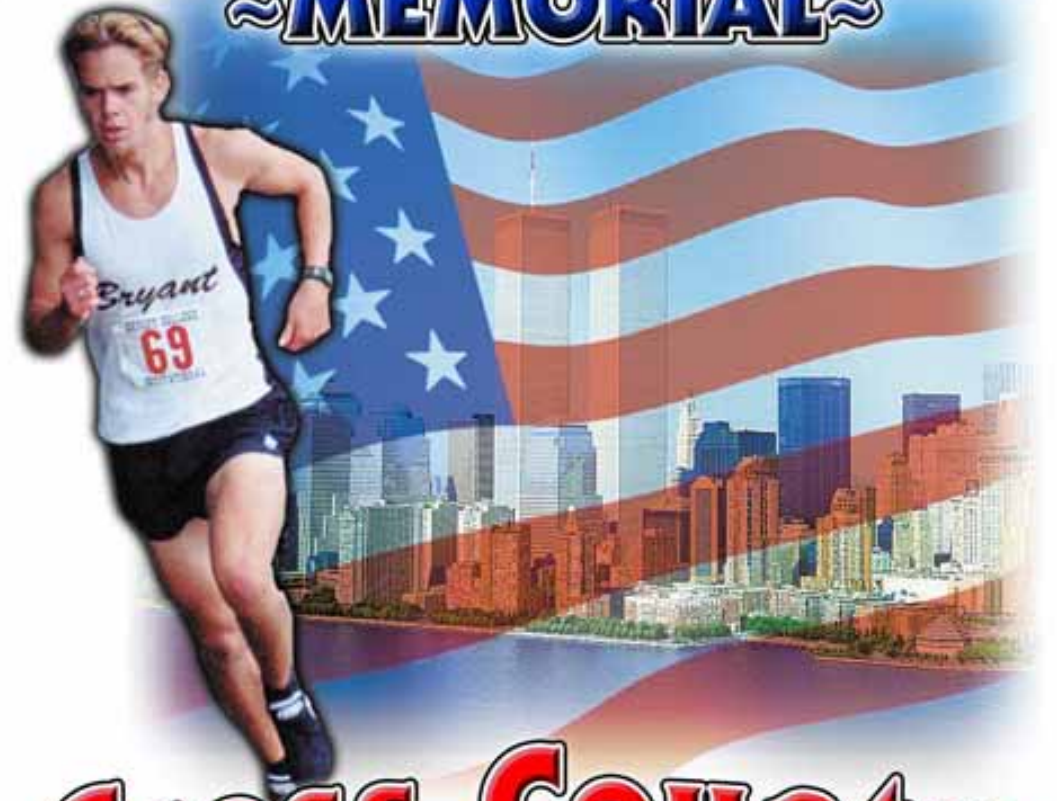




8th Annual
Shawn M. Nassaney
~MEMORIAL~



Cross Country
~RACE/WALK~

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Many thanks to our sponsors who help us make this special day possible:



Sunday, September 14th, 2008
Bryant University, Smithfield, RI

Dear friends,

Another great day in 2008! As always it is great to see so many familiar faces and new friends.

The 2008 Homecoming event marks the 10th reunion for Shawn and Lynn's 1998 graduating class. Many of their classmates are with us this weekend to checkout campus and catch up with old friends. We know that Shawn and Lynn are with them in a special way this weekend as they would never miss an opportunity to party at the alma matter!

In conjunction with the NCAA Life Skills program at Bryant we are proud to congratulate the 2007-2008 Bryant Women's Soccer Team as the winners of the "Nassaney Memorial Program Of The Year Award." Learn more about the team's outstanding year and their accomplishments inside!

Thank you for taking the time to part of today's event, your support has been immense and unwavering is a true testament to the American spirit. Our sincerest thanks to Bryant University, APC, Fidelity Investments, and all our sponsors that make it all possible. Here's hoping everyone has a great day and we'll talk to as many of you as possible.

