For ten days during the fall semester, the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology was transformed into an ancient Chinese cave for the annual Mid-Autumn Festival. The exhibit, Dunhuang: An Oasis for East-West Cultural, Commercial, and Religious Exchanges Along the Ancient Silk Road, utilized virtual reality and reconstructed replicas.

The exhibit featured guided tours where visitors experienced a panoramic projection of the cave site and went inside the 1:1 scale size reconstructed cave, which was decorated with a blend of eastern and western arts. It also included daily seminars by leading scholars from Bryant, Boston University, Dunhuang Academy, Harvard, Shanghai University, and Wellesley College. Their presentations covered a wide range including the arts of the caves, the economies along the ancient and modern Silk Road, musical, commercial, and religious exchanges, and the environmental changes along the ancient trading routes. More than 1,800 visitors experienced the exhibit over the ten–day period.

“We are excited to have brought this exceptional exhibition to Bryant after a year of planning and preparation,” said Hong Yang, Ph.D., Vice President of International Affairs and Dr. Charles J. Smiley Chair Professor of Science and Technology. “People experienced something they’d otherwise have to travel thousands of miles to a Chinese desert to see. It was truly a unique cultural opportunity, and we were proud to share it with the Bryant community as well as other universities, organizations, and individuals throughout the country.”

Bryant was the first U.S. institution to host this interactive travel exhibit that was co-created by Bryant’s Division of International Affairs, Confucius Institute and the Dunhuang Academy. In November 2017, the exhibit traveled to the University of New Hampshire for five days of exhibition and activities. The exhibit will be stored permanently at Bryant and loaned to different schools and organizations that wish to host their own events centered on the exhibit. A special cultural enhancement grant from Hanban, the Confucius Institute Headquarters, supports this travel exhibit to American university campuses.
Letter from the Vice President

Dear Readers,

Exactly a decade ago, we created this East-West Connection Newsletter for our U.S.-China Institute as a bridge between two cultures. It has also served as a link between the Institute and various communities both on and off campus. Ten years later, the world has changed, and Bryant has kept innovating. Bryant’s international programs have expanded with the increase of international students and faculty, the number of diverse international programs offered such as Sophomore International Experience, and the opening of our new campus in Zhuhai, China.

With the increasing need to cover, report, and communicate international related information, it is time that we change the newsletter into a divisional publication with a new global focus.

In this issue, you will read about a series of exciting programs that took place during last semester’s International Education Week, which was largely initiated and organized by Bryant’s international students. The program concluded with a spectacular I2I show with UNITY as the theme (Page 3).

"Dunhuang: An Oasis for East-West Cultural, Commercial, and Religious Exchanges along the Ancient Silk Road," held at Bryant during last year’s Mid-Autumn Festival celebration, as a link between the Institute and various communities both on and off campus (Page 1).

With the expansion of Bryant’s J-1 student exchange program, for the first time, Bryant University welcomed four exchange students from University of Birmingham, U.K. for a one-year program last fall. Two of these exchange students reflect on their time at Bryant on Page 4.

Chances are that you may have already encountered Wenahl “Vincent” Deng ’19, a transfer student from Bryant Zhuhai, who is also on Bryant’s football team. His inspiring story, and unique path to Smithfield is told on Page 11.

For the first time, Bryant University joined 85 institutions nationwide to participate in the “China Town Hall,” (Page 9) an annual event organized through the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations to update the current status of U.S.-China relations for the American public.

Initiated last year, the Bryant International Forum continued to bring to the Bryant campus prominent international scholars to share their wisdom. Dr. Buhm Soon Park, Ph.D., a Senior Visiting Research Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School discussed policy issues at the cross section of science, law, and technology including debates surrounding new and emerging technologies in Asia (Page 4). Other speakers discussed their experiences in the Israeli Military (Page 9), and ethical issues in international settings.

I enjoy the fall semester more than the spring, partly because of the number of festivities in the fall. In addition to the Mid-autumn Festival (Page 1) and Thanksgiving, the Bryant community also celebrates many holidays observed by different countries and cultures such as Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights (Page 2), Dia De Los Muertos – Mexican Day of the Dead (Page 8), and the Festival of Lights (Page 10).

President Machlity led a senior leadership group for an Asia trip to Singapore, Vietnam, and China (Page 5). They were in attendance for the official convocation event for Bryant Zhuhai’s class of 2022, on October 9 welcoming 180 freshmen to Bryant Zhuhai.

