the knowledge, skills, and qualities of character that are essential for success. These demonstrate how University leaders continually capitalize on opportunities to introduce fresh ideas about teaching and learning—and how critical it is to find new resources to ensure that innovation continues.

With analytics used in business, the arts, humanities, and social and physical sciences, Bryant's new Applied Analytics concentration provides a solid foundation for integrating technology and analytical methods and using the data to make

decisions. The academic concentration complements the Advanced Applied Analytics Center, which supports the broadening of the relationship between analytics, research, and the solution of real-world problems.

*“Today's students will graduate into a world that calls for leaders with character and insight. Bryant must be bold and innovative as we prepare them for it.”*

**RONALD K. MACHTELY**, *President, Bryant University*

The Entrepreneurship concentration helps students understand the strategic, tactical, and analytic traits necessary to make sound decisions in new ventures. It is notable for its interdisciplinary approach and opportunities for students to learn from and work with faculty who are seasoned entrepreneurs.

Building on a nearly 20-year effort to maximize the transition from high school to college, Bryant introduced the First-Year Gateway program. The goal of this mandatory, 13-credit core curriculum for first-year students is to improve writing proficiency, critical thinking,

cultural awareness, and ethical reasoning. University-wide involvement is key to this initiative, and is what sets it apart. The program, which receives support from the **Davis Educational Foundation**, has become a model for first-year experience programs at colleges and universities nationwide.

At Bryant, all first-year students also participate in the Bryant IDEA (Innovation Design Experience for All), an immersive three-day innovative curricular experience held between the fall and spring semesters. Based on “design thinking,” students work in teams and generate creative solutions to real-world challenges in local organizations ranging from the arts and social services to education and the business sector.

Co-curricular programs such as the Target Case Competition, which is funded by Target, the global retailer, and judged by its executives, help students enhance their leadership and teamwork skills as



## GOSS FOUNDATION SUPPORTS ENTREPRENEURS AT BRYANT

Bryant’s academic entrepreneurship program along with the nation’s best Collegiate Entrepreneur’s Organization (CEO) and the Bryant Ventures program, are heightening interest in innovation and entrepreneurship as the University thrives in its quest to become a leader in producing the next entrepreneurs. That mission received a boost recently with the announcement of *The Jackson W. Goss Prize in Entrepreneurship* which was established by **The Anne Goss Foundation**.

“The campus, leadership and most of all the students we met clearly convinced us of their ability to succeed as entrepreneurs,” said Richard Cosnotti, Managing Trustee of The Anne Goss Foundation.

*The Jackson W. Goss Prize in Entrepreneurship* will provide annual prizes to Bryant undergraduate students who seek to enhance their entrepreneurial skills and develop their business plans into new ventures. Bryant joins the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as the only universities that have received funding from The Anne Goss Foundation in support of their entrepreneurial programs.

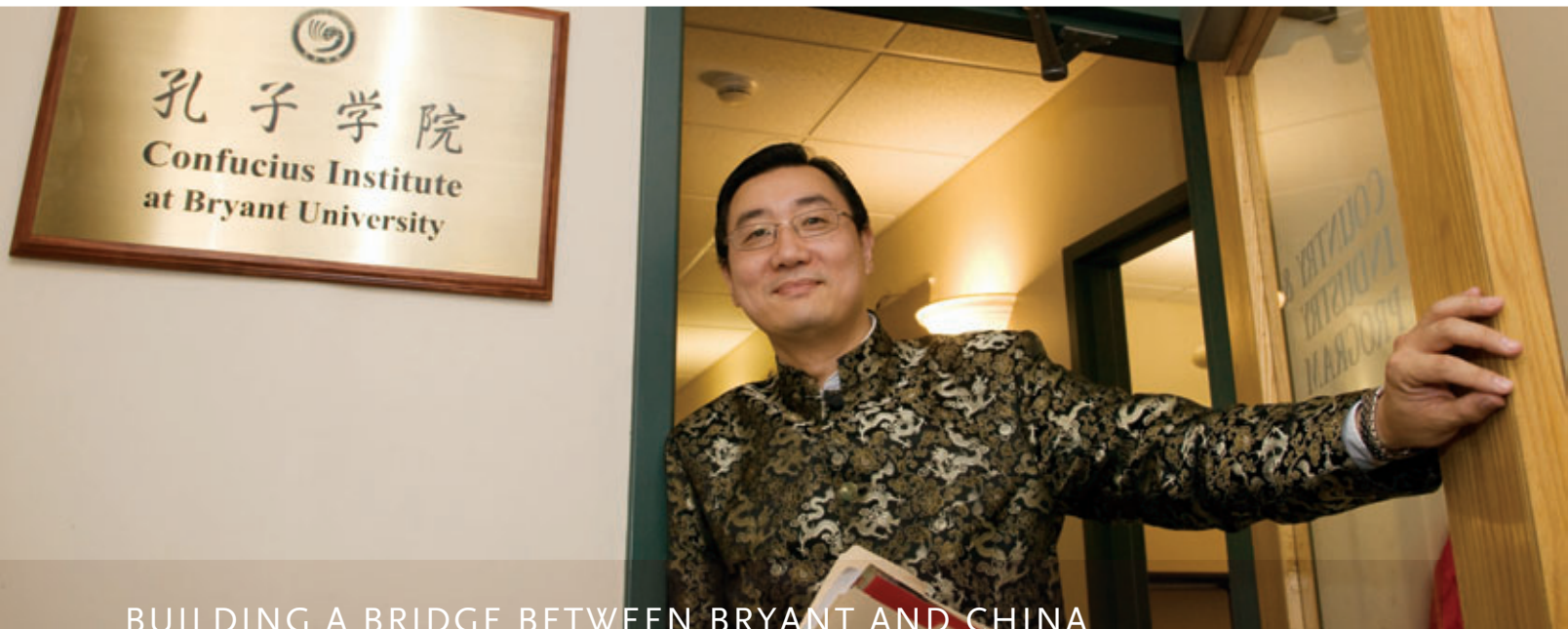
“We are so grateful to The Anne Goss Foundation for their generosity to help grow this program,” said

Renee Lawlor ’15, the president of Bryant’s Collegiate Entrepreneur’s Organization that for the fifth time in a decade won the coveted Best Chapter award and also took home the 2014 Best Networking award. “I am pleased that with their annual gifts they will be contributing to the success of Bryant students long after I graduate.”

The Anne Goss Foundation was created by Anne Goss and her late husband, Jackson Goss, of Jupiter, FL. Jackson was president of Putnam Fund Distributors and a partner of The Putnam Management Company, and later Investor Mortgage Insurance Co., which he helped build into a \$6 billion insurance operation. He then joined an investment management organization in Boston where he managed more than \$1.6 billion for institutional investors.

“Jackson was the quintessential entrepreneur,” Cosnotti said. “He always believed that people will succeed when they follow their own intuition and skills. He would have believed in the ability of Bryant students to succeed as entrepreneurs. They are highly motivated and confident and it is because of that that we decided to establish and support the award program.”





## BUILDING A BRIDGE BETWEEN BRYANT AND CHINA

### *Dr. Charles “Jack” Smiley Chair*

The power of faculty chairs is their ability to attract influential scholars who can make a significant impact on the culture of a university. This is exemplified by the teaching and work of Hong Yang, Ph.D., who holds the Dr. Charles “Jack” Smiley Chair at Bryant.

Established in 2009, the chair is named in memory of the late **Dr. Charles “Jack” Smiley**, a renowned scientist and pioneer in fostering scientific exchanges between the United States and China. The chair honors a scholar who has contributed to advancing academic and cultural exchanges with China.

Yang, who was a mentee of Smiley’s at the University of Idaho, has held the appointment since its inception. He is a professor of science and technology, an award-winning researcher, and the vice president for international affairs at Bryant. He also is the founding director of the U.S.-China Institute and has directed the Confucius Institute at Bryant since 2006.

Yang is a champion of the University’s international strategies, and is instrumental in the planning and coordination of Bryant University Zhuhai, an effort that will build a stronger bridge for a two-way educational exchange between Bryant and China.

they develop solutions to business problems. The exercise demonstrates knowledge and abilities students can showcase to future employers. The Collegiate Entrepreneurs’ Organization, a student club that has been repeatedly named the nation’s best chapter, informs, supports, and inspires members to be entrepreneurial.

#### **AN EXAMPLE FOR TODAY**

In the mid-1980s, **Ernest E. Stempel P’84, ’98H**, helped secure funding to establish the University’s nationally recognized Actuarial Mathematics department.

Stempel was impressed by the education his son **Neil ’84** had received at Bryant and believed that education was the key to achieving personal success and improving society. His vision and generosity—and the subsequent philanthropic efforts of the **Stempel Foundation** and his family, including daughter **Diana Bergquist P’13**, have continued to support student scholarships and fund campus improvements.

Gifts like Stempel’s will provide additional resources to strengthen and expand the curriculum with cross-disciplinary programs that integrate the liberal arts and

business studies—and the University’s hallmark “learn-by-doing” approach to education—in exciting new ways. *The Campaign* will enable Bryant to respond strategically to the urgent needs and changing demands of higher education and fulfill its unwavering commitment to prepare graduates to work and lead in an expanding world of global opportunity.

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# A CAMPUS THAT INSPIRES

BY MARIA CALIRI

*The George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology was the highlight of the physical transformation of our contemporary campus made possible by the success of The Campaign for Bryant, the institution's first comprehensive capital campaign successfully concluded in 2004. The Bello Center is home to the Heidi and Walter Stepan Grand Hall, the Douglas and Judith Krupp Library, and the C.V. Starr Financial Markets Center.*



# ACHIEVEMENT

THERE IS NO DOUBT that a building boom is under way on college and university campuses nationwide. Among the major trends noted by *Building Design & Construction* magazine are projects that transform older “student unions” into “university centers,” the addition of fitness and recreational facilities to promote health and wellness, and the construction of more flexible options for meeting spaces.



## Gifts Fit For Division I Scholar-Athletes

In 2002, President Machtley shared three goals with Bryant's trustees:

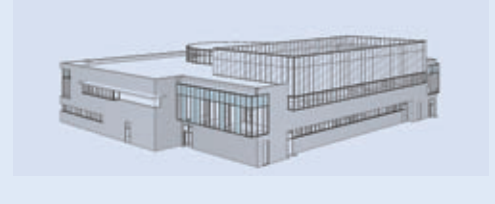
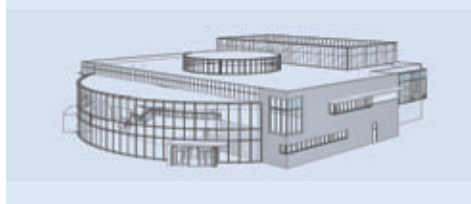
- Turn Bryant into a university
- Expand its international presence
- Step up to Division I athletics

Trustee **David Beirne '85** was inspired to help Bryant become a Division I competitor. In 2009, Beirne, a former lacrosse player, and his wife, **Terry**, donated \$1 million to enhance the locker rooms, bringing them to DI status.



This year, with a \$5 million gift, they are "putting the final touch on the last of those goals. The transition to Division I has been extraordinary," says Beirne. "Bryant attracts student-athletes of the highest character, work ethic, drive, toughness, and leadership. This gift will create a first-class DI weight and conditioning facility and an indoor field house so that our scholar-athletes can practice and condition year-round."

Beirne, chairman and the cofounder of Fantex, previously was a general partner at Benchmark Capital, the venture capital firm that was one of eBay's earliest investors. He hopes others will follow his example. "I encourage everyone to give whatever they can afford. Come back to campus. See the changes that have been made. You'll be blown away by the caliber of professor, student, coach, administrator, and facilities that now make up our campus."



Since 1996, Bryant University has invested more than \$224 million to construct or renovate more than 267,000 square feet of its campus. And as part of ***Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future***, construction of a new Academic Innovation Center and multiple enhancements to the Division I athletics facilities are planned.

For Bryant, the impetus for this level of physical change is not driven by the desire to "keep up," but rather by a strategic imperative to create a 24/7 learning environment that surrounds students with exceptional opportunities for learning, leadership, and engagement through interactions at every campus location.

This years-long, dynamic transformation has been fueled, in large part, by the generosity of alumni, parents, corporations, foundations, and friends of the University—all committed to helping Bryant maintain and expand its strong national and international reputation. To fulfill the vision for Bryant's bold future, we aspire to once again earn our donors' commitment and trust.

### **THE NEW NORMAL: 24/7 LEARNING AND COLLABORATION**

College students are digital natives who rely on smart phones, tablets, laptops, and other technology to make 24/7 com-

munication and collaboration possible. At Bryant, the teaching and learning environment has exploded out of the classroom and is incorporated into every facet of campus life. No matter where students are on campus, they are engaged in learning—absorbing and sharing knowledge.

