BRYANT UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT

Graduate Programs

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024
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 if you are able through the Invocation.

MARSHALS
Chief Marshal, Janet J. Prichard, Ph.D.
Platform Marshal, Charles Cullinan, Ph.D.
Graduate Marshal, Daniel Ames, Ph.D.
Graduate Marshal, Suhong Li, Ph.D.
Graduate Marshal, Keith Murray, Ph.D.
Graduate Marshal, Jack Vensel, MBA
Graduate Marshal, John Visich, Ph.D.

UNIVERSITY MACE BEARER
Elena Precourt, Ph.D.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
Joseph Edward Oliver ’24 and Robert Hugh Oliver III ’24

INVOCATION
Father Joseph Pescatello
Bryant University Catholic Chaplain

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

CONVENING OF THE 2024 COMMENCEMENT FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS
D. Ellen Wilson ’79
Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bryant University

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE
Ross Gittell, Ph.D.

CITATION
Daniel Ames, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair of Accounting
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT
Edmund (Ted) Shallcross III

TRUSTEE PRESENTER
Rita Williams-Bogar ’76

HOODING OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT
Rupendra Paliwal, Ph.D.
Provost and Chief Academic Officer

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Edmund (Ted) Shallcross III

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES
Rupendra Paliwal, Ph.D.

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
Ross Gittell, Ph.D.

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES
Alex Cole, Ed.D.
Executive Director of Graduate and Professional Education

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS
Rupendra Paliwal, Ph.D.

HOODING OF CANDIDATES

College of Arts and Sciences:
- Master of Arts
- Master of Science in Actuarial Science

College of Business:
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Professional Accountancy
- Master of Science in Accounting
- Master of Science in Business Analytics
- Master of Science in Data Science

School of Health and Behavioral Sciences:
- Master of Science in Healthcare Informatics

Veronica McComb, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Madan Annavarjula, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Business
ALUMNI GREETINGS
Marissa (Faenza) Crean ’81
President, Alumni Leadership Council
Bryant University Alumni Association

BENEDICTION
Father David Gaffney
Bryant University Catholic Chaplain

ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2024 COMMENCEMENT
FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS
D. Ellen Wilson ’79

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.
CODE KEY

The 2024 Bryant University Graduate Commencement honors certified graduates and degree candidates scheduled to complete coursework by August 2024. Honors are tentatively calculated by the last term attended prior to the end of the spring 2024 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 Arts and Sciences

MASTER OF ARTS
Caitlin Devine Honors

MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN ACTUARIAL SCIENCE
Ryan Thomas Drohan Honors, β

College of Business

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Patricia Ore Adesanya
Farah Joseph–Bonne Année
Bryce Henry Antoch Honors, β
Derek John Antone
Ahmad Assad
Simiolu Noah Bakare
Elias George Bakas Honors, β
Aliya Jeanette Barrows
Daniel Patrick Baruch
Riya Bawa Honors, β
Callister Churchill Brown
Natalie Elizabeth Brown
Christopher Robert Caira Honors
Lois Caldrello Honors
Adrian Santiago Camacho Castro
Samantha June Cavanagh Honors
Zachary Chantre Honors, β
Joshua John Cherian
Marla E. Cipriano Honors, β
Alex Jay Corey
Declan Michael Croston
Daniel Aaron Crutchfield
Lisa M. Dalterio Honors, β
Taylor William Danielewski Honors
Bethany Blackburn Davis Honors
Isaiah M. Davis Honors
Donna DiCenzo Blanchard Honors
Jacob P. M. DiDomenico Honors
Katelyn Ashley DiFabio Honors, β
Mackenzie Doyle
Huetran Duong Honors, β
Jessica Duval Honors
Jihad Osirus Edmond
Paige Emond Honors
Morgan Elizabeth Ennis Honors
Olivia Michelle Fee Honors
Danielle Foreman Holc Honors
Sofia Marie Frei
Justin Hawthorne Fry Honors
James Patrick Galleher III
Jenna Leigh Gauthier Honors
Mikayla Gempp
Hanna M. Gleason
Christopher Edward Goulart Honors, β
Jennifer Lee Gray Benford Honors, β
Grayson Gentry Green
Timothy Wesley Grobe Honors
Kevin Serrell Groeninge
Timothy Stepan Hackett
Abigail Kathleen Hamilton
Aidan Kyle Harding Honors, β
Joel D. Harrington
Brennan Michael Hart Honors
Tyler S. Haskins
Amanda Marie Hemphill Honors
Madison Elise Henry
Kimly Hong Honors
Tyler Horvat Honors
Mark Christopher Hoye Honors
Aleixandria Grace Hudson Honors
Ryan Flynn Hudson
Janelle McClay Isaacs Honors
William Peter Kamenides
Jacqueline Faye Kane Honors
Michael W. Kearney
Brian James Kelley Honors, β
Justin Thomas Kennedy
Kylie Nicole Kenney Honors, β
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Liam Andrew Kochocki Honors
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Kerrie Ann Larson
Timothy Larson Honors, β
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Jacob Trystan Yingwei Lee
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Alyssa Marie Lentine
Michael Louis Lenz Honors
Liam Alan LeVangie
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Luca Lietti
Olga Lowe Honors
Roderick Machado Honors, β
Matthew Vincent Marcantonio Honors
Matthew Rudolph Marston Honors, β
Matthew J. McGowan
Constantine James Menadue
Michael Turchi Montenegro Honors, β
Melissa Montoya Honors, β
Finnbar Samuel Murray
Michael Oliver Murray
Justin T. Nichols
Zachary Clinton Nichols
Jonathan Michael O’Brien
Joseph Edward Oliver Honors, β
Robert Hugh Oliver III Honors, β
Danielle Palmer Honors, β
Allison M. Papini
Ean Daniel Patry Honors
Mikhail A. Peralto
Gustav Persson Honors
Caryn Danielle Pertoso Honors, β
Caroline Marie Petchark
Liam John Peterson Honors
Hannah S. Petrie Honors
Lisa Picillo Honors
Raymond Anthony Pinto
Nicolle Potvin Honors, β
Jeffrey Pride Honors
David Michael Puleo Honors, β
Rebekah Ann Alexander Puleo Honors, β
Taryn Lee Rauff
Alexandre Rocha Honors
Gustavo Rodriguez
William Scott Ronan
Emma Eve Rothkopf Honors, β
Ryan Andrew Saddler
Nabeil Sarhan Honors
Jared Richard Sheehan
Jonathan David Sheehan
Darnel Shillingford
Christopher Thomas Skerritt Honors, β
Jason G. Smith Honors
Olyvia Irene Smith
Trevor Thomas Smith
Joshua Stephen Soares
Andrew R. Steeves Honors
Michelle L. Stone Honors
Ashley Jon Suzio Honors
Elizabeth Tolmie
Kenneth Michael Turner
Camila Tyminski, MD
Evan Urban Honors
Chad Denver Vasquez Honors
Vaishnavi Velagapudi
Veronica Lynn Wallace
Connor Davis Whalen
Kimberly Rose White Honors, β
Brady Enzo Wijbrandts
Steven Wolfe Honors
Alexander Yasan
Syeda Khanum Zaidi
MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY
Erin Emily Doruska Honors
Madison Rachel Enright
Samantha Marie Grenon
Emily Michelle Gustus
Matthew James Meinertz