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Hsing Yang, Ph.D.  
Vice President for International Affairs  
Charles J. Smiley Chair Professor

Diwali Celebrated On Campus

The International Student Organization (ISO) organized this fall’s celebration of Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights. This year’s celebration began with the lighting of a lamp by Madan Annavarjula, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Business. Nidhi Murti ’21 recited an Indian prayer, which was followed by a traditional dance performed by students. Celebrants enjoyed a wide variety of Indian dishes, received henna tattoos and enjoyed live music, before the event concluded with the lighting of sparklers. Diwali celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, hope over despair, and good over evil. For Diwali, people clean and decorate their homes and offices in honor of one of the most popular festivals of Hinduism.

International Education Week (IEW) 2017

Byrant hosted a series of events over five days to celebrate International Education Week in the United States.

International Education Week is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education and is part of an effort to promote programs that prepare students for a global environment and to exchange experiences. It is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchanges.

Members of the International Student Organization are all smiles as I2I culminates a week of events on Bryant campus during IEW 2017. Led by Bosedelma Seraphin, Coordinator for International Student Integration at Bryant, and the International Student Organization, with support from the Division of International Affairs and the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, the events engaged the campus on current critical issues facing the international community. Here is a snapshot of the events:

NOVEMBER 13
A workshop on American business etiquette provided students key tips on what to be mindful of when they find themselves at a dinner event or lunch meeting.

NOVEMBER 14
This week’s first Global Community Hour took us to Zhuhai, China. A presentation about the local culture was led by Siq Wei ’21 and Caishuo Zhang ’21, two Skelgingh Scholarship recipients from Bryant Zhuhai. Dim sum was served.

NOVEMBER 15
Celebrate the Caribbean, an event led by the International Student Organization, shared the music and food of the region. Andrew Choi ’18 presented Trafficked: “The Reality of the Sex-trafficking Industry.” Devanshi spoke about her experience working with the Rescue Foundation, an Indian NGO that rescues, rehabilitates, and repatriates victims of sex trafficking.

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As part of her ongoing research and capstone project with Professor Andrea Boggio, Devanshi Jaitli ‘18 presented Trafficked: “The Reality of the Sex-trafficking Industry.” Devanshi spoke about her experience working with the Rescue Foundation, an Indian NGO that rescues, rehabilitates, and repatriates victims of sex trafficking.

NOVEMBER 17
Cape Verde was the second Global Community Hour destination of the week. William Monteiro ’18 guided guests to his amazing country and highlighted the unique blend of African and Portuguese cultures. Authentic Cape Verdean food was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

International Education Week ended with I2I 2017: UNITY, a student performance centered on a theme of unity. With broad student participation and campus-wide support, it is always one of the most attended campus events of the fall semester. President Machlity remarked that this year’s show was the best that he has seen in the past 22 years.
Harvard Scholar Speaks at Bryant International Forum

The Bryant International Forum continued during the fall semester with a discussion focused on science and technology policy in East Asia. Buhm Soon Park, Ph.D., a senior visiting research fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School presented his insights on the history of science and technology policies of China, Japan, and Korea focusing on pivotal historical moments that helped shape each country. He highlighted the three key areas of industrial, research, and education policy, which all play a role in the development of science and technology. Park says that Chinese government policy in these areas has overwhelmingly contributed positively to its rapid pace of development. He also pleaded listener interest with a brief introduction into the Fourth Industrial Revolution characterized by major advances in physical, digital, and biomedical technologies. Park’s research focuses on policy issues at the cross section of science, law, and technology, including debates surrounding new and emerging technologies like synthetic biology and genome editing. Park, who received his Ph.D. in History of Science from Johns Hopkins University, spent several years as a postdoctoral fellow at the National Institute of Health.

Bryant International Forums are campus-wide events that encourage conversations with leaders in international education.

Harvard Kennedy School’s senior visiting research fellow and Bryant guest speaker, Buhm Soon Park, Ph.D.

New Exchange Program with the University of Birmingham

This fall, Bryant welcomed four new exchange students from the University of Birmingham in England. This is the first one-year exchange program agreement between the two universities under the reciprocal exchange agreement between the institutions. Currently, six Bryant students participating in the direct exchange program are studying at the University of Birmingham.

Two Birmingham students reflected on their experiences at Bryant so far:

“I have loved my time at Bryant. The students, professors and the staff are all so welcoming and have made my transition to America so easy. I’m very much looking forward to what the next semester brings. Go Bulldogs!”

DAISY ROBERTSON

“...the experience has been amazing. It’s so good to get the perspective of being involved in such a small school compared to my university back in the United Kingdom. The community feel and friendly familiar faces each day really make you feel at home and the location of Bryant helps to enable you to experience some of the greatest things America has to offer.”