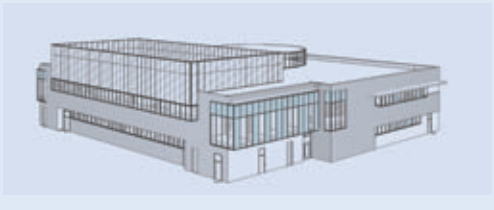
Sustaining an environment that supports this "new normal" can be daunting. It requires leadership and vision to re-imagine how existing facilities can be transformed and new facilities created to inspire the desired learning or behavior outcome.

The Academic Innovation Center, scheduled to open in 2016, will be a 50,000 square-foot facility that celebrates Bryant's conviction that learning is multi-dimensional. The facility will integrate real and virtual teaching-learning pedagogies and provide flexible spaces that can be configured to meet specific learning objectives. For example, teaching students how to lead teams requires space for breakout meetings and small-group interactions. The facility will feature state-of-the-art teaching tools to educate and inspire students to become tomorrow's leaders—men and women of character who can analyze information and put data into action, who understand sound management principles and possess keen financial acumen.





*Architect's rendering of Bryant's new Academic Innovation Center, to open September 2016. This facility will lead the way in innovation and innovative pedagogy, and will become a landmark on our award-winning campus.*



Bryant's athletic facilities and playing fields offer students yet another opportunity to learn and excel. Each student's physical and psychological well-being is a contributing factor to academic performance. An increasingly competitive Division I athletics program and the promotion of health and wellness for all students requires best-in-class facilities.

Plans are under way to renovate and expand the Elizabeth and Malcolm Chace Wellness and Athletic Center, transform the Jarvis Weight Room into a state-of-the-art weight and conditioning center, and create an indoor turf practice field.

Once complete, these enhancements will complement an already impressive collection of athletic facilities and expand opportunities for success for Bryant's dedicated varsity, club, and intramural student-athletes.

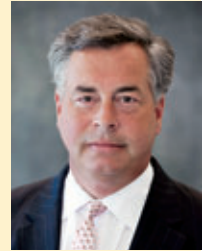
#### **SPACES TO ENRICH THE MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT**

The **Michael E. '67 and Karen L. Fisher Student Center** is one example of versatile campus space that offers a host of distinctive educational experiences. What was once a traditional student center with a snack bar and static space is now a

### **Leading by Example**

One of six children, Trustee **Robert P. Brown '86** watched his parents sacrifice to provide quality private college educations for him and his siblings. His understanding of all they gave up because of their strong belief in the value of education inspired Brown and his wife, **Kathleen**, to donate one of the most significant gifts Bryant has received in its 151-year history.

"I learned from their example," says Brown, "and I am making my gift in recognition of the two most important people in my life: my parents."



The gift, Brown says, is also "sincere appreciation for what Bryant provided me: a strong foundation that taught me how to learn and that inspired confidence in my skills and capabilities, all of which allowed me to build a successful career in the finance industry."

Brown's generous leadership gift has helped propel the \$75-million **Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future**, more than halfway to its goal. With his gift, Brown, the president of the Global Bond Division of Fidelity Investments, is pleased to help Bryant "build facilities that are best in class and inspire prospective and current students to excel at Bryant and beyond."



*The re-imagined and transformed Bryant Center was dedicated last fall as the Michael E. '67 and Karen L. Fisher Student Center in honor of two of Bryant's most generous benefactors.*



## Supporting Bryant's Bold Future

The Krupp Library will soon house a comfortable study loggia area on the second floor funded by **Kristian Moor '81**, retired president and CEO of Chartis Insurance, the global property casualty business of American International Group, and his wife, **Lailing (Wong) Moor '82**. They describe the collaboration area as “a great, beautiful space for students to gather” that supports Bryant’s goal of “helping students succeed in the classroom and beyond.”

The philanthropic priority of the couple has always been education, and that includes supporting Bryant for three reasons. They are the parents of three children all in college, including Jonathan, who is a member of the Class of 2017. They are alumni. “And we’re impressed with the expansion of international perspective of Bryant, including the distinctive Sophomore International Experience,” says Moor, who is serving his second term on the University’s board of trustees and who credits his Bryant education for contributing to his success in the global marketplace.



multipurpose facility hosting collaboration stations, enhanced offices for clubs and organizations, a recording studio, and rehearsal and performance areas for student musicians.

Named for Michael E. and Karen L. Fisher, longtime philanthropists whose financial support and leadership have helped pave the way for a variety of capital projects at Bryant, the Fisher Student Center facilitates round-the-clock experiential learning and collaboration.

The newly renovated Bello 102 promotes group and one-on-one interactions. Thanks to the generosity of an alumnus donor, Bello 102 features two 90-inch display screens that can accommodate a variety of inputs. All of the classroom displays and peripherals can be controlled from a handheld device allowing the sharing of content to any display in the room at the touch of a button.

Bryant faculty members applauded the redesign, citing the benefits for students. “The Active Learning Classroom promotes the ‘learning-by-doing’ approach to education,” explains Associate Professor of Management Michael Roberto, D.B.A., who also serves as director for the Center for Program Innovation. “Students don’t sit and listen to a lecture. They work on projects and team tasks. The faculty member then becomes a facilitator, coach, and guide. We can engage in applied learning, not textbook learning.

“Students can quickly and easily display their work to the class, so that

they can receive constructive feedback and perhaps debate,” Roberto adds. “The videoconference technology enables us to bring outside experts into that discussion. Students benefit because they retain additional knowledge and develop skills more effectively through active learning.”

Assistant Vice President for Teaching and Learning Robert Shea, Ph.D., concurs. “Faculty have worked hard to develop outcome-based curricula that define what our graduates should know and be able to do. Significant among those outcomes are the skill sets employers value—critical thinking, effective communication, and teamwork. This classroom, and the pedagogy it supports, will ready our students for success at Bryant and beyond.”

Notable among the University’s current athletic and recreation spaces is Conaty Park, Bryant’s baseball and softball complex named for **Trustee Bill Conaty '67** and his wife, **Sue**, who donated \$1.5 million to transform the space into a premiere Division I stadium. The Conatys’ generosity proved the movie adage, “If you build it, they will come.” Game attendance has tripled since the field was dedicated in 2012.

The Bryant Track and Turf Complex is tops in its class. It has hosted several conference championships, including the Northeast-10 Track & Field Championship, Northeast-10 Lacrosse playoff games, and the first and second rounds of the NCAA women’s soccer championship.





## The Bulldog Bond

As senior vice president—wealth management at Merrill Lynch, **Jeffrey Doppelt '73** spends his days focused on common and preferred equities, master limited partnerships and municipal bonds. But it is a bond of a different sort—a Bulldog bond—that keeps this former accounting major and baseball standout closely involved with Bryant.

“It’s the human element—no doubt,” says Doppelt, who appreciates the calls, emails, and occasional meetings he has with Bryant coaches. A



hard-hitting outfielder in his undergraduate days, Doppelt supports the growth of Bryant athletics through gifts desig-

nated for facility enhancements, academic support, and the soon-to-be-installed Wall of Fame, which will honor the University’s Hall of Fame athletes.

The longtime, trusted relationships that Doppelt has formed with Bryant’s athletic staff and his affinity for the University’s sports programs can be attributed, in part, to the lessons he learned on the field. “Athletes learn to depend on each other and bond. It is a camaraderie that will last a lifetime.”

Bryant also encourages active learning through personal reflection that can lead to spiritual growth. At the Ronald K. and Kati C. Machtley Interfaith Center, home to Bryant’s campus ministry, students are encouraged to explore their spirituality and practice their faith. Several elements of the center’s design, including a reflection sanctuary and a ceiling-to-floor water wall, are intended to provide a serene setting that imparts a sense of welcome and serves as a refreshing place to pause from the often hectic pace of campus life.

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## Stepping Up to the Plate for Bryant Athletes

By his own admission, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and co-chair of the capital campaign, **Bill Conaty '67** was a better athlete than a student, but since success in the business world requires both that burning competitive spirit that comes from athletics and a solid academic grounding, it all worked well for him as he retired as the senior vice president of Human Resources for the entire General Electric Company. He and his wife, **Sue**, coupled their passions for Bryant and baseball in donating \$1.5 million for the new Conaty Park, the University’s baseball and softball complex that was dedicated in 2012. Conaty describes the impact of that gift as “a better investment that GE stock—two NCAA tournaments in the last two years and many more to come. The Bryant baseball team is like my extended family and they truly appreciate our contributions.

“We feel great about playing our part in Bryant’s success and, after seeing how our initial gift was received, we’ve decided to double down and make an additional \$2 million gift directed toward athletic facilities and supporting scholarships for student-athletes, who I am certain will want to mirror this generosity by giving back to Bryant in the future.”





**THANK YOU** to the nearly 6,000 inspiring members of the Bryant community who engaged in the transformative education of our students by contributing more than \$10 million in annual and capital gifts in the 2013-2014 academic year.

## BRYANT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Bryant Leadership Council (BLC) comprises individuals who have made annual gifts or pledge payments of \$1,000 or more during the 2013-2014 academic year. We thank these leaders and all of our contributors for their generous support that ensures our students have an enhanced experience at Bryant University.

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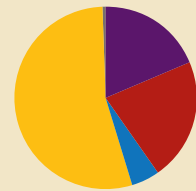
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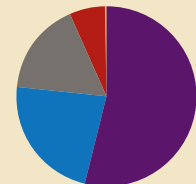
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Working with the inaugural class will be accomplished faculty who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the program.

**Robert Jay Amrien, MPAS, PA-C**, brings more than 20 years of experience as a physician assistant, Coast Guard medical officer, and emergency medical technician to his role as founding director of Bryant's graduate program in Physician Assistant Studies. He previously was the assistant program director of the PA at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

**Brian Bonenfant, MHP, PA-C**, is director of clinical education for Bryant's PA program. He has worked as a physician assistant in the role of primary care provider in family medicine for the last 15 years. For the last 10 years, he has worked at Tristan Medical where he taught medical and PA students during their clinical rotations.

**Tania Fatovich, M.D., MS-HES**, is the associate program director as well as its academic coordinator. Fatovich comes to Bryant

from the Harvard Medical School/ MGH, where she was program lead for elective education services at the Gilbert Program in Medical Simulation at Harvard Medical School.

**Boyd "Peter" King, M.D.**, is the program's medical director. King served as clinical associate professor of medicine at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University for 20 years. He served as a physician at Rhode Island Hospital for 18 years and had been the hospital's long-time senior vice president of medical affairs.

**Susan Richmond, MS, PA-C**, comes to Bryant from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, where she was an assistant professor of Physician Assistant Studies since 2011. Richmond has specialized in rheumatology and autoimmune disorders.

**Carrie Walker, MPAS, MS, PA-C**, is a clinical assistant professor. Walker teaches emergency medicine and has 13 years of experience as a practicing physician assistant, most of them in emergency departments throughout Connecticut, including at Yale-New Haven Hospital. She has lectured at Yale Medical School and at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, where she worked as assistant program director and academic coordinator for the Physician Assistant Studies program.



**WITH BRYANT FACULTY AS ADVISERS, BRYANT'S COMPETITIVE ACADEMIC TEAMS ACHIEVE NATIONAL SUCCESS.**

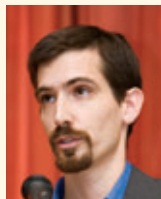
For the second time in four years, Bryant's xTAX team—coached by Professor of Accounting **Michael Lynch, J.D.**—has been named one of the country's best. In January, the team will compete in the national finals of xTAX, a taxation case competition that is part of the annual xTREME Games sponsored by PwC.

Bryant's Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization, advised by Trustee Professor of Management **Michael A. Roberto, D.B.A.**, was named the nation's best chapter at the national CEO convention in Orlando. This is the fifth time in a decade Bryant has claimed the coveted award.

Pictured above (l-r) are xTax team members: **Connor Follette '16** (Plymouth, MA), **Katlyn Twomey '17** (Paramus, NJ), **Brett Tirrell '15** (Lincoln, RI) a member of last year's xTAX team who assisted Lynch in coaching the team, **Sarah Stokowski '17** (Middletown, CT), **Lucas Hahn '16** (Bradford, NH), and **Leiyan Li '16** (Hubei, China).

**ANTHROPOLOGY PROFESSOR PRESENTS KEYNOTE LECTURES IN FINLAND**

As associate professor of anthropology, African studies, and music, **Alex Perullo's** research



Alex Perullo, Ph.D.

often takes him to Africa. But earlier this fall, he traveled to Finland to present two keynote lectures. "Globe

Style: Creative Youth and the Invention of Opportunity in East and West Africa" was part of an international symposium on contemporary African youth cultures. The second, "Get Your Global out of My Local," was part of a symposium exploring the effect of globalization on regional hip hop. Learn more about Professor Perullo's work at <http://web.bryant.edu/~aperullo/index.html>



## NEW FACULTY JOIN BRYANT

Four new members joined Bryant's outstanding faculty this fall:

Assistant Professor of Management **Kai Kim, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Accounting **Elena Precourt, Ph.D.**, Communication Lecturer **Julie Volkman, Ph.D.**, and **Giovanna "Vanna" Donoyan, Ph.D.**, who is the Director of the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program and Distinguished Lecturer of Education in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Donoyan earned her accounting degree and MBA from Providence College and her MAT and doctorate at Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island. Her background in Rhode Island education includes working as an elementary generalist for which she achieved National Board Certification. Her education administration experience ranges from serving as a professional development director, assistant superintendent for curriculum and assessment, and most recently as superintendent of the Woonsocket Education Department.

