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BRYANT UNIVERSITY  
COMMENCEMENT

*Graduate Programs*

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THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024

# Welcome

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*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

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## 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

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**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 Gittel, 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*

**Veronica McComb, Ph.D.**

Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

*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*

**Madan Annavarjula, Ph.D.**

Dean, College of Business

*School of Health and Behavioral Sciences:*

*Master of Science in Healthcare Informatics*

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#### 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.

# DEGREE CANDIDATES

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## 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

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Mackenzie Doyle	Timothy Robert Kiggins <i>Honors, β</i>	Lisa Picillo <i>Honors</i>
Huetran Duong <i>Honors, β</i>	Liam Andrew Kochocki <i>Honors</i>	Raymond Anthony Pinto
Jessica Duval <i>Honors</i>	Anthony S. Koumarianos <i>Honors</i>	Nicolle Potvin <i>Honors, β</i>
Jihad Osirus Edmond	David Brian LaFleur, Jr.	Jeffrey Pride <i>Honors</i>
Paige Emond <i>Honors</i>	Kerrie Ann Larson	David Michael Puleo <i>Honors, β</i>
Morgan Elizabeth Ennis <i>Honors</i>	Timothy Larson <i>Honors, β</i>	Rebekah Ann Alexander Puleo
Olivia Michelle Fee <i>Honors</i>	Miles Jordan Latimer	<i>Honors, β</i>
Danielle Foreman Holc <i>Honors</i>	Jacob Trystan Yingwei Lee	Taryn Lee Rauff
Sofia Marie Frei	Alexander LEMONIAS <i>Honors</i>	Alexandre Rocha <i>Honors</i>
Justin Hawthorne Fry <i>Honors</i>	Alyssa Marie Lentine	Gustavo Rodriguez
James Patrick Galleher III	Michael Louis Lenz <i>Honors</i>	William Scott Ronan
Jenna Leigh Gauthier <i>Honors</i>	Liam Alan LeVangie	Emma Eve Rothkopf <i>Honors, β</i>
Mikayla Gemp	Michael D. Levesque, Jr. <i>Honors, β</i>	Ryan Andrew Saddler
Hanna M. Gleason	Luca Lietti	Nabeil Sarhan <i>Honors</i>
Christopher Edward Goulart	Olga Lowe <i>Honors</i>	Jared Richard Sheehan
<i>Honors, β</i>	Roderick Machado <i>Honors, β</i>	Jonathan David Sheehan
Jennifer Lee Gray Benford	Matthew Vincent Marcantonio	Darnel Shillingford
<i>Honors, β</i>	<i>Honors</i>	Christopher Thomas Skerritt
Grayson Gentry Green	Matthew Rudolph Marston	<i>Honors, β</i>
Timothy Wesley Grobe <i>Honors</i>	<i>Honors, β</i>	Jason G. Smith <i>Honors</i>
Kevin Serrell Groeninger	Matthew J. McGowan	Olyvia Irene Smith
Timothy Stepan Hackett	Constantine James Menadue	Trevor Thomas Smith
Abigail Kathleen Hamilton	Michael Turchi Montenegro	Joshua Stephen Soares
Aidan Kyle Harding <i>Honors, β</i>	<i>Honors, β</i>	Andrew R. Steeves <i>Honors</i>
Joel D. Harrington	Melissa Montoya <i>Honors, β</i>	Michelle L. Stone <i>Honors</i>
Brennan Michael Hart <i>Honors</i>	Finnbar Samuel Murray	Ashley Jon Suzio <i>Honors</i>
Tyler S. Haskins	Michael Oliver Murray	Elizabeth Tolmie
Amanda Marie Hemphill <i>Honors</i>	Justin T. Nichols	Kenneth Michael Turner
Madison Elise Henry	Zachary Clinton Nichols	Camila Tyminski, MD
Kimly Hong <i>Honors</i>	Jonathan Michael O'Brien	Evan Urban <i>Honors</i>
Tyler Horvat <i>Honors</i>	Joseph Edward Oliver <i>Honors, β</i>	Chad Denver Vasquez <i>Honors</i>
Mark Christopher Hoye <i>Honors</i>	Robert Hugh Oliver III <i>Honors, β</i>	Vaishnavi Velagapudi
Alexandria Grace Hudson <i>Honors</i>	Danielle Palmer <i>Honors, β</i>	Veronica Lynn Wallace
Ryan Flynn Hudson	Allison M. Papini	Connor Davis Whalen
Janelle McClay Isaacs <i>Honors</i>	Ean Daniel Patry <i>Honors</i>	Kimberly Rose White <i>Honors, β</i>
William Peter Kamenides	Mikhail A. Peralto	Brady Enzo Wijbrandts
Jacqueline Faye Kane <i>Honors</i>	Gustav Persson <i>Honors</i>	Steven Wolfe <i>Honors</i>
Michael W. Kearney	Caryn Danielle Pertoso <i>Honors, β</i>	Alexander Yasan
Brian James Kelley <i>Honors, β</i>	Caroline Marie Petchark	Syeda Khanum Zaidi
Justin Thomas Kennedy	Liam John Peterson <i>Honors</i>	
Kylie Nicole Kenney <i>Honors, β</i>	Hannah S. Petrie <i>Honors</i>	

