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THE CONVERSATION

Alumni of Color will share their knowledge and experiences in navigating their professional careers post-Bryant

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EVELYN HAYES '02 - AUDITING



Evelyn Hayes is the Chief Auditor responsible for audit coverage of Citigroup's Institutional Clients Group Technology. Evelyn Hayes based in Citi's headquarters in New York. Prior to joining Citi, Evelyn was a Senior Audit Manager at The Royal Bank of Scotland (based in Stamford, CT) where she managed a portfolio of technology integration, infrastructure, information security, and change-related audits covering the Corporate & Institutional Banking Americas businesses and support functions. She also spent several years at KPMG performing assurance audits in financial services. Evelyn has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting Information Systems from Bryant University. Evelyn is a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), and also holds a Certificate in Risk Management Assurance.

KEVIN JAVIER '12 - RECRUITMENT AND CONSULTING



Kevin Javier is a Senior Talent Acquisition Specialist and leader of Campus Recruiting at EBI Consulting, a professional services organization providing Due Diligence, Architecture & Engineering, and Environmental Health & Safety services to the Commercial Real Estate industry. Kevin graduated from Bryant University in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Entrepreneurship. After starting his career in merchandising at The TJX Companies, he found his true passion in recruitment and consulting. Since 2013, he has been assisting graduating seniors and working professionals with finding culturally and professionally relevant opportunities across New England and the United States. With 7+ years of recruiting experience, Kevin has developed relationships with hiring managers and human resources departments across various industries. These industries include manufacturing, retail, technology, biopharmaceutical, healthcare, and financial services. Kevin has a Master's in Business Administration with a concentration in Entrepreneurship from Northeastern University.

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NICOLE KIM '19, MPAC '20 - ACCOUNTING



Nicole Kim graduated from Bryant in 2019 with their bachelor's degree in Accounting and finished Bryant's MPAC program in 2020. They were Captain of the varsity volleyball team, an ACE peer tutor, and on the e-board of W.O.K.E Athletes. They found their passion for community organizing during the resurgence of the BLM movement in May of 2020 and co-founded the Be Better Bryant initiative with three other alumni of color. Be Better Bryant launched an Instagram page to hold Bryant accountable for past inactions and to create a safe space for folks to learn and grow. The initiative helped raise over \$50,000 for the ICC Endowed Fund, created a petition of demands that was accepted by President Gittell, and hosted educational sessions for Bryant community members over the summer on topics like mass incarceration, intersectionality, and immigration. Nicole recently passed the CPA exam and currently works as an accounting associate at Haymarket Books and with several mutual aid groups in their community.

ALEXANDRA ORTIZ '18 - SUPPLY CHAIN



Alexandra Ortiz graduated from Bryant University in 2018 with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing, with double minors in Global Supply Chain Management and Spanish. After holding various leadership roles on campus, Alexandra knew she wanted a full-time role that would continue her growth as a leader. After graduation, she began her career with Textron Inc in their Leadership Development Program. The LDP program consisted of a two-year rotational program at Textron's various business units around the country. During her first rotation, she gained experience within business development as a pricing analyst. Her second rotation exposed her to campaign management, market analysis, and support of the Latin American sales team. Upon completion of the LDP program, Alexandra accepted a full-time position at Bell Textron as a Supply Chain Contracts Professional, negotiating long-term agreements in strategic sourcing. During her time at Bryant, Alexandra achieved a well-rounded education so that her skills were transferrable at any part of the business. Alexandra is a former Bryant University Resident Assistant, Co-director of MSU's Extravaganza, Bryant Dance Team member, and a Bryant University Admission Student Assistant. Today, Alexandra is continuing her education by obtaining an MBA at West Texas A&M University. Her time at Bryant helped her obtain a diverse educational background and to recognize her passion for creatives and project management.

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QUENTIN "Q" PHIPPS '05 - POLITICS



State Representative Quentin "Q" Phipps is honored to serve the 100th District in the Connecticut General Assembly. Representative Phipps is the first African-American to represent the City of Middletown in Connecticut's legislature. In Rep Q's first term, he served as the Vice-Chair of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee, Vice-Chair of the Progressive Caucus, and founded the Connecticut Downtown Main Street Caucus. Quentin is a graduate of Middletown Public Schools and Bryant University, and he earned his Master's of Public Administration from Villanova University.

Quentin now serves Excellence Community Schools as their Director of Advocacy and Policy. Quentin is also the co-founder and co-director of EquityCT, a nonprofit dedicated to creating learning opportunities, building an actionable understanding of equity. Furthering his career in education, "Q" joined the University of Hartford's Interdisciplinary Studies (UIS) faculty as an adjunct professor. Quentin is a former community banker and Executive Director of the Middletown Downtown Business District. Quentin was named "40 Under 40" in Fairfield County Business Journal (2017) Hartford Business Journal (2015) and Connecticut Magazine (2013). "Q" was an American Council for Young Political Leaders Russia Delegate (2016), Community Foundation of Middlesex County Next Generation Leader (2018), Jewish Federation of North America Municipal Leader Israel Exchange (2019), and a State Legislative Leader Foundation Emerging Leader (2020).

CHRISTINA WATTS '16 - SCIENCES



Christina is a 4th-year, Cell, and Molecular Biology Ph.D. candidate in the School of Biomedical Sciences at Kent State University in Kent, OH. In 2016, Christina graduated from Bryant University, where she majored in Biology and double-minored in Psychology and Business Administration. At Kent, under the advising of Dr. Colleen Novak, Christina studies neural mechanisms underlying predator odor-induced thermogenesis as it relates to energy expenditure and obesity. Since coming to Kent State, she has been a member of the Northern Ohio Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (NOA - AGEP) Alliance. She has recently become an associate member of the Society for Neuroscience (SfN) - Neuroscience Scholars Program. Christina also had the privilege of serving two terms as an Executive Board member to the Black Graduate Student Association and is currently serving as Advocacy and Outreach Chair for Kent's Biology Graduate Student Council.