Kim, who recently earned a doctorate from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Prior to his doctoral studies, Kim was a finance and operations manager at GE Asia, Allianz Life, and Citibank. His research interests include sustainability in operations and supply chain management, strategic corporate social responsibility, and innovations in supply chain management.

Precourt recently received her doctorate in Business Administration from the University of Rhode Island. While at URI, Precourt served as a research and teaching assistant for four years.

Prior to coming to Bryant, she worked as a CPA professional at OneBeacon Insurance Company in Canton, MA and Grant Thornton LLP in Boston, MA. Volkman has worked as a research health scientist at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Center for Healthcare Organization and Implementation Research (CHOIR) at the Bedford Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Bedford, MA. Volkman also taught health communication at Emerson College, creating the college's health communication minor. She also collaborated in the school's joint graduate program with Tufts University School of Medicine, where she was an assistant adjunct clinical professor. She received her doctorate from The Pennsylvania State University in 2009.

## INCI: INSIDER TRADES RESEARCH

Professor of Finance **A. Can Inci, Ph.D.**, recently published research that showed that male executives make more money from registered insider trades than their female colleagues. Inci, who has taught at Bryant since 2008, published his research with University of Michigan Ross School of Business Professors M.P. Narayanan and Nejat Seyhun.

This is the first evidence of differences between the genders in executive trading. Analyzing trades registered with the Securities and Exchanges Commission between 1975 and 2011, they found that the adjusted 50-day return was 3.2 percent for males compared to 1.6 percent for females. Their conclusion was that males possess more information than females through informal networks.



*Janet Prichard, Ph.D.  
Professor, Computer  
Information Systems*

## INSIGHT FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PODIUM

With a Ph.D. and 30 years of teaching experience in higher education, **Janet Prichard** took a sabbatical beginning in August of 2013 and headed right back into the classroom—as a graduate student. At Arizona State University's W.P. Carey School of Business, she completed a master's degree in Business Analytics in less than a year, graduating with a 4.0 GPA. The experience, she says, was intense, enlightening, exhilarating, and humbling.

"One of the most important lessons I learned while in school is the importance of analytics to successful businesses," she says. "In today's world, almost every action that we take is recorded, creating data. Organizations that embrace analytics can make better data-driven decisions. Students in just about any field of study who have the skills to analyze data will have a huge advantage in the job market."

Each semester, Prichard was assigned to a team responsible for completing various assignments and projects. "It was interesting to see the group dynamics from a student's point of view," she says. "I learned that students enjoy using technology in ways that effectively enhance their educational experience and appreciate when classroom time is utilized for discussion of material and hands-on learning. They like to know that what they are learning can be applied in the 'real world' and also have an expectation of rapid feedback."

Several things prompted Prichard, 54, to add to her already impressive academic pedigree and take a turn on the other side of the podium. "Business analytics is going to be a high-growth area for employment in the next five years," she says. "The knowledge I've gained with this degree enables me to bring the latest analytical techniques into the classroom, especially in our analytics undergraduate concentration and new graduate-level certificate program."

"I am so excited to bring back to Bryant what I have learned. Going back to school has re-energized me!"

## SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT THRIVES IN AN ERA OF GLOBALIZATION

**Teresa McCarthy, Ph.D.**, is known for championing the effort to establish and grow the University's Global Supply Chain Management program. Her publications and consulting focus on supply chain integration topics such as forecasting and collaboration. The director of Bryant's Global Supply Chain Management Program teaches at both the undergraduate and graduate levels and participates in the Global Immersion Experience, a graduate-level course that includes travel to countries such as Chile and Panama where students are immersed in the country's culture and business.

McCarthy also organizes the Supply Chain Management summit that brings thought leaders to campus each summer to share their expertise in this rapidly expanding industry with regional business owners and executives.

"Globalization—which makes the entire planet a potential supplier as well as a buyer—has created tremendously complex supply chains that need to be managed and coordinated in new and different ways," McCarthy says.

Supply chain jobs are in big demand. McCarthy notes that 2013 statistics project that 270,000 U.S. supply chain jobs will be created each year—yet only 75,000 college students each year will graduate with supply chain experience.

"Professionals came to us and said we really need some supply chain talent," she says. "We really wanted to accommodate industry. That is what we are here for."

Bryant's supply chain program is unique because it relies on faculty with different expertise, McCarthy says. "We borrow faculty from management, marketing, accounting, finance and

more," she says. "They all contribute to the program. The benefit is that professors can talk about how different aspects of business translate into supply chain management. The students respond extremely well to that and it allows us to offer a really wide variety of subject matter."



*Teresa McCarthy, Ph.D., associate professor of marketing and director of Bryant's Global Supply Chain Management program, shares her expertise with regional business owners and executives at the recent Supply Chain Management summit.*



*Collaboration is crucial to the growth of Bryant's up-and-coming scientists. Assistant Professor of Chemistry Christopher Reid, Ph.D., and Ryan Miller '15 work on research they presented at an international scientific conference.*

## STUDENT-FACULTY COLLABORATION SHOWCASED IN MONTREAL

The International Union of Microbiological Societies Congresses, held every three years, attracts eminent researchers from around the world who specialize in microbiology, mycology and eukaryotic microbiology, and virology. Keynote presenters at this summer's conference in Montreal included Nobel laureates and top international researchers.

Among this accomplished contingent were two of Bryant's own.

Assistant Professor of Chemistry **Christopher Reid, Ph.D.**, delivered a talk on his work and that of collaborators at Brown University: "Evaluation of a glycosyl triazole library as inhibitors of bacterial N-acetylglucosaminidases."

**Ryan Miller '15**, who will graduate with dual degrees in Biology and Applied Psychology, presented a poster on a project he has been working on for the past three years under Reid's tutelage. "Characterization of a glycosyl hydrolase family 73 (GH73) from *Clostridium difficile*," was co-authored by Reid as the primary investigator.

"It was an amazing opportunity to attend the conference, to present, and to see so much innovation," says Miller. "I met many scientists in my field who were interested in my work, and many of them were potential employers and professors from representative institutions."

"It is quite unusual for an undergraduate to present at a conference like this," notes Reid. "We received several positive comments in regard to the level of work our lab is doing with undergraduates."



## HELPING STUDENTS DEVELOP AN ESSENTIAL GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

"There is no business that isn't international anymore," says **Andres Ramirez, Ph.D.**, director of Bryant's nationally recognized International Business program. "You don't have to be in exporting or importing to be in international business. You're going to be affected no matter what."

Ramirez says all forms of business depend upon the global marketplace.

"It is crucial that we teach our students that this is a phenomenon that cannot be avoided," he says. "We work to get our students thinking globally from the very beginning."

Bryant's rigorous International Business program is ranked 16th in the nation by *Bloomberg Businessweek*. The globally focused curriculum includes a semester studying abroad.

"One of the most important parts about studying abroad is the culture," notes Ramirez, who is a native of Chile. "Our students stay with a family while abroad, not in a dorm. This gives them a better grasp of just how the country's society works."

Among Ramirez's goals is to develop a strong network of alumni and International Business students.

"These accomplished people who have been successful in the global marketplace will help our students gain access to more opportunities," he says.

Before joining Bryant, Ramirez had a distinguished career as a treasurer and controller. As a member of a Chilean multinational firm, he worked with subsidiaries around South America.

That experience and those kinds of connections continue to enrich his academic life. Ramirez recently returned from a sabbatical where he studied the effect of the 2010 earthquake in Chile on local businesses.



Before joining Bryant, Assistant Professor of Finance Andres Ramirez, Ph.D., had an accomplished career as a member of a Chilean multinational firm.

"There's a lot of research on what happens to the economy, what happens to the people, but nobody does research on what happens to companies' finances," he says. "I talked to about 50 business executives to find out how they were doing."

And what he learned was different from what's happened in other countries ravaged by natural disasters.

"It turns out the natural disaster was a catalyst for globalization in Chile," Ramirez says. "We call it a creative destruction. If you have very old infrastructure and it gets destroyed, you're going to replace it with new infrastructure with the latest technology which ends up improving your productivity."

Ramirez's work has been published in prestigious journals such as *International Business Review*, *Multinational Business Review* and *Public Finance Review*.

## YANG NAMED NEAL PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIP



Hong Yang, Ph.D.

Confucius Institute, and Vice President for International

**Hong Yang, Ph.D.**, the Dr. Charles Jack Smiley Chair Professor, director of the U.S.-China Institute and the

Affairs at Bryant, has been awarded an American Association of International Education Administrators Neal Presidential Fellowship. As a fellow, Yang will engage in a mentor/fellow relationship with a senior international officer where he will observe the leadership styles and effectiveness of individuals at a host institution, and design a plan of action that identifies a key objective and steps for achieving it.

Recognized as a U.S.-China Public Intellectual Fellow by the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, Yang is a distinguished professor of science and technology and research scientist who has been a member of the Bryant community since 1998. Yang, whose research focuses on molecular investigations of modern and ancient organisms, global climate changes, and anthropogenic alterations of physical environ-

ments, developed Bryant's Environmental Studies in China program.

In addition to his outstanding teaching and scientific contributions, Yang has established numerous programs of academic, business, and cultural exchanges between the University and China. He has been instrumental in Bryant's emergence as a leader in international education, helping enhance the University's relations around the world.



Bryant Professor of Creative Writing Tom Chandler, MFA, is Rhode Island's Poet Laureate emeritus.

**CHANDLER POEM  
FEATURED ON NPR**

Bryant Professor of Creative Writing **Tom Chandler, MFA**, was the featured poet on National Public Radio's "A Writer's Almanac" on June 17. Host Garrison Keillor read Chandler's poem "So much depends upon" to a national audience.

Chandler is poet laureate emeritus of Rhode Island. He has also been a featured poet at the Robert Frost homestead and the Library of Congress. He is the founder and editor of Bryant Literary Review.

**ROBERTO EXPERTISE  
HIGHLIGHTED IN MEDIA**

**Michael Roberto, D.B.A.**, Trustee Professor of Management, was featured in a recent *Fast Company* article titled "What The Hype Behind Embracing Failure Is Really All About." The piece looked at how making mistakes in the business world can often lead to success.

Roberto says, "A backlash has emerged because so many corporate cultures have become so intolerant of experimentation, and people have become so afraid to fail that they have become reluctant to try new things."

*The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe* and *Time*, also sought comment from Roberto in July

**COACHING STUDENTS TO ENGAGE WITH  
REAL ISSUES**

Professor of Finance **Jack Trifts, Ph.D.**, has had a distinctive career as a researcher and academic administrator, but there's one venue he enjoys the most: the classroom.

"The heart of great education, a Bryant education, is a close and active relationship between students and faculty," Trifts says, "with faculty lecturing less and coaching more. Our students learn by doing—making a spreadsheet, presenting their work, leading a discussion."

This philosophy drives Trifts' work as a member of the planning committee for Bryant's Academic Innovation Center that is slated to open in 2016. With its whiteboard walls, flexible seating, and small group study spaces, the innovation center will promote active learning.

Trifts' contributions to the field of finance are noteworthy. His most recent research with collaborator Gary E. Porter, Ph.D., associate professor of finance at John Carroll University's Boler School of Business, examines the career paths of mutual fund managers. Their latest findings on the role of merit were published in the *Financial Analysts Journal* and covered in the August 7 issue of *Forbes*. The biweekly business magazine noted that their research "showed that managers who survived the competitive gauntlet for 10 years have better records than those who were removed from funds after a year or two, but they showed no ability to beat the



Jack Trifts, Ph.D.  
Professor of Finance

market when their performance is measured against the markets and investment styles of their funds."

At the graduate level, Trifts teaches Managing Financial Resources to MBA students. He's known for "flipping" the classroom: His lectures are presented online, not in the classroom, a technique that yields more student-faculty engagement during class time.

"Education is not just about learning facts," he says. "I want to spend more time pushing the students to think about real issues"—including how financial markets and the tools of finance work throughout a business enterprise. "In my class, we may be in the middle of a case, but I want to talk about how it relates to marketing and operations."



*The expertise of Trustee Professor of Management Michael Roberto, D.B.A, is sought after by national media.*

about the family ownership battle of Market Basket, a Massachusetts-based local supermarket chain.

### **WEINBERGER: INNOVATION ESSENTIAL TO TEACHING AND RESEARCH**

Music and poetry are not common tools in typical psychology classes, but Chair and Professor of Applied Psychology **Nanci Weinberger, Ph.D.**, has found a way to connect the fields in an innovative way.

