Bryant University
Commencement
Graduate Programs

Thursday, May 16, 2019
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, Professor Janet J. Prichard, Ph.D.
Faculty Marshal, Professor Chen Zhang, Ph.D.
Student Marshal, Professor Lori A. Coakley, Ph.D.
Platform Marshal, Professor Elzotbek Rustambekov, Ph.D.

UNIVERSITY MACE BEARER
Professor John K. Visich, Ph.D.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
Keerthana Balakrishnan ’20, Soloist

INVOCATION
Pastor Kevin White
Bryant University Protestant Chaplain

PRESIDING
Ronald K. Machtley
President of Bryant University

CONVENCING OF THE 2019 COMMENCEMENT
FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE
Ronald K. Machtley

CITATION
Keith Murray, Ph.D.
Professor of Marketing

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT
Edward “Ned” O. Handy III

TRUSTEE PRESENTER
Lisa G. Churchville ’09H
HOODING OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT
Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M
Provost and Chief Academic Officer

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Edward “Ned” O. Handy III

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES
Glenn M. Sulmasy

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
Ronald K. Machtley

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES
Bjorn Carlsson, MBA
Director of Graduate Programs

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS
Glenn M. Sulmasy

HOODING OF CANDIDATES
Master of Arts in Communication
Bradford D. Martin, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Professor of History

Master of Business Administration
Master of Professional Accountancy
Master of Science in Taxation
Madan Annavarjula, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Business
ALUMNI GREETINGS
Jay Weinberg ’85
President, National Alumni Council
Bryant University Alumni Association

BENEDICTION
The Reverend Joseph Pescatello
Bryant University Catholic Chaplain

ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2019 COMMENCEMENT
FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS
Glenn M. Sulmasy

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.

INTERNATIONAL FLAGS
To welcome new alumni from other cultures, international graduates are invited to exchange their native flags with President Machtley.
CODE KEY

The 2019 Bryant University Graduate Commencement honors certified graduates and degree candidates scheduled to complete coursework by August 2019. Honors are tentatively calculated by the last term attended prior to the end of the Spring 2019 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.

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
George T. Eglesfield
Sarah Emily Mack Herman
Allison M. Miller

College of Business
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Ahmed Albaloul
Kevin Almeida
Giselle Alvarez
Yasmin Adriana Arroba Hurtado Honors
Diane Rachelle Atkins
Brandon Dana Barlow
Gabrielle Lynne Barrett
Allison Bateman
Tyler J. Beaupre Honors, β
Angela Dawn Bedigian
Saud Ben Saif
Michael Steven Bennett
Taylor Bernstein
Kelly Bolton Honors, δ
Anton Bondarev
Cyle F. Brodeur
Nicole Bukovsky
Connor Burns
Jacqueline Taylor Canal Honors
Nicholas Cardarelli
Stanley Chan
Durga V. Chintaluri
Andrew Paul Colaluca
Kaitlyn Becker DaSilva
Matthew G. DeVito
Joel Gilmar Diaz Honors
Allison E. Diebus
Iemanja Augusto Dos Santos
Melissa V. Fajardo
Julia Anne Flynn
Danielle Rose Furtado
Kelsey Maria Gainor
Catharine James Garborcauskas
Shawn Le'Andre Gholson
John Sabbatino Giugliano III
Xinyu Guo
Zachary Jason Holt
Thomas James Kennedy
Matthew Mark Kuhar
Gregory James Lambert
Jessica Renee Laverriere
Kevin Franklyn Lazo
Christopher Edward Leffingwell
Amanda L. Lepere
Glenn Salvo LiBassi
Nicholas J. L’Homme Honors, ☺
Robert Lyons Lindgren
Bianca L. Matarese Honors
Yoursa Mazih
Shannon Brittany McArthur
Robert Lyons McCabe III
Timothy J. McKay Honors, ☺
Ryan Michael Mckenzie
Peter Thomas Mestre
Emily Rose Morin ☺
Daniel Anthony Murphy
Joel Samuel Neff
Morgan Elizabeth Olander Honors
Micah Ornelas
Mohamed Ouzaka
Joseph Michael Pasquarelli Honors, ☺
Raj Patel
Joshua Ryan Paton Honors
Steven Ross Pelzman Honors, ☺
Kenneth James Pham
Jonathan R. Pires
Gianna Pizzano
Robert Portukalian
John R. Rainone Honors, ☺
Emily Laura Ratcliffe
Eryn Tierney Riley
Robert Segama
Jaclyn A. St. Laurent
Nicholas Timothy Stamboulis Jr.
Christine Marie Sugrue
Mitchell Alan Switzer
Arianna J. Thibodeau
Matthew Steven Thompson Honors
Steven Bruce Towner Jr.
Rachita Wadhwa Honors, ☺
Nakesha Breanna Wilson
Andrew L. Zola
Nicholas Edward Leitkowskii
Alexander S. Levine
Jacob Asher Lewtan
Ahmet Ozgun Oncel
Michelle Marie Pierce Honors
Kyle Anthony Presti
Jacob Palmer Rich Honors
Derek Santos Honors
Joel A. Schaefer
Alex Francis Valm
Gabriel Perry Polk Van Ness
Amanda Karen Whitehouse
Jillian N. Wieczorek

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY
Benjamin C. Brayton
Corey J. Brink
Nicole Margaret Butts
Michael Joseph Cafarella
Sarah Nicole Carroll
Cory Allen Chin
 Kimberly Lynn Crescentini
Alexandra Christine Cunningham
Caitlin Nicole Farrell
Emerson Gomes
Sarah Marie Greenway Honors
Michael David Henriksen
Joseph Alan Iannetta
Nicholas David Japhet Honors
Christine Lynn Kelly
Jason T. Lambrou
Robert James Lazzaro II

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TAXATION
Michael Joseph Bradley
Conor John Brosnan
Francesca Maureen Carpano
Michael Augustine D’Amore
Benjamin Joseph Harpel
Charles K. Jordan
Michelle Nicole Michalik
Mikaila Rose Orofino
Jennifer Lyn Souza Honors
Heather Caroline Spangler
Edward “Ned” O. Handy III
HONORARY DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

A respected leader in the New England banking industry, Edward “Ned” O. Handy III is Chairman and CEO of Washington Trust, recognized as the oldest community bank and one of the top performing banks in the nation.

Mr. Handy has worked on the leading edge of the northeast’s financial services industry for more than 30 years. At Washington Trust, he leads a team of 600 employees dedicated to providing a full range of services, including commercial banking, mortgage banking, personal banking, and wealth management and trust services. He is regarded as an authority on regional and national economics, business leadership, and community banking issues, and presents regularly at investment banking conferences throughout the United States.

Mr. Handy is a Brown University graduate and holds an honorary doctorate in business administration and finance from Johnson & Wales University. In 2016, Providence Business News named him Rhode Island’s Corporate Citizen of the Year for his work in philanthropy and his
commitment to community. A Rhode Island resident, he currently serves as Chair of the Board of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank and is a board member of both Delta Dental of Rhode Island and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Handy’s civic engagement has also included serving on the boards of Crossroads Rhode Island, Rhode Island Hospital Foundation, Providence Foundation, Rhode Island Foundation, Salve Regina University, and Downtown Providence Parks Conservancy. He is also a member of the Providence College President’s Council and the Rhode Island Commodores.
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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- 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.