God bless,

Shawn M. Nassaney Memorial Race/Walk Committee



Shawn M. Nassaney Scholarship Recipients

Bryant University Smithfield, RI

- 2002: Christano Andrade '03
- 2003: Jared Nelson '06
- 2004: Jared Nelson '06
- 2005: Jared Nelson '06
- 2006: Stephen Fitzgerald '08
- 2007: Stephen Fitzgerald '08

Saint Raphael Academy Pawtucket, RI

- 2002: Osvaldo Marti
- 2003: A.J. Kizekai
- 2004: A.J. Kizekai
- 2005: Angelo Santos
- 2006: Angelo Santos
- 2007: Stanley Dunbar
- 2008: Andrew Jerauld and
Nicholas Mays

Saint Teresa School Pawtucket, RI

- 2004: Bethany Ferreira
- 2005: Joseph Brooks
- 2006: Julie Hannaway
- 2007: Miranda Propetier
- 2008: Richard Casiello

2008 Race/Walk Schedule:

- 11:00 am: Registration Opens
- 12:40 pm: Registration Closes
- 12:50 pm: Memorial Service
- 1:00 pm: Race/Walk Starts
- 1:15 pm: BBQ Opens
- 2:15 pm: Awards Ceremony

Past Champions:

- 2007
 - M: Eric Narcisi (16:41)
 - W: Paula Klepadlo (18:45)
- 2006
 - M: Richard Jonas (17:11)
 - W: Heidi Westerling (18:46)
- 2005
 - M: Roland Lavalley (15:14)
 - W: Heidi Westerling (17:48)
- 2004
 - M: Joe McAlister (15:43)
 - W: Oria Mahoney (17:48)
- 2003:
 - M: Keith Kelly (15:01*)
 - W: Rosen McGettin (18:42)
- 2002:
 - M: Matt Pelletier (16:24)
 - W: Graeme Ingham (20:04)
- 2001:
 - M: Steve Myers (16:34)
 - W: Sarah Tindall (19:51)