HARRIET DAWSON

Bryant Leadership Travels to Asia

President Ronald K. Machtley, Vice President of International Affairs Hong Yang, Ph.D., Vice President for Human Resources Timothy Paige, and Bryant Trustees Louis Page and David Weinstine, traveled to Asia in October to strengthen Bryant’s international ties in the region and explore additional opportunities for expanding Bryant’s international programs.

In Singapore, the delegation visited the campus of Yale-NUS College, a joint venture between Yale University and National University of Singapore. The group held discussions with scholars at the East Asian Institute of the National University of Singapore, a think tank for the Singapore government. The visit also included a discussion with the administration of United World College of South East Asia, an international school that prepares students to study overseas.

Two Vietnamese universities also hosted the delegation and arranged discussions with their leadership. The Hanoi School of Business and Management, a business school affiliated with Vietnam National University, expressed interest in exploring collaborations with our business programs at the graduate level. The University of Transport and Communication in Hanoi wants to further engage in student and faculty exchange programs. The delegation enjoyed a group discussion with Vietnamese undergraduate students who expressed the desire to come to the United States for higher education.

The delegation then traveled to China for the official Convocation for the Bryant Zhuhai class of 2021. Convocation officially begins the four-year academic journey of the 190 students at Bryant Zhuhai campus. This was the third convocation at Bryant Zhuhai, a joint program between Bryant University and Beijing Institute of Technology Zhuhai.

Daniel Borgia, Ph.D., the new Dean of Bryant Zhuhai, and Zhiwan Zhang, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Bryant Zhuhai, opened the Oct. 9th event by introducing special guests from both the United States and China. As a tradition, a Bryant Zhuhai Flag Ceremony immediately followed the national anthems of both countries and the entire student body read the Bryant Pledge. President Machtley and other honorary guests reflected on the success of the past three years and stressed the bright future of the new students.

Prior to the convocation, the delegation unveiled two murals at the Bryant Zhuhai Building: “A Brief History of Bryant University: More Than a Century of Excellence and Innovation?” and the “Bryant University Hall of Fame,” featuring Bryant honorary degree recipients who are relevant to China.

Confucius Institute Welcomes a New Visiting Scholar

Bryant’s Confucius Institute welcomed a new visiting scholar in September. Ping Wang is an associate professor at the School of Chinese Language and Literature in Liaoning Normal University and has a Ph.D. in Modern and Contemporary Chinese Literature. Dr. Wang’s teaching has focused on contemporary Chinese literature and Chinese language. She is also certified to teach Chinese as a foreign language.

During her two-year stay at Bryant, Ping will help promote Chinese culture through different programs on and off campus. She is also happy to have an opportunity to teach Chinese and looks forward to taking new practical knowledge back to China, where she teaches Chinese to non-native speakers.
Major Events in Pictures

INTERACTIVE DUNHUANG ART EXHIBIT

Vice President for International Affairs, Hong Yang (right), with President Ronald K. Machtley, Kati Machtley, and Xiantang Zhang, deputy director of Dunhuang Academy cut the ribbon to unveil and mark the opening of the exhibit.

A visitor reads a mural on opening night of Dunhuang — An Oasis for East-West Cultural, Commercial, and Religious Exchanges Along the Ancient Silk Road.

Professor of Management Jim Sagvold, Ph.D. uses virtual reality technology to explore a cave that is located more than 7,000 miles away from Smithfield.

The George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology was transformed into an exhibit space with scenes from the ancient Silk Road for a ten-day period in October.

Asha Atkinson ’19 and Braulio Castillo ’19 perform during i2i 2017 UNITY.

Sarina Resnick ’19, Markie Andreozzi ’21, Emma Ye ’21, Jennie Wang ’20 having fun looking surprised as part of their performance during i2i.

CHINESE SINGING COMPETITION

Students participated in a Chinese Singing Competition organized by Modern Language Lecturer Zenan Zhao and co-sponsored by the Confucius Institute.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Members of Bryant’s senior leadership unveiled the mural at Bryant Zhuhai: “A Brief History of Bryant University: More Than a Century of Excellence and Innovation.”

Ben Murphy ’19 celebrates Thanksgiving at Bryant Zhuhai with classmates and friends.

President Machtley met with the two Skeffington Scholarship recipients from Bryant Zhuhai, Canhua Zhang ’21 (left) and Siqi Wei ’21, who brought a piece of Bryant culture back to Zhuhai after spending the fall semester at Smithfield.