**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, B*

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN DATA SCIENCE**

Linga Prasad Kakanaboyana  
Karen Kenaan *Honors, B*  
Vamsi Krishna Narra  
Sabrina Frances Rao *Honors, B*  
Matthew James Silvia *Honors, B*  
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*



## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

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# *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.

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### 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.

## ACADEMIC HERALDRY

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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.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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### CHAIR OF THE BOARD

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

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Patricia O'Brien P'15, Associate Provost for Budget & Planning, Boston University

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**Donald Quattrucci '83, P'16**, President, Marketing (Retired), BNY Mellon Wealth Management

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**Daniel J. Rice IV '03**, CEO, Net Power

**James V. Rosati '72**, President and CEO (Retired), Beacon Mutual Insurance Co.

**Edwin J. Santos '81, P'18**, Board Director, Flywire Corporation and Washington Trust Bancorp

**Cynthia Schmitt-Sprinkle '81**, Consultant, Advisory Services

**David Sorbaro '85**, Co-CEO, Mavis Tire Express Services Corporation

**Frank Stasiowski FAIA '75MBA**, Founding Owner, President and CEO, PSMJ Resources

**Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, Dr.PH.**, President, VanBree Consulting

**Raul Villar '89**, CEO, Paycor

**Scott C. Voss '92, P'25**, Managing Director, Harbourvest Partners

**Jake Williams '23**, (Recent Alumni Trustee), Investment Analyst, Investment Banking Program,  
John Hancock/Manulife

**Rita Williams-Bogar '76**, Founder, President and CEO, Personal Development Solutions, LLC,  
and the PDS Institute, LLC

# COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE

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## PRIMARY CO-CHAIR

**Nicole Beaugard**, Director of Conference Services and Special Events

## CO-CHAIRS

**Lindsay Amper, Ph.D.**, Lecturer of Psychology, School of Health and Behavioral Sciences

**Carrie Kell, Ed.D.**, Adjunct Professor of History, Literature, and the Arts, College of Arts and Sciences

**Muni Kelly, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Accounting, College of Business

## MEMBERS

**Victoria Atkins**, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees

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**Jeffrey Chandler**, Media Services Analyst

**Alex Cole**, Executive Director, Graduate and Professional Education

**Taylor Coon**, Associate Director, Conferences and Special Events

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**Lisa Laliberte**, Senior Project Manager, Campus Management

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**Melanie Rodrigues**, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, College of Business

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**Robin Warde**, Executive Director, Alumni and Parent Engagement

**Laura Williams**, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

## 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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