

Ronald K. Machtley
Honorary Doctor of Business Administration

Bryant's eighth president for 24 years (1996-2020), the Honorable Ronald K. Machtley is one of the longest-serving college or university presidents in the country and had a profound impact on more than 15,000 Bryant alumni who live and work in our community and in organizations around the world.

During his tenure Bryant achieved a dramatic transformation and ascended from a regional business college to a national university with a school in Zhuhai, China. Under his leadership Bryant experienced growth across every facet of the organization, including creation of the School of Health Sciences and College of Arts and Sciences, introduction of new undergraduate and graduate academic programs, and a transition to Division I NCAA athletics. President Machtley enhanced Bryant's campus by adding several award-winning facilities including the Quinlan-Brown Academic Innovation Center, the Bello Center for Information and Technology and its Douglas and Judith Krupp Library, Beirne Stadium and the Bulldog Strength and Conditioning Center, and the Conaty Indoor Athletic Center.

Prior to his role at Bryant, he served as a United States Congressman for the State of Rhode Island, 1989-1995. He was a member of the House Armed Services Committee; the ranking Republican on the Small Business Committee's Minority Enterprise, Finance, and Urban Development Subcommittee; co-founded the first U.S. House Working Group on Mental Health; and served as co-chairman of the New England Energy Caucus. He was elected President of his Congressional Class during each term that he served. Prior to serving in Congress, President Machtley was a practicing attorney.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, he earned a juris doctorate from Suffolk University Law School. He served on active duty in the U.S. Navy and retired as a captain from the U.S. Naval Reserves. President Machtley currently serves on the board of Amica Mutual Insurance Company.