Weinberger says music and poetry provide other ways to grasp certain concepts in her Adult Development and Aging class.

“It allows students to have an emotional connection to the content,” she says. “Instead of just having the data about what happens when people have physical and mental changes over time, they can see it in an individual way and have many different perspectives.”

Conducting research is also integral to Weinberger’s teaching, especially those focused on the behavior of children. “Behavioral research is a big part of what psychology is,” she says. “It’s important for our students to not only conduct research but to

know how research is done, so they can evaluate the credibility of what they are reading about. Students also work in groups to simulate classic studies of child development or conduct original empirical studies with children and adults”

Weinberger is also innovative in her research. She, along with fellow Bryant professors Allison Butler, Ph.D., and Phyllis Schumacher, Ph.D., recently published a study titled, “Looking Inside Out: Perceptions of Physical Activity in Child Care Spaces.”

The professors showed participants at an early-childhood education conference photos of 12 child care settings and asked them to evaluate the settings for physical activity. The result was that areas with large open spaces, including outdoor spaces were most conducive to physical activity.

Educators with prior training in promoting physical activity were especially sensitive to critiquing aspects of the physical environment.

“We found that there is a need to educate providers about how to arrange indoor spaces in particular that support physically active play,” Weinberger says.



*Giovanna Donoyan, Ph.D.  
Director, Master of Arts  
in Teaching Program*

### **TEACHING TRANSFORMATIONAL TEACHERS**

**Giovanna “Vanna” Donoyan, Ph.D.**, says that one of the important lessons she tries to convey to her students is there is always an opportunity for learning and educational innovation and to help improve the human condition.

Donoyan joined Bryant in 2014 as the director of Bryant’s Master of Arts in Teaching Program.

“I became deeply involved in my own children’s learning experiences, and I decided that teaching was something I wanted to seriously pursue,” she says. Donoyan began her career in corporate banking then transitioned to teaching, first as a teacher of the gifted, earned National Board Certification as an elementary teacher, and eventually became the superintendent of the Woonsocket (Rhode Island) Public Schools.

Now at Bryant, she is enthralled by the dedication of her students.

“Bryant is a remarkable place,” she says. “I’ve found that teaching at the graduate level is second to none. My students have chosen their career path. They have committed to wanting to be facilitators of learning and lead learners to higher levels of understanding. That transformative process is remarkable to witness.”

She says that the feeling of community at Bryant provides an ideal teaching environment for her students to learn how to build relationships in their own future classrooms.

“The culture of an organization is paramount to its success,” she says. “Classrooms are microcosms of society and thus have unique cultures. Bryant University allows the MAT student to observe, participate in, and emulate outstanding instruction by great teachers in a world class organization.

“The Bryant Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program is an innovative approach to teaching students who want to be teachers whether in traditional classroom settings or workplace environments. We are being responsive and purposeful in our program design. It’s exciting to be part of a highly acclaimed university and have the opportunity to be an educational entrepreneur.”



A historic Capital Campaign, an agreement with a partner in China, and a new graduate certificate program in business analytics were among many highlights of the fall semester.

**HISTORIC CAPITAL CAMPAIGN  
 DEFINES BRYANT'S BOLD  
 FUTURE**

For more than 150 years, Bryant has educated students so that they are ready to achieve success. Today, the University's academic programs are consistently ranked among the best in the country and set the pace for peer institutions to follow. The



*Campaign Co-Chairs William J. Conaty '67 and Michael E. Fisher '67*

value of a Bryant degree is growing at a pace that only continues to accelerate. Now is the time to seize Bryant's bold future and take the University to the next level of excellence.

In September, the University Board of Trustees approved an historic \$75 million capital campaign, *Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future*. Through the philanthropic investment of leadership donors, Bryant has already raised more than \$40.5 million toward the campaign goal.

With the active participation of Bryant alumni and friends, this campaign will broaden the scope and enhance the quality

of Bryant's innovative education to better prepare students to lead change in the world. The campaign will provide crucial resources to invest in students, in academic programs and endowed faculty chairs, and in facilities. Ultimately, this ambitious campaign will make a profound difference in the academic standing of Bryant and its future students.

Initiatives include:

- Scholarship dollars to attract the best students from all segments of society;
- Attracting and retaining academic leaders and faculty who represent teaching excellence;
- A groundbreaking Academic Innovation Center, to open in September 2016;



*Bryant President Ronald K. Machtley presents Rabbi Leslie Gutterman with Bryant's Distinguished Character Award for sharing his "incomparable wisdom." Rabbi Gutterman, a former Bryant trustee and an honorary degree recipient, who has served Temple Beth-El in Providence since 1970, was given the award at the University's Convocation in September.*



*Marcus Luttrell, decorated Navy SEAL and author of the best-selling Lone Survivor: The Eyewitness Account of Operation Redwing and the Lost Heroes of SEAL Team 10, spoke about courage, honor, and patriotism during an inspiring event in October. His presentation was part of the Trustee Speaker Series in collaboration with the Student Arts and Speaker Series.*

- Programs that cultivate a global perspective and enhance Bryant's position as a leader in international education.

The full participation of Bryant's powerful network of alumni and friends is vital to Bryant's mission as the University moves ahead with these exciting plans. Please visit [www.bryant.edu/](http://www.bryant.edu/) Giving to learn more about the campaign and how you can be a part of the vision.

**CENTER FOR DIVERSITY  
 AND INCLUSION**

The University has enhanced its commitment to diversity and created a welcoming and inclusive campus community over the past decade or more through the collaborative efforts of the Diversity Council, Intercultural Center, and others.

The next step in this evolution is the creation of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion (CDI), an initiative spearheaded by Vice President for Student Affairs **John Saddlemire, Ed.D.** This integrated model of service delivery, education, outreach, and advocacy provides comprehensive services, programs, and resources that meet the needs of students from various cultures, ethnicities, religions, abilities, sexual and gender identities, and other dimensions of diversity.

Headed by newly appointed Executive Director **Mailee Kue, Ph.D.**, the CDI comprises: The Hochberg Women's Center, Pride Center, Multicultural Student Services, International Student Services, and Campus Ministries.

The convergence of these resources in the Fisher Student Center enhances opportunities for collaborative programming and integration of services and resources.

"I am excited to work with Mailee Kue to further the development of the center and build on Bryant's long-standing commitment to create an inclusive learning, living, and working environment in which everyone can thrive," says Saddlemire.

### BRYANT ENTERS AGREEMENT WITH CHINA'S GUILIN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

Global engagement is a cornerstone of Bryant's Vision 2020: Expanding the World of Opportunity. To facilitate the robust exchange opportunities for students and faculty, the University continues to expand its powerful network of strategic outposts and international collaborations. In July, Bryant entered into a preliminary agreement with Guilin University of Technology in Guilin, China—one of the most scenic cities in the world. The two universities will develop cooperative education, faculty and staff training, and research activities that may include exchange opportunities for students, faculty, and staff beginning in 2015. The joint agreement is in effect from August 2014 to July 2019.

The Guilin University of Technology delegation's visit to Bryant was a reciprocal visit after initial travel to Guilin by Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students **John Saddlemire, Ed.D.**, and Vice President for International Affairs **Hong Yang, Ph.D.**, during the Sophomore International Experience in January.

"Bryant has been bold in reimagining the future, and our innovative programs prepare graduates to meet emerging challenges head-on," says Bryant President **Ronald K. Machtley**. "This new partnership will reinforce the global foundation of our University—one that contributes significantly to the larger world through the leaders we produce."

The program is headed by Bryant's U.S.-China Institute, which supports the University's academic goal of providing students and faculty with broad global experiences and perspectives. Yang, the Institute's founding director, was a long-time Bryant faculty member before his appointment as vice president. He is a noted expert in environmental science and a public intellectual scholar selected by the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations.

### JOB ONE: LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE HELPS VOTERS DECIDE

When deciding whom to elect as Rhode Island's next governor in November, voters had a lot to consider: Which candidates had the potential to provide visionary, critical, and effective leadership for the next four years?

Throughout the election cycle, JOB ONE: LEADERSHIP, an initiative of the Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership at Bryant, *The Providence Journal*, and Rhode Island PBS, helped voters to focus on the characteristics and abilities of effective potential leaders. The program began with a baseline poll in March 2014. From May through June, the state's six gubernatorial candidates answered a leadership question each week on a



The Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership conferences feature leadership lessons from high-ranking public officials including Rhode Island's Governor-elect Gina Raimondo '12 H.

topic vital to the future of Rhode Island—ranging from education standards and accountability to unemployment and jobs. Responses were published in *The Providence Journal* and videos of the interviews were available. A Voters' Guide was developed as another tool.



Bryant President Ronald K. Machtley and Vice Admiral Walter E. "Ted" Carter, Jr., this fall's Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership conference keynote speaker.

A month before the general election, JOB ONE: LEADERSHIP convened a public discussion on what it means to be an effective leader.

"Voters need to focus like a laser on the ability of office seekers to be effective and visionary leaders," said Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership Founder **Gary Sasse**.

Sasse also wrote a guide for voters and candidates titled "Five Things Successful Governors Do," which features advice from Bryant Trustee Professor of Management **Michael A. Roberto**, author of "Why Great Leaders Don't Take 'Yes' for an Answer."

The Job One: Leadership Initiative concluded in October with the Hassenfeld Institute's annual conference, which examined best practices in leading and creating change. Rear Admiral Ted Carter, of the U.S. Naval Academy, was the speaker.

Go to [www.Bryant.edu/hipl](http://www.Bryant.edu/hipl) for guides and information.



**SPOTLIGHT ON: CAMPUS  
(CONTINUED)**

**AN APP FOR SUCCESS**

May graduate **Rohan Vakil** is already immersed in his career as a market analyst at GTECH S.p.A., a leading commercial operator of technology in regulated gaming markets around the world.

As a triple major (Management, Entrepreneurship, Economics) and a member of the Honors Program, Vakil excelled academically. When he sought internships and full-time positions as a senior, he turned to members of Bryant's powerful alumni network. They assisted him in securing three internships and an exceptional job before Commencement. On campus, Vakil met students from diverse backgrounds through team projects and co-curricular activities. One enduring contribution he made was designing an app so that students could quickly find available study rooms in the Unistructure, Bryant's main academic facility. The app won first place in Bryant's 2013 App-a-Thon. "By tapping into which motion detectors are

currently picking up motion and which classrooms have lights on, the app is able to find classrooms that are free for use," he says.

Vakil also helped to create a photo blog, Humans of Bryant inspired by Bryan Stanton's Humans of New York. The blog features photographs and brief interviews of many students, faculty, and staff with whom he interacted. The project won the Dean's List Award at the Diversity University Competition. (<http://www.facebook.com/BryantHumans>)

He also served as vice president of the Student Alumni Association and co-founded the Bryant Cricket Club.

Bryant alumni helped him, and now Vakil intends to help future Bryant students. "I plan to give back to the institution," he says. "So much of what makes this University special is the support of alumni who give their time

and money. I would like to be a part of that legacy."



*Rohan Vakil '14 is a Management, Entrepreneurship, and Economics major who is now working at GTECH S.p.A.*



*Barbara Corcoran, the brash investor on the hit television show "Shark Tank," shared with the Bryant community her story of beginning life as one of 10 children in a family from a small town in New Jersey to becoming one of the most successful figures in the New York real estate market. Her appearance at Bryant was part of the University's Student Arts & Speaker Series (SASS).*

**CHAFEE CENTER  
WINS STEP GRANT**

The John H. Chafee Center for International Business at Bryant University has been named the Rhode Island recipient for the federal State Trade Export Promotion (STEP) Grant Program for the third straight year. The work of the first two years of the grant included successful trade missions to Israel, Canada, Panama, the Dominican Republic, Japan, and China generating nearly \$32 million in sales revenue for Rhode Island companies. The grant will allow the Center to continue to increase business opportunities for Rhode Island manufacturing and service companies seeking to expand their marketing, development, or distribution efforts internationally.

**NEW GRADUATE CERTIFICATE  
IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS**

A graduate certificate program in business analytics will be offered through the Graduate School of Business beginning in January. Graduate-level courses are also being offered as a new business analytics concentration for the University's MBA degree. The programs reinforce Bryant's growing strength in analytics, often referred to as "big data," which allow organizations to collect and process massive amounts of data in order to extract valuable knowledge. This rapidly expanding field is creating new career options driven by advances in technology systems. Fields from finance to manufacturing are eager to extract the knowledge



that exists in their enormous databases but lack the highly skilled professionals necessary.

Bryant's Graduate Certificate in Business Analytics (GCBA) is a four-course, part-time program that will provide understanding in key areas of applied analytics including: big data, data analytics methods and tools, data warehousing, data mining techniques, predictive analytics, and visualization. Students completing the GCBA will be awarded a joint certificate in data analytics from Bryant and SAS, the largest

independent vendor in the business intelligence marketplace.

