



BRYANT UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT

Graduate Programs

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023

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, 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 Gittel

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

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 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

Katayoun Alidadi *Honors*
Zachariah Ahmad Alkhatatbih
Jason D. Arch *Honors*
Luke Anthony Ascoli *Honors, β*
Melanie Auclair *Honors*
Jenna M. Ayala *Honors, β*
Tyler Stewart Baeder
Jeannys Arlene Baez Ortiz
Nicholas Addison Balistierri *Honors*
Colleen Nicole Balk *Honors*
Krista Penning Bangrazi *Honors, β*
Katelyn Elizabeth Bartish *Honors*
Chad Preston Bearce
Josée Beauregard *Honors*
Abigail Elizabeth Bellport
Tayla Katelyn Benoit *Honors*
John Anthony Bergantino III
William Paul Bittrich
David R. Bolton
Adriana Briones-Little *Honors*
Kendall Nicole Brooks *Honors*
Noah Elijah Byington
Catlynn R. Cabral *Honors, β*
Michael Phillip Calabrese *Honors*
Callie Mae Carchedi *Honors, β*
Anna Pearl Casagrande
Arnold Lee Castillo
Sean Ceccofiglio
Christopher Robert Ciullo *Honors*
Olivia Lee Clarke
Brittany Codianna *Honors*
Carlie Rose Crawford *Honors*
Jordan I. Dagrín
Jessica Dang
Mason Charles Danielson
Olivia French Deaton *Honors*
Anthony J. DeFelice

Zachary David DeMattio	Keith S. Kosoff <i>Honors</i>	Ellie Wyatt Platt <i>Honors</i>
Chae Anne Diani	Danielle Marie LaBianca <i>Honors, β</i>	Melissa L. Pontikes <i>Honors</i>
Mitchell Doucette	Stephanie Marie Lamond <i>Honors</i>	Nicholas Alexander Porter <i>Honors</i>
Hannah Marie Dumaine	John Peter Landry	Ryan David Ramirez <i>Honors</i>
Kellie Ann Errasti	Andrew Edward Langellier <i>Honors</i>	Michael Dominick Randazzo
Morgan Hart Everson <i>Honors, β</i>	Zak Ritchie Lanoue <i>Honors</i>	Hailey Therese Raskob
John S. Ferrari <i>Honors</i>	Christopher M. Laporte <i>Honors, β</i>	Benson Gage Raso
Paris Josephine Flynn	Nicholas James Lecours <i>Honors</i>	Nicholas Adam Rivard <i>Honors</i>
Logan Marcell Frasier	Jose G. Lora <i>Honors</i>	Evan J. Rosenberg <i>Honors</i>
Ryan Michael Fu	Zachary Xavier Lowney	Benjamin Ross
Jeffrey Michael Fuller <i>Honors</i>	John Taylor MacDonald <i>Honors</i>	Michael Daniel Saad <i>Honors</i>
Thomas J. Galligan <i>Honors</i>	John E. Marotte Jr.	Ryan Andrew Saddler
Dilip Ganesan	Gabrielle Mars Devis <i>Honors</i>	Nicholas D. Salvatore
Jesse Aaron Garriepy <i>Honors</i>	Anthony James Martens <i>Honors</i>	Brian Charles Schaub
Leo Vincent Francis Gassiraro	Madeline Joan Mastrianni <i>Honors</i>	Max Eprim Slomiak
Sara Elizabeth Gendron <i>Honors</i>	Elizabeth L. Matthews	Collin John Sotomayor
Nicholas Joseph Glass	Meghan Ann Mazzatto	Cameron John Souve
Eric A. Gomes <i>Honors</i>	Michael McCarthy <i>Honors</i>	Kirstyn Lee Sperry <i>Honors</i>
Katya Volodieva Goranovska <i>Honors</i>	Connor Joseph McMahon	Alyssa E. Spinard <i>Honors</i>
Erin E. Gregory <i>Honors, β</i>	Kyle Andrew McPherson <i>Honors</i>	Alexis Marie Thompson
Nicholas Luciano Guarino <i>Honors</i>	Olivia Anna Messina	Scott William Thompson <i>Honors</i>
Vandit Gupta	Andrew Michael	Allison Tierney <i>Honors</i>
Michael Elias Hajjar <i>Honors</i>	Miraziz Mirkamilov	Ted Joseph Torres
Marcus Joseph Halligan	Siobhan Ellen Moisan	Evan Fred Trapassi
Benjamin Hamar <i>Honors, β</i>	Gage M. Moloney <i>Honors</i>	Alexa Faith Weber
Gerard Edward Harrington II <i>Honors</i>	Ryan Moot <i>Honors</i>	Benjamin A. Weinstein
Payton Everett Heidtke	Rachel Elizabeth Morris	Anthony Cove't White
Jessica Lee Horsman <i>Honors</i>	Nidhi Murli	Gabrielle Alicia Willette <i>Honors</i>
Russell Stephen Horsman <i>Honors</i>	Cole Micheal Nelson	Kimberly Margaret Willette <i>Honors</i>
Diana Lynn Horton <i>Honors, β</i>	Iris Catherine Neubecker <i>Honors</i>	James Patrick Williams
John R. Hosmer III <i>Honors</i>	Gina Nicholson	Garrett Robert Wlochowski <i>Honors</i>
Mary Elizabeth Howe	Christopher Harry Nicolay	Ryan Michael Wood <i>Honors</i>
Joshua William Hynes <i>Honors</i>	Haley Elizabeth O'Brien	Salud Woodhead
Tyler D. Jackson <i>Honors</i>	Megan O'Connell <i>Honors</i>	Danielle Marie Woods <i>Honors</i>
Jared L Jenkins <i>Honors</i>	Renee Olson <i>Honors</i>	Nathan Zaslow <i>Honors</i>
Chase Francis Jeter <i>Honors</i>	Ojiugo Charity Omeoga <i>Honors, β</i>	
Nicholas Peter Jillson <i>Honors</i>	Nathaniel Lee Oz	
Caroline Fort Kennedy	Kyle Francis Pacheco <i>Honors</i>	
Justin Edward Keyes <i>Honors</i>	Brooke Sullivan Petrangelo	

**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*

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Alan Litwin '87MST

HONORARY DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



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.

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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Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, DrPH, President, VanBree Consulting
Scott C. Voss '92 P'25, Managing Director, Harbourvest Partners
Rita Williams-Bogar '76, Founder, President and CEO, Personal Development Solutions, LLC,
and the PDS Institute, LLC
D. Ellen Wilson '79, Office of Chief Executive and Executive Vice President (Retired), UnitedHealth Group

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.

COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE

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Nicole Beaugard, Director of Conference Services and Special Events

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