



BRYANT UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT

Graduate Programs

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022

Welcome

*A most cordial welcome is
extended to relatives, friends, faculty
members, alumni, administrators,
and staff who gather here to
celebrate Commencement for the
Graduate Programs.*

PROGRAM

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The audience is requested to remain standing through the Invocation.

MARSHALS

Chief Marshal, Janet J. Prichard, Ph.D.
Platform Marshal, Charles Cullinan, Ph.D.
Graduate Marshal, Michael Gravier, Ph.D.
Graduate Marshal, Robert Massoud, MBA
Graduate Marshal, Elena Precourt, Ph.D.
Graduate Marshal, Jack Vensel, MBA

UNIVERSITY MACE BEARER

Lori Coakley, Ph.D.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lauren Alissa McSweeney '22, Soloist

INVOCATION

Reverend Joseph Pescatello
Bryant University Catholic Chaplain

PRESIDING

Ross Gittell, Ph.D.
President of Bryant University

CONVENING OF THE 2022 COMMENCEMENT

FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS

David Beirne '85
Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bryant University

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

Ross Gittell

CITATION

Keith Murray, Ph.D.
Professor of Marketing

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Elizabeth (Betty) Robson, J.D.

TRUSTEE PRESENTER

Nancy DeViney '75

HOODING OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Wendy Samter, Ph.D.

Interim Provost and Chief Academic Officer

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Elizabeth (Betty) Robson

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

Wendy Samter

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Ross Gittell

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES

Jamie Grenon, MBA

Director of Graduate Programs

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Wendy Samter

HOODING OF CANDIDATES

Master of Arts in Communication

Veronica McComb, Ph.D.

Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Professor of History

Master of Business Administration

Master of Professional Accountancy

Madan Annavarjula, Ph.D.

Dean, College of Business

ALUMNI GREETINGS

Rita Williams Bogar '76

President, National Alumni Council
Bryant University Alumni Association

BENEDICTION

Pastor Kevin White

Bryant University Protestant Chaplain

ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2022 COMMENCEMENT FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS

David Beirne '85

Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bryant University

RECESSION

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

RECEPTION

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

DEGREE CANDIDATES

CODE KEY

The 2022 Bryant University Graduate Commencement honors certified graduates and degree candidates scheduled to complete coursework by August 2022. Honors are tentatively calculated by the last term attended prior to the end of the Spring 2022 semester.

℔ Beta Gamma Sigma

A member inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma must have a grade point average of 3.75 or above and be ranked in the top 20 percent of the graduating master's class.

δ Delta Alpha Pi International Honor Society for students with disabilities

To be eligible for membership, students must have completed a minimum of 18 credits with an earned cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher, demonstrated an interest in disability issues, and worked with faculty and/or staff in Access Services, Health Services, or Counseling Services.

College of Arts and Sciences

MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

Rachel Marie Giuliani *Honors*
Maria Covadonga Rodriguez Macouzet

College of Business






MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Jack Harold Hess Aigner *Honors*
Justin H. Airoso *Honors*
Nicholas Noah Alessandro *Honors*
Brittany L. Amaral *Honors*, ℔
David F. Anthony
Carol A. Anthony *Honors*
Patrick John Bazan *Honors*
Christopher John Bedics *Honors*, ℔
Andrew William Binkiwitz
Leah June Black *Honors*
Jenna Claire Bonasoni *Honors*
Kristen Jeanne Bortolotti *Honors*
Alex Bradley
Patrick Michael Brosnan
Patrick Michael Burke *Honors*
Patrick Francis Burns *Honors*
David Bruce Burns, Jr. *Honors*
Eoin D. Byrne
Gregory A. Calixte
Jill M. Carlton
Alma Lorenia Carney *Honors*
Brenda Casey *Honors*, ℔
Emily Burnham Casey *Honors*, ℔
Joanna Chanthaphouvong *Honors*
Jeffrey Chase
Stephen Gregory Chin *Honors*, ℔
Kacper Chrabaszc
Brett E. Cloutier *Honors*
Emma Coleman

William Mortimer Conlan *Honors*
Robert Cormier *Honors*
Steven Thomas Craffey *Honors, B*
Katelyn Hope Cronin *Honors*
Gaten G. Davis *Honors*
Stephanie Rae DeCarli *Honors*
Matthew Jose DeFreitas
Christopher Alexander Delaney–
Rodriguez *Honors, B*
Jack Dylan Delfino
Katie R. DeLuca *Honors*
Erin Rose Demerjian *Honors*
Carson Elizabeth Dennis
Jake Denver *Honors*
Alexia Stacie Drapan *Honors, B*
Ryan Edward Keen Dumont
Matthew Brian Duquette *Honors*
Nicole M. Dwyer *Honors, B*
Abbigail F. England
Shea E. Farrell
Kelly Ann Fitch *Honors*
Mark Daniel Fitzgibbon *Honors, B*
Maria Antonia Fontana *Honors, B*
Brian Paul Fuller *Honors*
Maciej Fus *Honors*
Brian C. Gale *Honors, B*
Emma Joy Galvin *Honors*
Cristian Noel Garcia
Rebecca Lee Gemelli *Honors*
Jeffrey Gemma *Honors*
Brianna Lynn George
Lisa M. Gerardi *Honors, B*
Matthew Joseph Giurleo
Samuel H. Goforth
Easton Cole Gormican
Kyle Anthony Grover *Honors*
Jared Patrick Hebert *Honors*
Quintin Taylor Hoch–Bullen *Honors*
Michael Tyler Hogan