Olivia Taylor ’20, Sarah Sandland ’19, Michelle Chen ’19, Anita Huang ’19, and Mina Sa ’19 standing in Tiananmen Square in Beijing during their semester studying abroad in China.

Students engage with Dr. Daniel Banja (right), Dean of Bryant Zhuhai, about their project during Bryant Zhuhai’s IDEA program.
Global Community Hour

As a signature event of the Division of International Affairs, the Global Community Hour has a loyal base of followers and is a popular international gathering among Bryant students and staff. The long-running program is held monthly throughout the academic year, and features a student presenter who offers a fascinating perspective of his or her native country’s history, geography, economy, and culture. Each session includes samples of the featured country’s cuisine.

The ten-day exhibit, Dunhuang: An Oasis for East–West Cultural, Commercial, and Religious Exchanges Along the Ancient Silk Road, allowed students to give Global Community Hour presentations that featured their homes in locations along the Silk Road. We reached out to two of the student presenters about the experience.

Global Community Hour takes place throughout the academic year. Stay tuned to the Bryant Events Calendar for the dates and locations of upcoming presentations.

Dia De Los Muertos – Day of the Dead

The Day of the Dead may be most closely associated with Mexico, but the traditions have spread to Latin and South America and even here to the Bryant campus. The October 31 Day of the Dead celebration was organized by the International Student Organization in the Fisher Student Center. The celebration included food from a local Mexican restaurant and pan de muerto, a sweet bread baked traditionally eaten during the festival. Mariachi band, Estrellas de Boston, entertained students with live music while they ate, decorated skulls, and hung out with friends.

Celebrating and honoring the dead during the festival typically consists of prayer, building small altars to offer the deceased their favorite foods and beverages, and cleaning and decorating grave sites.

“I still get excited about the celebration,” says Luisa Fernanda Martinez ’14. “It gives us a unique perspective on death and events like this on campus help encourage global perspectives.”

Bryant Participates in China Town Hall

Members of the Bryant community participated remotely in the China Town Hall, an annual event organized by the National Committee on U.S.–China Relations, an organization that has been at the forefront of the so-called “most important bilateral relationship” for more than 50 years. The event took place in October in more than 85 locations across the United States. This year’s program came at a time when the Chinese government was still hosting the 19th Party Congress, where the central government in Beijing was to make pivotal statements regarding policy that will shape the U.S.–China relationship for decades and just a few days before President Trump’s first official state visit to China.

The program at Bryant was attended by students, faculty and staff on the Smithfield campus and was highlighted by Kathleen Walsh’s discussion of the current Sino–American relationship and how it has evolved since 1972. Walsh, professor of National Security Affairs at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, spoke about the current state of the Sino–American relationship, including recent developments and changes that have occurred under new leadership. Listeners also joined a live webinar that included an interview with Susan R. Rice, former National Security Advisor and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Life as an Israeli Soldier

The Bryant community was invited to a discussion with two Israeli soldiers who shared their personal journeys, serving in the military of their native country.

“Karen,” who served in the Army, and “Tom,” who was in the Air Force, both emphasized the importance of community and family in Israeli culture. A key topic they focused on was reserve duty, which is when Israeli residents have completed their military service, but can be assigned to the domestic Israel Defense Forces’ military reserve that provides reinforcements during conflict. Called in on reserve duty in 2014, Tom was tasked with shooting down rockets.

The November 3 event was sponsored by Bryant Hillel, ROYC, Pride, Bryant’s Alliance for Women’s Awareness, the Hoehberg Women’s Center, Residence Life, and Stand with Us. It was held in the Fisher Student Center Fireside Lounge. The informal venue allowed for a question and answer session, as retired United States military members shared stories with the speakers, realizing they had been stationed at the same base but at separate times.

Benjamin Tran ’18 said he found the discussion eye opening, especially when the speakers broke down some pre-conceived notions about Israel. Tran said that mainstream media often portrays Israel as a constant warzone, and both speakers assured him that was not true. He noted that when describing Israel, the speakers seemed nostalgic and could not wait to return to their homeland to visit their family and friends.

The speakers encouraged the audience to visit Israel to experience its beauty.
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Deng returned to China to complete his sophomore year at Bryant Zhuhai, where he committed to transforming his body as he prepared to transfer to the Smithfield campus and make the team. He also received guidance from David Lux, Ph.D., Bryant’s inaugural academic dean at Bryant Zhuhai at the time, who kept Bulldog coaches up to date regarding Deng’s academic and physical progress.