Professor of Computer Information Systems **Janet Prichard, Ph.D.**, completed a master's degree in Business Analytics at Arizona State University's W.P. Carey School of Business during her recent sabbatical.

"Business analytics is going to be a high-growth area for employment in the next five years," she said. "The knowledge I've gained with this additional degree enables me to bring the latest analytical techniques into the classroom."



The John Pizzarelli Quartet, featuring world-renowned jazz guitarist and singer John Pizzarelli, who was called "madly creative" by the *Los Angeles Times*, and "the genial genius of the guitar" by the *Toronto Star*, delighted an audience of students, faculty, staff, and community guests in October. The event was part of the President's Cultural Series.



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**FOOTBALL'S COVITZ AND COACH FINE IN THE RUNNING FOR MAJOR AWARDS**

Standout defensive end **Jeff Covitz '15** (Reading, MA) has been named to the Buck Buchanan Award Watch List. The Buchanan Award is given annually to the most outstanding defensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS). It is one of four major awards given out by the Sports Network. Covitz is a two-time First Team All-Northeast Conference selection and in November was named the first NEC Defensive Player of the Year in Bryant history. The management concentrator finished his career with 29.5 sacks and 66 tackles for loss.

Head Football Coach Marty Fine has been named one of 20 finalists for the Eddie Robinson Award, given to the FCS Coach of the Year. During his eleven seasons at Bryant, Fine has overseen the team's transition to Division I and led the Bulldogs to 70 wins.

The football team posted an 8-3 record, setting a Division I program record for wins, and finished in second place in the Northeast Conference. The Bulldogs started the season winning eight of their first nine contests, including a season-opening win on the road at Stony Brook. A September home win against No. 20 Maine, one of the biggest wins in program history, earned Bryant its first



*Jeff Covitz '15*

spot in the national rankings as a Division I program. Later in the season, the Bulldogs cracked the Sports Network Top 25 for the first time.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL HANGS TOUGH WITH REIGNING NATIONAL CHAMPION UCONN**

The men's basketball team opened the season again the University of Connecticut, the reigning national champions, and the Bulldogs took a six-point lead to the locker room at halftime in the tightly contested affair at Gampel Pavilion on the UConn campus. Guard **Dyami Starks '18** (Duluth, MN) led the Bulldogs with 18 points in the narrow defeat. The sharpshooter was selected to the All-NEC preseason team Second Team.

The 2014-15 season, the seventh under Head Coach Tim O'Shea, includes a home game

against defending Ivy League champion Harvard and a road matchup at the University of Pittsburgh of the Atlantic Coast Conference in a contest that will be nationally televised on ESPN3. ESPNU will be on campus to broadcast the Bulldog's NEC matchup on Feb. 5 against Mount Saint Mary's.

**VOLLEYBALL STANDOUT SCARFF NAMED ROOKIE OF THE WEEK FIVE TIMES**

Volleyball outside hitter **Natascha Scarff '18** (Geneva, Switzerland) was a five-team winner of the Molten/NEC Volleyball Rookie of the Week award, including the last three weeks of the regular season. She helped lead the team to a 7-7 record in the conference. Outside hitter **Elena Lohr '15** (Loveland, Ohio) posted her 15th career double-double in her final collegiate match.

**NOMINATIONS FOR HALL OF FAME '15**

Nominations are being accepted for the Bryant Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2015. The Athletics Hall of Fame recognizes any Bryant alumnus who has attained outstanding recognition or superior accomplishments in any varsity sport, as well as former coaches, administrators, contributors, and teams.

Nominees are chosen on the basis of playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character, and his or her contribution to the team or teams on which he or she played, and to Bryant University.

Nominations may be submitted by members of the Bryant University Alumni Association, Top of the Key Club, and by representatives of the university. The Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony is held every two years in conjunction with a home football game. For a nomination form, go to [www.bryantbulldogs.com](http://www.bryantbulldogs.com).



*Natascha Scarff '18*





President Ronald K. Machtley was joined by his wife Kati C. Machtley, student-athletes, coaches, and supporters for the groundbreaking of one of the University's facilities to inspire excellence: the weight and conditioning center. Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future, the most ambitious fundraising campaign in Bryant's history, includes expansion and enhancement of our signature Division I athletic facilities to ensure that all Bryant student-athletes are ready to succeed at the highest level of NCAA Division I athletic competition.

### BASEBALL STARS SHINE AS PROFESSIONALS

The baseball team, following back-to-back 40-win seasons and consecutive appearances in the NCAA tournament, was well represented in the professional ranks during the past season. Over the last two years, seven Bulldogs have been drafted or signed to a professional free agent contract, led by **Kevin McAvoy**, the highest draft pick in program history (fourth round, 134th overall). He posted a 1.91 ERA for the Lowell Spinners, the Class A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, and finished the year with an 18-inning scoreless streak.

### MEN'S SOCCER COMPLETES HISTORIC SEASON

The men's soccer team set multiple Division 1 program records, including wins in a season (9) and conference wins (5), en route to a second place finish in the NEC. The program

also earned its first All-NEC selections, led by forward **Brett Larocque '16** (Ottawa, ON) who earned First Team honors, while forward **Connor Norat '15** (Wilmington, DE), as well as defensemen **Shane Murphy '15** (Kennett Square, PA) and **Tony Flaim '15** (Fort Lee, NJ) and goalkeeper **Chris Knaub '16** (Yarmouth, ME) were selected to the conference's Second Team.

### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY STAR AT CONFERENCE MEET

**Martha Reynolds '15** (London, England) finished fifth and **Milan Duka '18** (Belgrade, Serbia) finished ninth at the NEC cross country championships. Reynolds led the women's squad to a second place finish for the second consecutive year. Duka, competing in his first championship meet, helped the men's team finish third, marking the highest finish in program history.

### BULLDOGS WIN HAROLD ANDERSON INVITATIONAL FOR FIRST TIME IN SWIM PROGRAM HISTORY

Freshman **Ben Schulte '18** (Mermaid Beach, Australia) set two meet records and the Bryant University men's swimming and diving team set two more relay records as they won the Harold Anderson Invitational for the first time in program history.

The Bulldogs finished the two-day event more than 50 points ahead of second-place Maine.

Bryant went on to set meet records in the 400 medley relay and the 400 free relay. In the 400 medley, **Colin Curtin '18** (Wethersfield, CT), **Graham Beck '14** (Danvers, MA), **Joshua Bjornberg '15** (Wallingford, CT) and Schulte combined for their second meet record of the invitational. In the 400 free relay, Schulte, **Benon Boyadjian '18** (Middlebury, CT), Beck and **Pierre Le Guyader '17** (East

Islip, NY) combined to win the event. Bryant swept the relay events for the weekend, setting meet records in all four.



Check out Bryant Bulldogs sports schedules at [www.bryantbulldogs.com](http://www.bryantbulldogs.com)



Bryant students participate in a myriad of learning experiences that reach far beyond campus.

**MEET THE CLASS OF 2018**

The Class of 2018, one of the strongest and most competitive incoming classes in Bryant's 151-year history, was formally welcomed into the Bryant academic community at Opening Convocation Sept. 3.

Highlights about the 867 members of the Class of 2018:

- 3.4 is the average GPA;
- Top 25 percent is the average high school class rank
- 1159 average SAT score
- 10 percent are international students from 28 countries
- Top 5 countries represented: India, China, Canada, Ghana, and Venezuela
- 17 percent identify with African-American, Latino-American, or Asian-American backgrounds

A total of 6,221 students applied to Bryant for admission this fall, one of the University's largest applicant pools. Nearly half of the class applied Early Action or Early Decision. In fact, the number of Early Action applicants was greater than the number of Regular Decision students—testimony to their interest in attending Bryant.

As an institution committed to developing the student as a whole, Bryant has a test-optional admission policy. Students who believe standardized test scores are not an accurate representation of their academic achievement or talents have the option of completing two to three short-answer questions in place of submitting test scores to Bryant. Some 27

percent of the Class of 2018 submitted test-optional applications.

Among the incoming students, 73 percent seek business majors while more than 18 percent plan to pursue interests in the liberal arts and sciences. More than 8 percent of first-year students have not yet decided upon a major. The University provides resources and programming to assist these students as they make decisions about majors and careers.

**ERNESTO ARGUELLO '15:  
THERE IS ALWAYS A WAY—  
ALWAYS**

**Ernesto Arguello '15**, of Managua, Nicaragua, first learned about Bryant from his high school guidance counselor—and much more through the University's knowledgeable international admission staff. Taking a leap of faith, he traveled more than 2,200 miles with a plan: keep an open mind to every experience and everyone he met.

"Choosing to attend Bryant," Arguello says now, "was simply



the best decision of my life. I have grown intellectually and as a person, but the most important thing this school has taught me is that as long as you really want something, there is always a way—always."

Arguello, who is majoring in Accounting and Finance, took part in the PricewaterhouseCoopers xTAX Competition and the PwC National Elevate Program that promotes management leadership skills. He is a peer tutor in Bryant's Academic Center for Excellence. He is captain of the men's varsity tennis team that advanced to the NCAA tournament in spring 2014.

As a junior, Arguello spent a year as a securities analyst in the

Archway Investment Fund at Bryant, an academic program that allows students to learn investment principles. They manage an actual portfolio of more than \$900,000 in a simulated trading room that receives real-time data, information, and news. As a senior, he is serving as portfolio manager in the energy, material, and utilities sector.

After graduation, he plans to earn his CPA designation and work in the United States, gathering all the experience he can to bring back to Nicaragua. "My dream is to help my country prosper and help future generations have a better life."

**GRADUATE STUDENTS MAKE  
A DIFFERENCE IN HAITI**

**Christiana Bardsley '13, '14 MBA**, seized the opportunity to travel to Haiti this past spring as part of a trip offered through the Graduate School of Business MBA program and the Hochberg Women's Center.

"The chance to do consulting in another country stood out to me," she says. "Everything we do in business isn't localized anymore; it's all global."

Bardsley and her fellow MBA students—**James Fogarty, Samuel Ayer, Michael Kaplan,**



*Ernesto Arguello '15 with PricewaterhouseCoopers' Tax Manager Ryan Daley, a 2008 Bryant alumnus, interned at the organization over the summer.*

and **Andrew Barrett**—traveled to Haiti to consult for the YWCA. The nonprofit organization wanted to build a guesthouse that would generate revenue. The Bryant students created a business plan for the project.

Bardsley is proud of several accomplishments achieved during the project including:

- assisting a nonprofit organization;
- helping Haitian girls learn about the hospitality industry;
- providing customer service tips to Haitians to increase tourism.

Assistant Professor of Management Eileen Kwesiga, Ph.D., who accompanied the students to Haiti, is a proponent of the educational benefits of traveling abroad.

“In today’s world, education is global and I believe that taking Bryant students abroad gives them an extra advantage,” she says.

Although Bardsley and most of her team did not have experience in the hospitality industry, they were well prepared for the project by their graduate classes at Bryant.

“Everything we learn in Bryant’s MBA program has a certain structure that you can adapt to any situation,” Bardsley says.

“It can be managing a team, or managing a corporation.”

Since the group returned from Haiti, work on the guesthouse project has continued.

“It’s great to hear that they have decided to implement our plan and start to build the guesthouse,” she says.

Bardsley finished the MBA program in August. She is looking to apply her skills in an Air Force logistics position.

### CHRISTIAN LEMIEUX '14 PRESENTS HEALTHCARE ANALYSIS TO PROFESSIONAL MATHEMATICIANS AND STATISTICIANS

Obesity and smoking pose a healthcare double whammy, so it is no surprise that governments, insurers, and employers take an interest in weight-loss and smoking cessation programs that work.

**Christian Lemieux '14** took an interest, too. For his senior capstone project, he conducted a statistical analysis of data in order to identify which preventative programs would be most effective at reducing healthcare costs over the next nine years.

“Of all the work I had done at Bryant, this was by far the most daunting and research intensive,” says Lemieux, who graduated in May with degree in Applied Mathematics and Statistics.

On Aug. 4 in Boston, Lemieux, along with his mentor, Billie Anderson, Ph.D., assistant professor of statistics, presented “Finding Cost Effective Solutions to Healthcare Problems” during a poster session at the Joint Statistical Meetings, the largest annual gathering of mathematicians and statisticians in North America.

Lemieux now works as a data and reporting analyst at OnProcess Technology in Ashland, MA.

### BRYANT TEAMS IMPRESS COMPETITION JUDGES

A team of Bryant students went to Las Vegas and topped 80 others to claim first prize at the 2014 National Financial Plan Competition which attracts the best and brightest students from throughout the country. It was Bryant’s first appearance at the event sponsored by International

Association of Registered Financial Consultants.

**Jamie Pepin '14**, **Kyle Creedon '14**, and **Lauren Fayne '14** were challenged to present best options for a fictional family to save and invest their money. After a series of qualifying rounds, the Bryant trio was one of three teams that presented in the final round to a group of experienced financial professionals serving as judges.