Mark Frederick Hone *Honors, B*
Michael G. Huffman *Honors*
Courtney Janet Kelleher
Shane L. Kelly
Thomas James Kennedy
Kavila Keophakdy *Honors, B*
Elizabeth Grace King *Honors*
Macklin John Kortebein
James Francis Kozusko III
Shari L Krasinski *Honors, B*
Ryan Michael LaBrie
David Tahir Lackard
Ceylan Laquale *Honors*
Michael Robert LaVallee, Jr. *B*
Jacob Ian Lazarus *Honors, B*
Joshua Brett Lazarus *Honors*
Jared Yi–Kang Lee
Aaron L'Esperance *Honors*
Sarah Dunbar L'Esperance *Honors*
Collin Lowe *Honors*
Cameron Mark MacKoul
Zedekiah Shayne Maldonado
Rebecca Lyn Martin *Honors*
Matthew Lawaetz Mays
Megan Elizabeth McCarthy *Honors*
Jacob Robert McCaughey
Amanda Grace McDermott *Honors*
Brian McGuinness *Honors*
Sarah Anne McKeveny *Honors*
Joseph Dennis Mello
Michael Michaud
Kimberly Michel
Robert LD Montagano
Michael Dias Moreira *Honors*
Daniel Jeremiah Murphy *Honors*
Elijah Jonathan David Neil
Jeanette Webster Nobles
Alena Lapin Normann
Kathryn M. O'Connor

Owen Thomas O'Keefe
Adam Paul O'Neill
Timothy Michael O'Neill
Marc Edward O'Rourke
Dante P. Pasqualoni
Jill K. Pelletier *Honors, B*
Grant A. Pertile
Marcus Anthony Poccia
Kristen H. Porcaro
Kristy Marie Pulaski *Honors*
Anthony James Purpura *Honors*
Sean Quigley *Honors, B*
Kathleen Quigley Tzitzouris
Honors, B
Parsa N. Raissi
Crystal Lee Raviele *Honors, B*
Austin K. Rey *Honors*
Michael A. Ricci *Honors*
Matthew Joseph Richard
Rachel Ringelspaugh *Honors*
Abigail Elizabeth Rocker *Honors*
Luke Anthony Samperi
Jessica Leigh Sares *Honors, B*
Leon Ulrich Schmid
Jordan Matthew Sokol
Honors, B
Caterina Soto
Michael Sousa *Honors*
Dianna Southiseng *Honors*
Stephanie Lorraine Souza
Matthew Richard Stansky
Kevin Sylvestri
Valentina Szlashta–Wulff
Honors, B
Noah Ryan Tellier
Kinjal Manoj Thakkar *Honors*
Matthew David Theriault
Honors
Travis Sherman Trego

Olivia Marie Tsamparlis
Angelo David Ucci *Honors*, 
Joel A. Urizar
Andrea Cristina Vargas *Honors*
Laurie L. Vario *Honors*
Kevin Vieira *Honors*, 
Aaron L. Vivenzio *Honors*, 
Heather Wheeler *Honors*
Rachel Whelan *Honors*
Benjamin Romald White *Honors*, 
Emily Alexandra Whittaker
Honors, 
Wesley Tyler Witcher
Ricky Wong *Honors*
Fu Kang Wong
Xincheng Yu
Jillian R Zinkus

**MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL
ACCOUNTANCY**

Ashley Nicole Antonelli
Ariana Marie Bar *Honors*
Nicholas Carter
Jason Glen Cooper
Caroline Maureen Coumounduros
Rachel Marie Cousineau
Karn Datta
Celine Marie Denehy *Honors*
Daniel Patrick DiMaria
Jake Ryan Donaruma
Zachary Dominic Fiss *Honors*
Shannon Erin Flaherty *Honors*
Vincent John Florio
Adam Donald Gallucci

Maya Spry Chaluisa Genetelli
Emma Elizabeth Gobbi
William Robert Barton Holmes *Honors*
Connor Joseph Koch *Honors*
Meaghan Claire Lavelle *Honors*
Stefanie Natalie Lemus
James Vincent LoChirco III
Jessica C. Macia
Matthew John Mastroianni *Honors*
Shiyao Meng
Isabella Susan Mignosa
Leandro Miranda Moro
Nicole Marie Mullally
Sarah Grace Oakes
Nicole Christine Peckham
John William Pensallorto
Jennifer Lynn Rosinski *Honors*
William David Sayles, Jr.
Huiyi Shi *Honors*
Jack Robert Waldron *Honors*
Nini Wang
Xianyi Zeng

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Elizabeth (Betty) Robson, J.D.

