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.

MARSCHALS
Chief Marshal, Janet J. Prichard, Ph.D.
Platform Marshal, Charles Cullinan, Ph.D.
Graduate Marshal, Lori Coakley, Ph.D.
Graduate Marshal, Maura Dowling, M.A.
Graduate Marshal, Elena Precourt, Ph.D.
Graduate Marshal, Jack Vensel, M.B.A.
Graduate Marshal, John Visich, Ph.D.

UNIVERSITY MACE BEARER
Michael Gravier, Ph.D.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
Alexia Brandao ’24 and Ashley Siravo ’24

INVOCATION
Fr. Christopher Murphy
Bryant University Catholic Chaplain

PRESIDING
Ross Gittell, Ph.D.
President of Bryant University

CONVENING OF THE 2023 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
Alan Litwin '87 MST

TRUSTEE PRESENTER
Rita Williams-Bogar '76

HOODING OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT
Rupendra Paliwal
Provost and Chief Academic Officer

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Alan Litwin '87 MST

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES
Rupendra Paliwal

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
Ross Gittell

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES
Alex Cole
Executive Director of Graduate and Professional Education

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS
Rupendra Paliwal

HOODING OF CANDIDATES
Master of Business Administration
Master of Professional Accountancy

Madan Annavarjula, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Business

Master of Health Sciences

Kirsten Hokeness, Ph.D
Director, School of Health and Behavioral Sciences
ALUMNI GREETINGS
Rita Williams-Bogar ’76
Member, Board of Trustees
Immediate Past President, Bryant University Alumni Association

BENEDICTION
Fr. Christopher Murphy
Bryant University Catholic Chaplain

ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2023 COMMENCEMENT FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS
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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 2023 Bryant University Graduate Commencement Honors certified graduates and degree candidates scheduled to complete coursework by August 2023. Honors are tentatively calculated by the last term attended prior to the end of the Spring 2023 semester.

β 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.