Winners of the Second MBA Team Selling Competition hosted by Bryant on August 4 were the sales team of John Messier and Sean Richmond.

Stefanie Boyer, assistant professor of marketing, notes that the event allowed 12 top sales students to hone their profes-

### CHARACTER OF SUCCESS GIFT FROM THE CLASS OF 2014

The class of 2014 has created a “Character of Success” endowed scholarship for a rising senior who has exhibited an impressive combination of involvement, leadership, and grades.

Senior class gift chair **Jessica Kline '14** says, “I think it is very easy to attend a great institution like Bryant and not appreciate how valuable the education you are receiving. I know making a contribution to the University is the absolute least I could do.”

Since 2008, seven senior class gift campaigns have raised a total of more than \$270,000. This year’s Class of 2014 set a new all-time record with more than



*Tom Keenan '15, shown above with Assistant Professor of Marketing Jane McKay-Nesbitt, Ph.D., won the Third Northeast Intercollegiate Sales Competition (NISC) in November. “Bryant placed second in the overall competition,” said Assistant Professor of Marketing Stefanie Boyer, Ph.D. The Bryant team of 19 students was joined by nearly 80 students from a dozen schools and 20 sponsoring firms at the event.*

sional selling skills. In addition to competing against one another, students from Bryant’s MBA program received *American Idol*-style individualized feedback from panels of expert judges from a host of top companies—including EMC2, Fidelity, Caterpillar, SThree, Aldi, UPS, Acquia, and Hubspot.

61 percent of seniors contributing to the class gift.

“The fact that giving back increases the value of our degree and resonated well with the seniors,” Kline says. “When we walked under the Archway during Commencement to receive our diplomas, we knew our degree was valuable. By giving back, we ensure that the value of our Bryant degree will continue to grow.”



Bryant alumni are making an impact in their communities and organizations, and as active participants in University programs and events.

**PRESIDENT OBAMA LAUDS BRYANT TRUSTEE AND ALUMNAE IN SPEECH ON THE ECONOMY**

Four days before the midterm election in which his fellow Democrats needed a big turnout from female voters, President Barack Obama delivered a speech at Rhode Island College focused on the growth in the U.S. economy and administration policies directed at women.



In the Oct. 31 speech, the president spoke of the successful efforts of **Cheryl Snead '06H**, a vice-chair of the

Bryant Board of Trustees and the founder, president, and CEO of



Banneker Industries, and **Ann-Marie Harrington '86**, founder and president of the Pawtucket-based Web

development and consultant firm Embolden.

"Women deserve a day off to take care of a sick child or sick parent without running into hardship. And Rhode Island has got the right idea," Obama said. "You're just one of three states where paid family leave is the law of the land. More states should

choose to follow your lead. It was funny in the meeting this morning, business leaders said the Rhode Island law helped them in recruiting and retaining outstanding employees."

Obama singled out Snead, who runs a supply chain management firm based in North Smithfield. He noted that she had studied mechanical engineering in college. "At the time," the president said, "there weren't that many African American women in mechanical engineering. There still aren't. We're working to change that."

Snead is also working to improve that situation, Obama said. "Her company has made it a priority to find talented young women and minority students, encourage them to study science and math in college, hire them once they graduate." And, he noted, Snead told him "that having a diverse workforce, having more women in the workforce, all that makes

hers a stronger company. And it's not just good for the workers—it's good for business."

The president also cited the work of small businesswoman Harrington. He said more companies should adapt flexible workplace policies like Embolden's that allow women and men to take care of loved ones at home.

"She lets them work from home and keep a flexible schedule when they need to. That's increased her company's productivity," Obama said. "These are issues too important to hinge on whether or not your boss is enlightened. We need to raise our voices so that a woman can care for a loved one. We need to raise our voices to basically do away with policies and politicians that belong in a 'Mad Men' episode... When women succeed, America succeeds."

**BRYANT ALUMNI GARNER "40 UNDER FORTY" AWARDS**

Four Bryant alumni are among this year's winners of the 2014 "40 Under Forty" Award presented by the *Providence Business News*. **Michael Ferri CPA, '09 MST**, partner, accounting and auditing and tax departments, BlumShapiro; **Corey McCarty '02 MBA**, vice president, consumer segment, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island; **James Queenan CPA, CFF, '03 MST**, partner, accounting and assurance department, DiSanto, Priest & Co.; and **Randy Rossi '01, MBA, CGFM**, finance director, purchasing agent, Town of Smithfield; were honored at a ceremony July 24 and were profiled in the July 28 issue of PBN.

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Brad Routier '02, partner at Ernst & Young in Boston, returned to campus this fall to share his experience and insights with students of Associate Professor of Computer Information Systems Ken Sousa, Ph.D.

### CPA SOCIETY APPOINTS BRYANT UNIVERSITY ALUMNI TO LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

The Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CTCPA) has announced that two Bryant University accounting alumni are among those selected to serve on its 30-member Advisory Council for the 2014-2015 activity year:



Stephanie J. Barone '10

**Stephanie J. Barone '10** of Cheshire is a senior accountant for ESPN in Bristol who will represent the CTCPA

New and Young Professionals Cabinet on the Advisory Council.

**David H. Leigh, CPA, '54** of Wallingford is of counsel for Bailey, Moore, Glazer, Schaefer & Proto, LLP in Woodbridge. He will represent the CTCPA Peer Review Committee on the Advisory Council.



David H. Leigh, CPA, '54



Sandra Coletta '88 MBA

### ENGAGING THE BRYANT COMMUNITY IN ETHICS DISCUSSION

**Sandra Coletta '88 MBA**, the COO of Care New England, delivered the keynote address for the Ronald K. and Kati C. Machtley Interfaith Center's Ethics Event 2014: Core Values and Where They Come From.

Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community guests gathered at the annual ethics event in October to hear from Coletta, an advocate for patient safety. She has been recognized for the settlement of a major public lawsuit through her acknowledgement and apology for errors that occurred in the

care of patient Michael J. Woods. The Michael J Woods Institute at Kent Hospital was established in his honor to redesign health care from a human factors perspective, with the full support and participation of the victim's brother, actor James Woods and his attorney.

Coletta, who also talked with groups of students throughout the afternoon, shared her story about the Kent Hospital apology, discussing her core values and how they influenced the apology.

Frequently asked to explain the decision making that led to the apology, Coletta simply replies, "I just did what my mother taught me to do."

### TEERING OFF FOR STUDENTS

The 11th annual President's Cup Golf Tournament took place in June at the historic Newport Country Club. One hundred and thirty-two golfers participated in the tournament, and Bryant staff and friends volunteered their time to help make the event a success.

The event raised more than \$108,000 for the President's Scholarship Fund through sponsorships, foursome fees, contests, a raffle, and the silent and live auctions. Prior to the auctions, Co-chairs **David Olney '82** and **Stu Brenner '64** presented President Machtley with a check from the proceeds of the tournament.



### REUNION RECAP

Reunion @ Homecoming 2014, held September 12-13, featured everything alumni could want: Special areas for milestone class year reunions to gather, alumni vs. student athletic events, tailgating festivities, and the Bulldog Fun Zone with plenty of food and activities for all ages.

More than 4,000 students, faculty, staff, and alumni converged on Bryant's campus and celebrated the Bulldogs' 13-10 victory over the nationally ranked University of Maine Black Bears.

Bryant's Loyal Guard—those graduating 50 years (or more) ago—welcomed the Class of 1964 as new members, while the milestone class year with the most members in attendance was the Class of 1989, with more than 100 attending their 25th Reunion.



## BULLISH ON BRYANT: WALL STREET COUNCIL TO HELP LAUNCH FINANCE CAREERS

by Richard Bader

When it comes to starting a career on Wall Street—or just about anywhere else, for that matter—there’s *what* you know, and there’s *who* you know. A new Bryant initiative is working both sides of that street.

The Bryant Wall Street Council was launched this fall with a straightforward goal: to increase the profile and impact of Bryant on Wall Street and throughout the financial-services industry.

“The Bryant Wall Street Council establishes Bryant’s outstanding credentials as a

feeder for a major sector of the economy,” says Nicholas Bohnsack ’00, president and COO of Strategas Securities and one of the council’s co-founders. “It puts us in a position to compete with the Ivy League for jobs.”

### How it works

The council is a membership organization of Bryant alumni, parents, and friends who work in investments, finance, banking, brokerage, or other financial-services fields, on or off Wall



Bryant students with an eye on careers in the financial-services industry participate in the annual Walk Down Wall Street tour.

Street. Those who join the council agree to make a financial contribution to Bryant and to help students aspiring to Wall Street careers. That help can include job shadowing, internships, mentoring, speaking to classes, or offering jobs to qualified Bryant graduates.

Throughout the year, the Bryant Wall Street Council will host events at Bryant and on Wall Street that give members opportunities to engage with leaders of the financial-services industry.

Bohnsack credits Bryant fellow alumnus Stephen Tully ’98, director of institutional client service at Cantillon Capital Management, with being the driving force behind the council. Other founding members are also established financial-services professionals: Eric Bertrand ’94, managing director of Lincoln Road Advisors; Nanette Buziak ’93, head of trading at Voya Investment Management, formerly ING Investment Management US; and Edward Fasano ’94, COO, CFO, and CCO of Seawolf Capital, LLC. Bryant finance professors David Louton, Ph.D., Peter Nigro, Ph.D., and Elizabeth Yobaccio, D.B.A., worked with the founding members as the council was developed.

The idea of a Wall Street council isn’t new—Boston College, Georgetown University, and other schools have similar programs—but Bryant is first among its peers to create one, says Tully. The initial response, he notes, has been 100 percent positive: “Everyone I’ve talked to wants to be part of it.”

### A win-win-win project

For students, participation is free, provides opportunities for hands-on job experience and making connections with influential people who are well positioned to help jumpstart a career. “If you’re a student, we’re saying to you: here are people who were once on the same path you’re on, and now you have access to them,” Tully says. “There’s absolutely nothing better than that.”

Council members form a high-powered and highly focused network whose members not only help the students, but share ideas and insights with each other. And that’s not the only perk of participation. “Strategas needs good people in a lot of areas,” notes Bohnsack. “We get a good look at a strong talent pool.”

The Council, in other words, is a win-win-win: good for stu-



At the launch of the Bryant Wall Street Council this fall, the council’s founding members gather with Finance Association student members and President Ronald K. Machtley. Pictured (back row, l-r) Nicholas Bohnsack ’00, Edward Fasano ’94 Nanette Buziak ’93, President Ronald K. Machtley, Eric J. Bertrand ’94, Stephen Tully ’98 and Zachary Cardaci ’16; (front row, l-r) Nicholas Zacchilli ’16, Stephen Diamond ’15, and Frank Sapareto ’16.



dents because of what they learn and the people they meet; good for members because they join a network of professionals with common interests; and good for Bryant because it builds on the University's growing reputation for doing an outstanding job preparing students for Wall Street.

"There's something in this for everyone," Tully says.

To become part of this rewarding alliance, or for more information about the Bryant Wall Street Council, contact Regional Development Manager Susan Detri-Souve at (401) 232-6173 or [sdetri@bryant.edu](mailto:sdetri@bryant.edu).

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**1968**

**BARRY RINGELHEIM**, of Atlantic Beach, NY, senior vice president of investments for Ringelheim Wealth Management UBS Financial Services, was featured in a guest column on OnWallStreet.com, a leading website for elite advisors managing wealthy investors. He discussed the principles of building long-term relationships that he has used throughout his 46-year career.

**1969**

**LUCY (LOUGH) KELTS**, of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, an executive director of the luxury properties division for Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, was named the top sales agent in Rancho Santa Fe by Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices California Properties. She has closed more than \$1 billion in real estate transactions and has been frequently recognized nationally throughout her career for excellence, integrity, innovation, and sales volume.

**1970**

**JIM ASTRACHAN**, of Baltimore, MD, a partner/principal in the law office of Astrachan Gunst Thomas, P.C., was named a "Super Lawyer" for intellectual property litigation by Super Lawyers, a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Selection was based on client input, the community's regard for the firm's lawyers, and other data.

**1973**

**STEVEN VALENTI**, of Dalton, MA, founder of Steven Valenti's Clothing for Men in Pittsfield, MA, wrote a guest editorial titled "Prom Season: The New Christmas" that appeared in the August issue of *MR Magazine*, a leading publication for retailers in the menswear industry.

**1977**

**PAUL CAPPELLO**, of Rehoboth, MA, was promoted to executive vice president/chief lending officer at Pawtucket Credit Union. He has been with PCU for 33 years, most recently as senior vice president of lending. He is past president of the Rhode Island Mortgage Bankers Association.

**1978**

**LOUIS GOLATO**, of Boylston, MA, was named vice president of manufacturing at Stion Corporation, a leading manufacturer of high-efficiency thin-film solar modules. He has more than 30 years of experience leading large and complex semiconductor and lithium battery operations in the U.S., China, Korea, Scotland, and Taiwan. He has also worked for Texas Instruments and Intel Corporation.