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING
Erica Marie Barley
Ryan J. Burke
Holli Noelle DePina
Alexis Marie Izzo
Brandon Miles Kestenbaum Honors
Andrew Stewart LeBlanc
Caitlin Ann McGrath
Christopher Thomas Pallante Honors
Chi Thao Phi
Jason M. Rhodes
Jillian M. Stevens
Quinn Gavin Vontell

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS
Pranab Reddy Busireddy
Brittany Gouws
Shiva Karan Reddy Kasarapu
Rishika Madala
Sharath Chandra Prasad Rao Nirmala
Victoria R. Olivieri Honors, β

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DATA SCIENCE
Lingga Prasad Kakanaboyana
Karen Kenaan Honors, β
Vamsi Krishna Narra
Sabrina Frances Rao Honors, β
Matthew James Silvia Honors, β
Liam Burke Smith Honors
Agustin Suarez Honors

School of Health and Behavioral Sciences
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTHCARE INFORMATICS
Carlos Ferrando Felis Honors
Javier González Rivera Honors
Edmund (Ted) Shallcross III

HONORARY DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Edmund (Ted) Shallcross III is President and Chief Executive Officer of Amica Mutual Insurance Company, based in Lincoln, Rhode Island. A seasoned business and financial leader in property/casualty and life insurance, he has over 25 years of experience in the insurance and banking industries. His specific areas of expertise include strategy, growth, distribution, planning, operations, accounting and finance, product development, and risk management.

Prior to his appointment as CEO, Ted led Amica’s life insurance company, established Amica’s first-ever companywide enterprise risk management function and oversaw financial and operating activity across various business units.

Before joining Amica, Ted spent 12 years in KPMG’s Financial Services Practice, serving clients mostly in the Northeast, as well as overseas in Zurich and the Netherlands.

Ted holds a Master’s Degree in Strategic Management from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University. A cum laude graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, he also holds Bachelor of Science degrees in both economics and accounting. Ted is a Fellow of the Life Management Institute and a Certified Public Accountant. He has also been recognized as a Providence Business News 40 Under Forty award winner.

As well as serving on the Board of Directors of Amica, Ted serves on the Board of the American Property Casualty Insurance Association, the New England Council, the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety, the CEO Partnership for Rhode Island, the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, and the American Cancer Society’s New England Chapter of CEOs Against Cancer. Ted has previously sat on the Board of Governors of Leadership Rhode Island, the Board of Directors of the Providence Children’s Museum and the American Heart Association Executive Leadership Council, as well as various committees for the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra and Music School.

Ted, his wife, Shannon, and their two sons, Teddy and Gethan, live in East Greenwich, Rhode Island.
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 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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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.