Deng was accepted into Bryant Smithfield in the spring. Visa issues kept him from attending training camp, but his hard work and commitment to football was enough to convince Head Coach James Perry that Deng was worth a walk-on spot on the team.

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Jim Keady is committed to bettering the lives of sweatshop workers. As part of this Fall’s annual ethics event, he presented “Behind the Swoosh: An Ethical Dilemma: Profits Maximization vs. Corporate Social Responsibility.”

Keady, 46, has worn many hats, including one as a coach at St. John’s University, where athletics had a multimillion-dollar sponsorship from Nike. He left coaching behind in order to advocate for fair working conditions for Indonesian Nike workers. His transition was informed by his experiences living for a month in Indonesia on the net wages earned by Nike factory workers – about $1.25 per day. His Indonesian home was a 9x9 cement box that lacked furniture and featured open sewers.

Although 90 to 95 percent of shoes and apparel sold domestically come from sweatshops – where workers lack minimum wage, overtime, fair working conditions, and freedom from verbal and physical abuse – Keady puts Nike practices in the spotlight. With 620 factories in 42 countries, Nike had $32.4 billion revenue in 2016. He called upon Bryant students to scrutinize corporate messaging and to boycott Nike.

"How did students react? Bryant should strive to support companies that don’t use sweatshops, said Hernan Garcia ’17. “I give Bryant credit for bringing (Keady) in. … A small difference can make a big change."

While Jacob Goodwin ’21 had known of the Nike sweatshop situation, he found the factual information eye-opening, especially when he compared data Keady shared against Nike’s public relations campaign. He doesn’t know what action he’d like to take in response, but said that “business ethics is more important than money. Greed is a very powerful thing. Get past it. Do the right thing.”

The ethics event was sponsored by Academic Affairs and Student Affairs in partnership with The Ronald K. and Kati C. Machtey Interfaith Center.

Fall Ethics Event – Behind the Swoosh

Hundreds of students lined the Rotunda coming together to celebrate Bryant’s 41st Annual Festival of Lights on December 6. The Festival of Lights, which combines celebrations of Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, and Kwanzaa, gathers all Bryant community members in a united spirit of festivity.

The event included live performances by the Bryant University Chamber Orchestra and the Bryant Singers. A series of greetings, traditions, and prayers were given by dignitaries including President Ronald K. Machtey and first lady Kati Machtey, the Bryant Catholic Ministry, Bryant Hillel, Bryant Protestant Ministry, and Alumni Association members. All faiths and practices engaged in a sing-along of a variety of holiday songs.

After the lighting of the first candles, the festival moved outside for the lighting of the Christmas tree and the menorah. Luminarias lined the pathway to the archway and the Fisher Student Center. Lights were also arranged to spell “FOL” (Festival of Lights) by the Bryant pond. Hot cider and cookies kept guests warm. Attendees also enjoyed the Bryant Jazz Ensemble inside the Fisher Student Center. The festival was co-sponsored by the Office of Campus Engagement and the Student Alumni Association.

Festival of Lights

A large crowd gathered inside the Rotunda as part of the annual celebration of the Festival of Lights.

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Upcoming Bryant International Events

Spring 2018

Bryant International Forum
The Bryant International Forum is a campus-wide event that encourages conversations with a leader in international education who will deliver a public presentation about international issues. Stay tuned to the Bryant Events Calendar for a forum during the Spring 2018 semester.

Every Monday and Thursday
Chinese Tea Table
The Chinese Tea Table provides an excellent opportunity for students who are interested in Chinese to practice the language and obtain tutoring assistance from native speakers. It is open to anyone interested in Chinese language and culture. Just show up. The Chinese Tea Table takes place in the Confucius Institute Library located on the bottom level of the Chafee Center for International Business every Monday and Thursday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the semester.

Global Community Hour
One of Bryant’s signature international education activities to help build cultural competency will take you to new countries around the globe this semester. Hosted by international students and scholars, Global Community Hour includes a presentation about the focus country’s culture and is followed by a small sampling of local cuisine. Seats are limited. For more information, contact the Office of International Students and Scholars at oiss@bryant.edu

HSK Test
This is a six-level, international standardized Chinese proficiency test designed to examine students' ability in the application of the Chinese language in their studies and personal lives.

YCT Test
This is a four-level, international standardized test of Chinese language proficiency, designed to help young students evaluate their Chinese language skills.

Registration Deadline
10 Days prior to the exam date
For more information, please contact Li Chen at lchen4@bryant.edu or visit china.bryant.edu and click on “Test Services” through the Confucius Institute tab.