**1980**

**PAULINE (LAPOINTE) LAMANTIA**, of Smithfield, RI, has been named assistant vice president in the internal audit department at Amica. She began her career at Amica as a senior information systems auditor in 1998 and was promoted to internal audit officer in 2012.

**1981**

**CHARLES CHOQUETTE**, of North Scituate, RI, was named district sales manager at the executive recruiting firm Toppi Group. He brings more than 25 years of experience to the position.

**JENNY (NIELSON) CHRISTENSEN**

, of Springfield, NE, was promoted to vice president of marketing for the Garner and BinMaster divisions of BinMaster inventory management systems. She joined Garner Industries in 2008 as director of marketing and has supported the launch of multiple new products.

**REGINA (JONES) MEAD**,



of Monroe, CT, announced that her company, Meadprob4, received an International Fund Award in the category of project finance. Meadprob4 specializes in international trade and development.

**CYNTHIA (CLEGG) MERKLE**,

of Danbury, CT, has been elected president of Union Savings Bank in Danbury. She will continue to serve as chief operating officer. She joined the bank in 2013 as executive vice president and chief operating officer. Previously, she served as executive vice president at Eastern Bank in Boston—the largest independent and mutually owned bank in New England.

**1982**

**JOSEPH A. BALDUCCI '95 MBA**, of Cranston, RI, chief financial officer for Cranston Public Schools, was named the 2014 Rhode Island School Business Official of the Year by the Rhode Island Association of School Business Officials.

**LISA SATTLER-BIESAK**, of Durham, CT, has joined the Goodman Speakers Bureau as a program consultant. She previously was the director of business development at CJ Public Relations, where she was the producer of a lecture series for women called "Unique Lives and Experiences," which featured such notable speakers as Janet Reno, Maya Angelou, and Barbara Bush.

**1983**

**CAPT. JAMES WILLIAM SMART**, of Mechanicsburg, PA, retired on Dec. 1, 2013, after completing 28 years of active service in the U.S. Navy. Most recently, he was director of Navy Support Activity Mechanicsburg and Philadelphia. Throughout his career, he was stationed around the United States as well as in Singapore and the Philippines.

**1985**

**ANN LANGLOIS MBA**, of Lake Worth, FL, was promoted to professor of business at Palm Beach Atlantic University. She specializes in international business management and trade. She previously was a regional vice president for 27 years at Citizens Bank.

**JOYCE SULESKI**, of Westbrook, CT, was named senior vice president and practice leader of the USI Consulting Group's health and welfare administration practice. Previously, she held various account management and sales roles with Wellpoint, Inc./Anthem and MetLife. She also holds the certified employee benefits specialist designation through the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and the health insurance associate designation from the Health Insurance Association of America.

**1986**

**MICHAEL CRISCIONE, CPA**, of Cranston, RI, was named a partner at LGC&D, a Providence-based accounting and business advisory firm. He has 27 years of experience at the firm and serves as a business advisor and audit leader for its healthcare entities such as home health agencies, hospices, long-term care and assisted living facilities, community health centers, and health and human service providers. He is a member of the Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants.



**PATRICIA THOMPSON MST, CPA**, of North Kingstown, RI, has been named chairwoman of the YMCA of Greater Providence Board of Directors. She is a tax partner at Piccerelli, Gilstein and Company LLP in Providence. She previously served on the YMCA executive committee and was co-chairwoman of the planning and program development committee.

**1987**  
**GLENN GOLDSTEIN**, of Framingham, MA, was named director of sales for the Boston office of Shareholder InSite Inc., the premier provider of shareholder management, analysis, reporting, and valuation solutions and services. He brings more than 20 years of sales and management experi-

ence, most recently serving as executive vice president at Brighton House Associates, a leading research and technology firm.

**1988**  
**REV. JEFFREY ARCHER** was ordained into the priesthood by Cardinal Sean O'Malley. In May, he celebrated his first Mass at St. Francis of Assisi in Braintree, MA. Before entering the Pope St. John XXIII Seminary, he worked at Travelers Insurance and Computer Science Corporation in the financial services departments. He holds an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and is a certified project manager.

**JANET (RAYMOND) BARATTINI**, of Osterville, MA, announced that HomeSitters, a home watch service provider business she co-owns with her husband, has earned accredited member status with the National Home Watch Association.

**1989**  
**BETH (LEMAY) BOMBARA, CPA**, of Simsbury, CT, was named chief financial officer at The Hartford. She joined the company in 2004. Previously, she was a senior manager in the audit practice at Deloitte and Touche LLP.

**ANDY THOMAS, CEO** of the Craft Brew Alliance, a leading, publicly traded craft brewing company in Portland, OR, launched the weeklong Brew Talks West Coast Tour in July. He spent 12 years at Heineken, working with brewers and beers in more than 55 countries across four continents and served as president and CEO of Heineken USA from 2005-2007.

**CHRIS VOCCIO**, of Niagara Falls, NY, has been appointed publisher of the *Niagara Falls Gazette* and the *Tonawanda News*. Previously, he was the publisher of the *Norwich (Conn.) Bulletin*, and he was the publisher of newspapers in Texas and Pennsylvania.

## DEDICATED TO HELPING OTHERS AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE: ANN MARIE HABERSHAW '84, CPA, MBA



*Ann Marie Habershaw '84, CPA, MBA  
Chief of Staff and  
Director of External Affairs  
U.S. Office of Personnel Management*

Obama for America, the Democratic National Committee, and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee are just a few of the heavyweights on **Ann Marie Habershaw's** resume. Her experience leading organizations in the private and non-profit sector and her background in finance and operations now inform her role as chief of staff and director of external affairs for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. That is the agency that recruits and retains a world-class government workforce of two million, leading the establishment and oversight of human capital policy, ensuring the availability of quality benefits for the federal work force, managing benefits for all federal retirees, and conducting more than 90 percent of background investigations for the federal government.

At Bryant, Habershaw says, "One of the most important lessons I learned was that the

financial strength and transparency of any organization are key to its success, and understanding these aspects allows you to move into senior leadership positions in any area."

This knowledge allowed Habershaw to leverage her accounting degree to success in

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a series of high visibility executive positions in the private and non-profit sector. Before joining the Office of Personnel Management, she served as chief operating officer of President Obama's reelection campaign, Obama for America. Responsible for building a nationwide infrastructure to align with the national campaign plan, she oversaw all aspects of campaign operations, includ-

ing a \$1 billion budget and more than 800 offices nationwide.

Habershaw's two decades of experience in the operations and finance of mission-driven organizations included working as chief operating officer at the Democratic National Committee, chief financial officer, and

subsequently the COO of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, where she oversaw organizational assessments and led successful overhauls.

"My time in mission-driven organizations over the last 20 years is about dedication and a desire to help others and make a difference."



**ON THE GO: JOHN GALVIN '91 MBA**

As Chief Financial Officer of Collette, a Pawtucket, R.I.-based tour operator, John Galvin is responsible for all financial matters, information technology, risk management, currency hedging, investing, and tax strategy on a global basis. With operations in the United States, United Kingdom, and Canada, Collette has evolved and grown significantly since its founding in 1918.

"Collette has expanded quite a bit since I first began working there as the Vice President of Finance in 1989," says Galvin. "It's a natural progression, since Collette has a great team—many of whom are also Bryant alumni. Getting up and going to work in the morning is a real pleasure."

In Bryant's Master of Business Administration program, he built upon the knowledge gained through earning his undergraduate business administration degree in accounting from UMASS Amherst's Isenberg School of Management.

"Here at Collette, we work as part of a team," says Galvin. "Bryant's MBA program was instrumental in helping me understand the importance of cross-departmental teams in accomplishing organizational goals."

Beyond being part of a team at work, Galvin appreciates his employers' involvement in the communities in which they work and live. "The Sullivan family (owners of Collette) are really charitable people, and they encourage all of us to be involved," he says. "I'm chair of the board at Meeting Street Center and on the Board of Care New England. I believe in giving back to my community."

One of the additional perks of working in the travel industry is the opportunity to see the world. "I've been to 30 countries on five continents, and my family and I have had a tremendous time experiencing all of the different sights, sounds, cultures, and cuisines."

**HARRY WATERMAN**, of East



Greenwich, RI, has joined Sir Speedy Printing and Marketing in Cranston, RI, as a senior account representative. He brings 25 years of experience providing printing services as a general manager and outside sales representative at PrintShops, Inc. in East Greenwich, RI.

**1992**

**JUDITH VENTURA ENRIGHT**, CPA of Riverside, RI, was promoted to an audit principal at LGC&D, a Providence-based accounting and business advisory firm. She has 15 years of experience providing auditing, accounting, and other business consulting services. She was previously named a "40 Under Forty" award recipient by the *Providence Business News*.

**1993**

**CRAIG BILODEAU MBA, CPA**, of Cranston, RI, was appointed treasurer of Junior Achievement of Rhode Island's board of directors. He is a partner at Sansiveri, Kimball and Co. LLP, a Providence-based accounting and tax firm. He has more than 25 years of auditing, accounting, business valuation, and comprehensive business consulting experience.

**MICHAEL BOTELHO '02 MBA**, of Somerset, MA, was elected to the Somerset K-8 School Committee. He is a business systems integrator at Acushnet Company.

**WENDY (HAYNES) JENKINS**, of Southlake, TX, was named vice president of technology solutions at Venture Solutions, a market leader in providing high-quality print and digital transactional communications. She previously was vice president of program management at Fidelity Investments.

**1994**

**RICHARD CHAREST MBA**, of North Smithfield, RI, president of Landmark Medical Center and president and CEO of the Rehabilitation



Hospital of Rhode Island, was the recipient of the Rotary Club of

Woonsocket's 2014 Vocational Service Award. Charest has been president of Landmark Medical Center since 2007 and president and CEO of the Rehabilitation Hospital of Rhode Island since 2000. He is a member of the board of the Rhode Island chapter of the American Heart Association.

**STEPHANIE FIELD**, of Somerset, MA, was elected to the Somerset Berkley Regional School Committee. She is managing director of learning and operations at the Boston Security Analysts Society.

**1997**

**SHIRLEY BRAKENWAGEN**, of St. Augustine, FL, has joined Davidson Realty Inc. as a Realtor. She has more than 20 years of experience in the banking, mortgage, and real estate industries. She previously worked at Bank of Boston and Fleet Mortgage. She also manages the financial sector of her family's global consulting business.

**1999**

**SCOTT FARBER**, of Wakefield, MA, president and CEO of Hunt's Photo and Video in Melrose, MA, was named a recipient of Dealerscope's "40 Under 40" award. He oversees 100 employees and eight retail stores. Hunt's Photo and Video was named "Massachusetts Retailer of the Year" in 2011 and 2012 by the Retailers Association of Massachusetts.

**MATTHEW HUGHES MBA**, of Cumberland, RI, was named vice president and treasurer of Nortek Inc. He is responsible for oversight of all of Nortek's treasury functions, risk management, and taxes. He joins Nortek with 18 years of finance and treasury experience at GTECH Corporation. Most recently, he was chief financial officer of GTECH's products and services division.

**BENJAMIN LEFRANCOIS**, of Lakeland, FL, a shareholder in the Lakeland office of GrayRobinson, P.A., has been elected to the board of directors for the YMCA of West Central Florida. He also is a past president of the All Saints' Academy Parents' Association and a Polk County School Board mentor.





## RECENT ALUMNI TRUSTEE CONTINUES TO MOVE BRYANT FORWARD: CAMERON BURKE '14

**Cameron Burke '14** (Wrentham, MA) knows the walk from his residence hall room to Salmanson Dining Hall is a three-minute trip. But sometimes it took him much longer than that.

"It took me 15 minutes because I stopped and talked with so many people I saw along the way," he says. "That's what makes Bryant so great."

During his four years on campus, Burke established himself

as a leader in the University community.

- Conducting tours and hosting prospective students as a Student Ambassador
- Serving two years on the Student Alumni Association Executive Board
- Co-founding Bryant's Society of Global Supply Chain Management.

- Serving as a Senior Advisory Council member
- Working in Development/Advancement Services as an office assistant

"I'm an outgoing person, so I really liked getting out there, working with different groups, and getting deeply involved with this University," he says. "This is home to me, so improving this community by working with so many different people is really what drove me."

Throughout his time at Bryant, the Global Supply Chain Management major established bonds with faculty members with whom he will keep in touch.

"They got to know me on a first-name basis," he says. "They would go out of their way to help me. Without that one-on-one experience, I probably wouldn't have done as well as I did."

The strong foundation he built at Bryant serves Burke well as a global logistics program manager for EMC in Franklin, MA. "They hired me because I had a lot of real-world experience in projects from my time at Bryant," he says.

Burke knows what he will miss the most: "The people. I have made such incredible connections with students, faculty, and staff. It's been home."

Having been appointed to a three-year term on the University's Board of Trustees just before Commencement, Burke is staying connected to Bryant.