College of Business

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Zachary David DeMettio
Chae Anne Diani
Mitchell Doucette
Hannah Marie Dumaine
Kellie Ann Errasti
Morgan Hart Everson Honors, β
John S. Ferrari Honors
Paris Josephine Flynn
Logan Marcell Frasier
Ryan Michael Fu
Jeffrey Michael Fuller Honors
Thomas J. Galligan Honors
Dilip Ganesan
Jesse Aaron Garriepy Honors
Leo Vincent Francis Gassiraro
Sara Elizabeth Gendron Honors
Nicholas Joseph Glass
Eric A. Gomes Honors
Katya Volodieva Goranovska Honors
Erin E. Gregory Honors, β
Nicholas Luciano Guarino Honors
Vandit Gupta
Michael Elias Hajjar Honors
Marcus Joseph Halligan
Benjamin Hamar Honors, β
Gerard Edward Harrington II Honors
Payton Everett Heidtke
Jessica Lee Horsman Honors
Russell Stephen Horsman Honors
Diana Lynn Horton Honors, β
John R. Hosmer III Honors
Mary Elizabeth Howe
Joshua William Hynes Honors
Tyler D. Jackson Honors
Jared L Jenkins Honors
Chase Francis Jeter Honors
Nicholas Peter Jillson Honors
Caroline Fort Kennedy
Justin Edward Keyes Honors
Keith S. Kosoff Honors
Danielle Marie LaBianca Honors, β
Stephanie Marie Lamond Honors
John Peter Landry
Andrew Edward Langellier Honors
Zak Ritchie Lanoue Honors
Christopher M. Laporte Honors, β
Nicholas James Lecours Honors
Jose G. Lora Honors
Zachary Xavier Lowney
John Taylor MacDonald Honors
John E. Marotte Jr.
Gabrielle Mars Devis Honors
Anthony James Martens Honors
Madeline Joan Matrianni Honors
Elizabeth L. Matthews
Meghan Ann Mazzatto
Michael McCarthy Honors
Connor Joseph McMahon
Kyle Andrew McPherson Honors
Olivia Anna Messina
Andrew Michael
Miraziz Mirkamilov
Siobhan Ellen Moisan
Gage M. Moloney Honors
Ryan Moot Honors
Rachel Elizabeth Morris
Nidhi Murli
Cole Micheal Nelson
Iris Catherine Neubecker Honors
Gina Nicholson
Christopher Harry Nicolay
Haley Elizabeth O’Brien
Megan O’Connell Honors
Renee Olson Honors
Ojiugo Charity Omeoga Honors, β
Nathaniel Lee Oz
Kyle Francis Pacheco Honors
Brooke Sullivan Petrangelo
Ellie Wyatt Platt Honors
Melissa L. Pontikes Honors
Nicholas Alexander Porter Honors
Ryan David Ramirez Honors
Michael Dominick Randazzo
Hailey Therese Raskob
Benson Gage Raso
Nicholas Adam Rivard Honors
Evan J. Rosenberg Honors
Benjamin Ross
Michael Daniel Saad Honors
Ryan Andrew Saddler
Nicholas D. Salvatore
Brian Charles Schaub
Max Eprim Slomiak
Collin John Sotomayor
Cameron John Souve
Kirstyn Lee Sperry Honors
Alyssa E. Spinard Honors
Alexis Marie Thompson
Scott William Thompson Honors
Allison Tierney Honors
Ted Joseph Torres
Evan Fred Trapassi
Alexa Faith Weber
Benjamin A. Weinstein
Anthony Cove’t White
Gabrielle Alicia Willette Honors
Kimberly Margaret Willette Honors
James Patrick Williams
Garrett Robert Wlochowski Honors
Ryan Michael Wood Honors
Salud Woodhead
Danielle Marie Woods Honors
Nathan Zaslow Honors
MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY
Kennedy Akpofure Akpeneye
Kevin Achankeng Aroke
Sophie Clara Dockter
Matthew Stewart Downer
Sean Thomas Dye
Natalie Faith Epp Honors
Liam Matthew Fahey
Kathryn Rose Fitzsimmons
Julianna Rose Flaccavento
Sarah Christine Hickey Honors
Ryan David Jones
Dylan Richard MacKinnon
Aidan John MacSweeney Honors
Anthony Joseph McKearney
Shiyao Meng
Zachary Stephen Musial
James Nickolas Pentikis
Tyler John Roy
Huiyi Shi
Kevin Patrick Stafstrom
Megan Marie Swenson
Courtney Nicole Vogel
Nini Wang
Matthew R Wilson
Sebastian Zuluaga

MASTER OF SCIENCE
Paul A. Roselli Honors
Alan Litwin ’87MST began his career in public accounting in 1980 and is the co-founder of KLR, the 80th largest CPA firm in the U.S., where he works with many emerging businesses in financial and professional services, life sciences, healthcare, and technology companies. He is the former Managing Director of KLR, and under his leadership, the firm was among the fastest growing CPA firms in the US. With more than 40 years of experience in the public accounting field, Mr. Litwin continues to provide advisory services to several of KLR’s largest clients.

Mr. Litwin earned his Bachelor of Administration degree in economics from Lafayette College, a Master of Business Administration from Rutgers University, and a Master of Science in Taxation from Bryant University in 1987.

Mr. Litwin is currently Chair of the Board of Directors of the Providence Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Vice Chair of the Board of Lifespan, and he serves on the Boards of LEA Global, the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council, and is a Federal Affairs Committee Member for the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce. In the area of civic activity, Mr. Litwin was honored in 2015 with the Miriam Hospital Person of the Year Award. In 2014, he was honored with the Joseph Ress Community Service Award by the Jewish Alliance of RI as well as the Hassenfeld Community Service Award and Alperin Leadership Award in previous years. In 2011, Mr. Litwin was awarded the Wheeler School Board of Trustees Award.
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.
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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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.

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