HONORARY DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Global trade leader Betty Robson is a successful attorney, Licensed Customs Broker, Master Customs Specialist, Certified Global Business Professional, and accredited Hofstede lecturer. With areas of deep expertise in areas including international trade, global trade, international business, international shipping, international supply chain, women-owned business, and women's leadership, she has spent her distinguished career interacting with importers, exporters, government agencies and other international trade experts.

Ms. Robson serves as President and CEO of JF Moran, a national customs broker, freight forwarder and worldwide logistics provider to which she has nearly 35 years. She has been working at the family-owned and operated company since she was 15, beginning as a billing clerk. Under her tenure as CEO and president, J.F. Moran, a certified woman-owned enterprise, has excelled through her focus on how individual relationships and mentoring within a company can help employees thrive.

In addition to running the family business, Ms. Robson has served as Associate Professor in the College of Business at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, teaching courses focused on global trade, supply chain management and international business negotiation.

Ms. Robson is a founding director of Women in World Trade New England and serves as Chair of the Rhode Island District Export Council, on the Board of Directors of the Northern RI Chamber of Commerce, and on the National Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarder's Association's Master Customs Specialist Review Committee. She is a past President of the Air Cargo Club of New England and was the first woman President of the Boston Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association. She is also an appointed member of the RI Freight Advisory Committee and was a previously appointed member of the RI Transportation Advisory Committee. She is also Chairperson of The World Trade Day Committee for the John H. Chafee Center for International Business at Bryant University. In 2021, Providence Business News recognized Ms. Robson with its Leaders and Achievers Award.

She received her B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Boston College and her J.D. from Stetson University College of Law.

THE HARRIET E. JACOBS MEMORIAL MACE

The University Mace is carried at Commencement exercises and at other University celebrations. Crowned in gold, the mace has two dominant emblems: the seal of the State of Rhode Island and the seal of Bryant University.

THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIR

The President's Chair, a gift to the University from Priscilla Angelo and her husband, John Eng-Wong, is used on ceremonial occasions. It is a Victorian-style gent's chair rendered in walnut and copied from an original French design from the period of the University's founding in 1863. The carved crest top includes the Bryant University bronze seal.

BRYANT MEDALLION

The Bryant Medallion is worn by the president during academic ceremonies such as Commencement, Convocation, and the bestowing of honorary degrees. One side of the medallion bears a likeness of the University seal, the other, the names of all Bryant University presidents. The formal installation of a president is marked by the presentation of the medallion to the president by the chair of the Board of Trustees.

THE BRYANT SEAL

The Bryant Seal represents the educational mission of the University and its worldwide implications. The central symbol is an ellipsoid globe with quills on each side to signify the traditional emblem of communication in business. In the center, behind the globe, is a torch symbolizing liberty, the spirit of free inquiry, academic freedom, and learning. The Archway, forming the background for the globe, torch, and quills, is a University landmark affectionately remembered by thousands of alumni. The Latin motto expresses the purpose of the University: "Cognitio. Virtus. Successus." – Knowledge. Character. Success.

ACADEMIC HERALDRY

The history of academic dress worn today dates back to the universities of the Middle Ages. A statute in 1321 required the wearing of gowns by all scholars and clerics. Probably, the warm gown and hood were practical in the unheated buildings.

Students at most American universities wore caps and gowns daily while in residence until after the Civil War. These varied in design until they were standardized by the American Intercollegiate Commission in 1895. While the academic costume code has been modified over the years, the general characteristics of the initial requirements still prevail. The uniform system of academic heraldry serves to indicate the level of degree, the field of study in which it was earned, and the institution by which it was granted.

The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve and can be worn open or closed. The gown for the doctoral degree has bell-shaped sleeves with black velvet facing down the front and three bars of the same across the sleeves. However, these facings and crossbars may be in the color distinctive to the subject to which the degree pertains.

The academic hoods are lined with the color of the university granting the degree. The length of the hood varies slightly for bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. It is often traditional for the candidates for degrees to wear the mortarboard tassel on the right front side before the degree is conferred and to shift it to the left when the degree is awarded.

At Bryant University, the president, trustees, and honorary degree recipients wear specially-designed gold robes trimmed with black, representative of the University's colors.

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PDS Institute, LLC, Montclair, NJ

D. Ellen Wilson '79, Office of Chief Executive and Executive Vice President (Retired), UnitedHealth
Group, Boston, MA

GUEST SERVICES

- Restrooms are located in Barrington House and in the Fisher Student Center.
- Bryant memorabilia can be purchased at the Bookstore.
- A limited number of listener-assisted headsets are available at the sound control booth at the back of the tent.

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