"I'm so humbled and honored to be named to the board," he says. "It's an excellent opportunity to continue giving back to the Bryant community because without Bryant, I wouldn't be where I am today—having secured a good job and continuing to benefit from an excellent education."

### 2000

**MOLLY DEVANNEY**, of Manchester, CT, was named a "40 Under Forty" award recipient by *Hartford Business Journal*. She is the vice president in charge of public relations for Highland Park Market, a family-owned and operated grocery store chain with five locations in central Connecticut.

**TRACY MCKAVENEY, CPA**, of Rocky Hill, CT, was named a "40 Under Forty" award winner by *Hartford Business Journal*. She is senior manager at Mahoney, Sabol and Company LLP, a CPA and business advisory firm based in Glastonbury, CT. She provides audit and accounting advisory services to both public and private companies in various industries, including renewable energy, manufacturing, retail, nonprofit organizations, and employee benefit plans. She also co-founded the firm's Women's Initiative.

### 2001

**JON BLY, CPA** of Matthews, NC, announced that his company LB&A, Certified Public Accountants, was ranked by *Inc.* magazine on its list of the nation's 5,000 fastest-growing private companies. Companies such as Yelp, Pandora, Timberland, Dell, Domino's Pizza, LinkedIn, Zillow, and other well-known companies have gained exposure as members of this prestigious list. The companies on the list achieved an average three-year growth of 516 percent.

### 2002

**BENJAMIN HOWARTH**, of Griswold, CT, was named a "40 Under Forty" award recipient by *Hartford Business Journal*. He is a financial services representative, investment adviser, and special needs planner at Barnum Financial Group.

### 2005

**MATTHEW GUERRA MBA**, of Lincoln, RI, announced his candidacy for the Rhode Island State House of Representatives in District 46 representing Lincoln.

He is a math teacher and a member of the board of directors and treasurer of Hearthside House Inc, a stone mansion in Lincoln that is on the National Register of Historic Places.

**MATTHEW RAMOS**, of Milford, CT, celebrated his first anniversary as owner and lead coach at the Ramos Athletic Conditioning Center in Bridgeport, Conn. The facility specializes in athletic performance enhancement and nutrition. He also is a firefighter and EMT in Milford, Conn.

### 2006

**LINDSAY GIFFORD-SKILLING**, of Gray, ME, general manager of Gifford's Famous Ice Cream, announced that the five-generation company unveiled an ice cream truck that cruised through the streets of Washington, D.C., this summer to introduce new consumers to their products. She also spearheaded the creation of a new logo and revitalized packaging.

### JUNIOR JABBIE '07 MBA, of



Providence, RI, has been named executive manager of business development and customer relationships for

Banneker Industries. He joined the company in 2005 and most recently served as sales and marketing manager. Based in North Smithfield, R.I., Banneker provides integrated logistics and supply chain management solutions to the aerospace, defense, government and commercial markets. In his new role, Jabbie will continue to direct the company's business development, capture, sales, marketing, branding, and communications functions. He is also responsible for establishing strategic alliances and partnerships; oversight of the company's contract lifecycle management policies and procedures; and establishing and maintaining robust customer relationships across all Banneker accounts.

**2008**

**DANIEL GNADEK, CPA** of Braintree, MA, has joined Rodman and Rodman, P.C., an accounting and tax firm, as supervisor. He oversees the accounting staff members who are responsible for tax preparation and tax planning for individuals and entities. Previously, he was a senior tax accountant in the personal financial management and income tax planning division of Summit Financial Corporation.

**2010**

**NICK DENICE '11 MPAC, CFE**, of West Warwick, RI, announced his candidacy for the Rhode Island State House of Representatives in District 26, representing West Warwick, Coventry, and Warwick. He is chair of the West Warwick Pension Board and is a law clerk at Ursillo, Teitz and Ritch, a Providence-based law firm. He graduated from Roger Williams University School of Law in 2013.

**2011**

**RAYMOND MAHONEY '11 MPAC, CPA**, of Foxboro, MA, has joined the firm of G.T. Reilly and Company as a senior accountant and auditor. He previously worked as a senior accountant at Marcum LLP in Providence.

**2011**

**KRISTY ALBANO**, of Weymouth, MA, a financial analyst for asset management finance at Fidelity Investments in Boston, has launched a travel blog, "Traveling the East," to chronicle her travels and adventures up and down the East Coast. She also is a member of the part-time Executive MBA Program at Boston University.

**2012**

**AMANDA HOWARD**, of Stony Point, NY, was named an experience coordinator at Providence Children's Museum. In August, she completed a year of service as an AmeriCorps member, serving the organization as a museum educa-

tor. She was part of a team that designed and implemented hands-on activities to help improve school readiness for more than 1,000 Head Start preschoolers from low-income homes. She completed a master's degree in education at Merrimack College.

**2013**

**ALYSSA SILVA**, of Cumberland, RI, who was diagnosed at five-months-old with spinal muscular atrophy, will be featured in *Dare to Be Remarkable: Living With SMA*, a documentary about her life that chronicles the challenges of living with SMA and her accomplishments as an advocate in the fight against SMA. In June, she met with Rhode Island's U.S. senators in Washington, D.C., to advocate for more money in the fight against SMA.

**TYLER WHITNEY**, of

Peterborough, NH, was named the lead groundskeeper for the ConVal School District in New Hampshire. He is in charge of a small group of employees who are responsible for the year-round upkeep of school grounds throughout the district.

**2014**

**EIMEAR BLACK** was named a lab technician at Northeastern University's Antimicrobial Discovery Center. As a student, she had summer internships as a laboratory assistant at Bryant and Brown University.



**MICHAEL MALENFANT**, of Lakeville, MA, was accepted into the University of Connecticut's master's degree program in higher education and student affairs. As a student, he was an orientation staff coordinator, a co-chair of the Senior Class Gift Committee and the head student manager of the Fisher Student Center.

**HELPING COMMUNITIES NAVIGATE HARD TIMES: ERNEST A. ALMONTE '78, '85 MST, '09H**

Twice named one of the Top 100 Most Influential People in the Accounting Profession by Accounting Today, **Ernie Almonte** is the go-to expert when cities, towns, and even the state pension system are in financial trouble.

Appointed Rhode Island's Auditor General in 1994, Almonte was responsible for auditing the \$7 billion comprehensive report for the state and for an annual \$3 billion federal audit. During his 16 years in this key role, he oversaw municipal, fraud, and quasi-public agency audits.

Almonte mandated that all audit reports be posted to the public Rhode Island Auditor General's website to ensure transparency and accountability.

"The lessons I learned at Bryant have become part of the



*Ernest A. Almonte '78, '85 MST, '09H*

fabric of who I am. They helped me on my pathway to success," says Almonte, a former Bryant trustee, who has more than 30 years of experience in the accounting profession. "As a CPA in government, I have seen how an

action we took saved our city or our state millions of dollars. The actions of the individual matter, and CPAs collectively can make a difference."

Founder, CEO, and Chief Visionary Officer of the Almonte Group LLC, Almonte was the first public servant to be elected national chairman of the nation's largest body of CPAs, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), since the organization's founding in 1887.

As a national thought leader in the accounting field, Almonte is excited about the opportunities ahead. "We will see global shifts in regulation and business practices as we restore financial stability. Our profession will play an enormous role in this recovery. The core values of integrity,

objectivity, competence, reliability, independence, and accountability will help us navigate this rough terrain, as they have in the past."

Following in his father's footsteps, **David Almonte '09**, who works as a senior accountant for the public accounting firm of LGC+D, is one of 38 attendees from across the country accepted into the 2014 AICPA National Leadership Academy. The program is designed to expose the next generation of CPAs "to a strong ethic of leadership and service," and provide them with strategies to forge relationships that expand their competencies and empower them to become leaders within their organizations, communities, and the profession.



# IN MEMORIAM

FRANCES (DEMBO) SEGAL '28  
*April 11, 2014*

ALICE (HADFIELD) TIMPERLEY '29  
*February 13, 2013*

LOUISE (PENNEY) MORSE '32  
*May 12, 2014*

IRENE J. CZEKALA '36  
*August 12, 2014*

BARBARA (GROGAN) ANDERSON '37  
*June 29, 2014*

MADELINE (GOFF) JAMES '37  
*May 29, 2014*

MILTON J. ROSEN '37  
*May 30, 2014*

FRANCES (CHIAVERINI) CONNOR '39  
*May 16, 2014*

WILLIAM D. MCCAUGHEY, JR. '40  
*April 22, 2014*

MARION (SHARP) MCKINLEY '40  
*June 28, 2014*

WINIFRED (KERR) WHEAWILL '40  
*May 5, 2014*

ANITA (SNELL) SHERIN '41  
*April 12, 2014*

BARBARA (JONES) SMITH '41  
*December 12, 2012*

BEVERLY (REYNOLDS) SMITH '41  
*May 4, 2014*

ANGELA SARACENO-VILLARI '46  
*August 18, 2014*

JADWIGA (WOLANSKE) BAGDONAS '47  
*June 5, 2014*

WALTER E. EVANS '47  
*July 27, 2014*

FRANK A. PALUMBO, JR. '48  
*July 13, 2014*

CHARLES C. ALVES '49  
*August 11, 2014*

EDWARD D. GREER '49  
*May 31, 2014*

JOHN J. LYNCH '49  
*July 15, 2014*

LOIS (KAUFMAN) STRAUSS '49  
*June 22, 2014*

ROBERT B. ABRAM '50  
*May 22, 2014*

REV. HENRY F. BOURGEOIS '50  
*June 13, 2004*

EDWARD J. BUSHEY, JR. '50  
*August 7, 2014*

WALTER E. PRZYGODA '50  
*June 28, 2014*

LEONARD SAFFIR '50  
*June 23, 2014*

WALTER H. CLAYTON, JR. '51  
*June 17, 2014*

PAUL E. MILLER '51  
*June 14, 2014*

ROBERT W. STETSON '51  
*February 23, 2009*

HARRY ANDERSON '52  
*February 3, 2014*

WALTER A. BEACH '52  
*June 2, 2014*

JOAN (EYBERSE) DUBOIS '52  
*May 11, 2014*

ALBERT GAVENAS '52  
*May 1, 2014*

GUY W. MELCHER, JR. '52  
*June 23, 2014*

WILLIAM C. NEMES '52  
*July 27, 2014*

BETTE-LOU (BURDICK) WOODS '55  
*December 8, 2013*

JOSE HENRIQUES '56  
*August 5, 2014*

RUSSELL K. OSBALDESTON '56  
*August 13, 2014*

WILLIAM A. BLACK '57  
*May 4, 2014*

WALTER H. CARTER '59  
*September 13, 2012*

ROBERT J.L. HODGE '59  
*August 10, 2014*

RAMON B. STREETER '59  
*April 22, 2014*

PHILIPPE A. BASTILLE '60  
*May 29, 2014*

JAMES E. DUNNAGAN '61  
*May 11, 2014*

MARY E. GOODWIN '61  
*November 2, 2013*

STEPHEN R. HEALY '61  
*July 18, 2014*

GEORGE R. ANTOSCIA '62  
*June 8, 2014*

FRANCIS R. DWYER '62  
*May 6, 2014*

WILLIAM J. FOX '64  
*August 22, 2014*

RUSSELL L. HOUDE '64, '88 MBA  
*August 9, 2014*

LOUIS J. SACCO '64  
*July 26, 2014*

JAMES W. DINGWALL '65  
*August 25, 2013*

ELIZABETH (BURNS) BOYLE '67  
*February 4, 2014*

WILLIAM H. WINANS, JR. '70  
*June 14, 2014*

ROGER J. ROUSSEAU '71  
*January 2, 2014*

RONALD E. HOHLMAIER '73  
*May 19, 2014*

DAVID F. KELLEY, SR. '73  
*August 11, 2014*

PAUL R. PORTNOF '73  
*March 28, 2014*

GEORGE P. WHITE '73  
*August 2, 2014*

CRAIG B. COLE '74  
*July 10, 2014*

DENNIS J. GUILBAULT '75  
*July 21, 2014*

GERALD W. KNOWLTON '75  
*June 8, 2014*

HAROLD COHN '76, '78 MBA  
*March 26, 2014*

GREGORY A. FISKE '77  
*September 1, 2013*

L. RICHARD STETSON '77  
*July 13, 2014*

WILLIAM R. FULLER '78  
*JUNE 28, 2014*

CAROL A. CARR '82 MBA  
*June 23, 2014*

DIANE (GABOURY) LOPORCHIO '85,  
'91 MBA  
*August 10, 2014*

EDWARD L. TURNER '85  
*May 4, 2014*

DR. MICHAEL T. TIMURA, III '89 MBA  
*April 21, 2014*

THOMAS J. TYNAN '90  
*April 27, 2014*

NATALIE (WEST) HARDEN '94  
*November 25, 2009*

MATTHEW C. DERK '00  
*July 28, 2014*



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