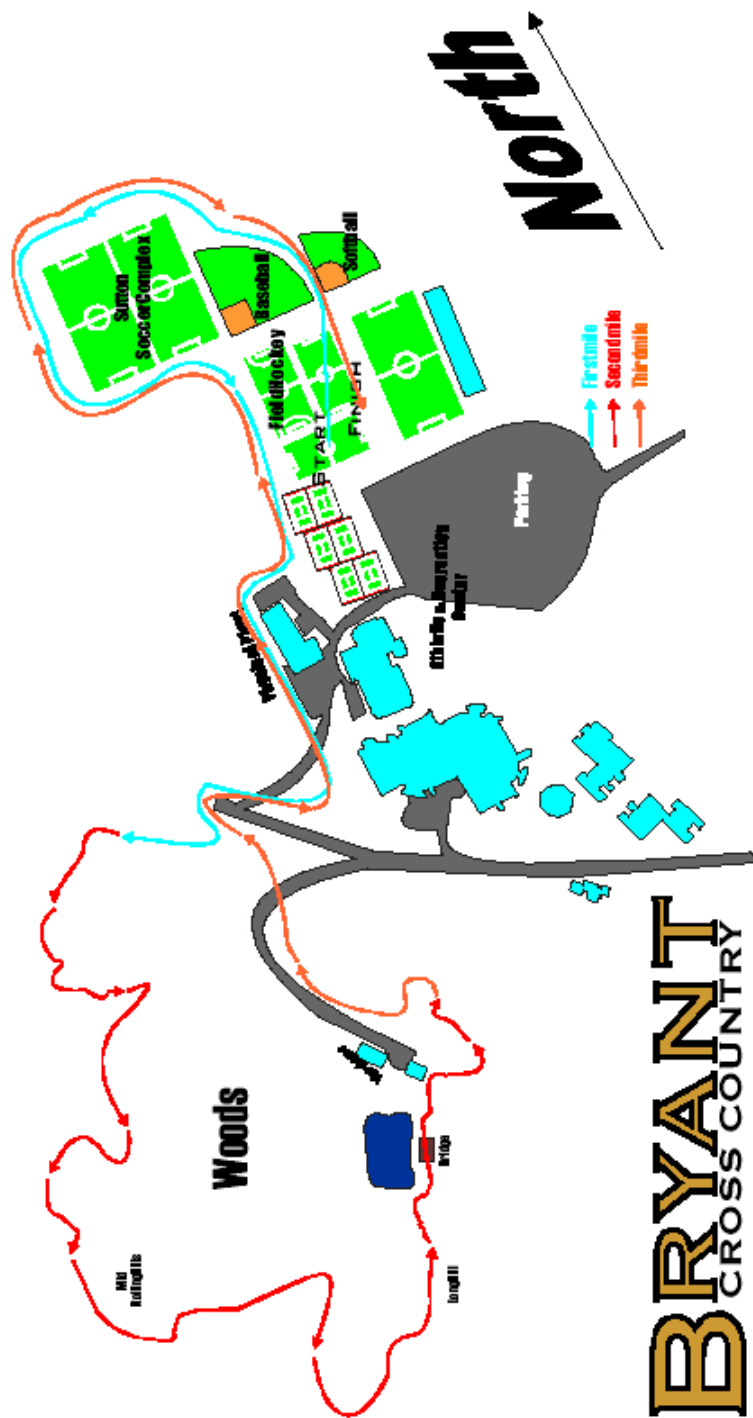
*Course Record

Results on the web:

Check in shortly for the official race results at the Shawn M. Nassaney Memorial Foundation web site. We will also have a race recap and pictures from today's event. If you have any comments or would like to share your thoughts, please email: race@shawnmnassaney.org

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Nassaney Program Of The Year: Women's Soccer

After a 2007 season that saw the Bryant University women's soccer team roll to a program-best 17 wins and a No. 13 national ranking, head coach Chris Flint and his Bulldogs were named the 2007-08 Nassaney Memorial Program of the Year Award recipients. The award, named in honor of Bulldog alum and track standout Shawn M. Nassaney, who was aboard Flight 175 on Sept. 11, 2001, demonstrates the continued effort to support the balance and development of the whole person through the Bulldog student-athlete experience.

In addition to the outstanding results produced by the 2007 women's soccer club on the field, the Bulldogs placed four players on the Northeast-10 Conference all-academic team and averaged a team GPA above that of the average of the Bryant student population as a whole.

A team that featured five all-conference and all-region selections, the Northeast-10 Defensive Player of the Year and a pair of First Team All-Americans, these Bulldogs were equally influential in the Student Athlete-Advisory Council (S.A.A.C) and in the community. The women's soccer team supported and was involved in such initiatives as cook-book sales, the LaPerche Elementary sideline reporters and the Nickerson Community Center Adopt-a-Family.

"We are very proud of our women's soccer program, and for this team to receive an award named in Shawn's honor is a fitting tribute to the excellent year they had both on and off the field," said Bryant Athletic Director Bill Smith. "I would like to thank Coni Fichera for all her efforts in running the CHAMPS/Life Skills program, as well as Pat Nassaney and the whole Nassaney family for all their generous support and contributions that benefit our student-athletes in innumerable ways."

Teams are awarded points for achievement in the classroom, participation in community service, participation in campus community events and serving as leaders in the community. The most well-balanced program each year, demonstrated by excellence in all areas of academics, athletics and community, receives this prestigious honor. The Nassaney Award, now in its second year, is presented in conjunction with Bryant's CHAMPS/Life Skills Program and supported by the Nassaney Foundation.



A year to remember for the Bulldogs

SMITHFIELD, RI - Sixteen NCAA tournament appearances, seven All-America honors, 15 All-Region selections, 24 Academic All-Conference and three conference championships are just some of the many highlights for the Bryant University Athletics Department as the Bulldogs conclude their final year of Division II. Bryant will begin its four-year transition to Division I beginning this fall.

On Monday, May 19 at precisely 5:28 pm, Bryant's days of Division II were in the history books.

Bryant University had etched the final stroke of its storied novel, placed the final period and dotted the final 'i' of the school's journey to the top of NCAA competition's middle ground. It had completed the final chapter of a history that will long be chronicled in the pages of not just record books, but also in the minds and memories of those who have served as the novel's pen and ink.

All that's left now is the epilogue.

So starting at 5:29 p.m. on that same Monday, May 19, Bulldogs everywhere began to look back, as the journey - a trip that has included a remarkable run of championships and final fours appearances, NCAA berths and All-Americans - came to its end.

But bigger and better things await the Bryant University Athletics program as the Bulldogs wave goodbye to the past and prepare to officially begin Division I competition starting this fall. Not the least of those opportunities includes pitting the best Bryant has to offer against the premier institutions and student-athletes throughout not just the region, but across the nation.

And this is what will drive coaches and student-athletes alike as their new challenge approaches.

Let's take a look back at some of the recent highlights of Bryant's success over the years and how it took the University to where it is right now, as one of the best in the region.

In the Northeast-10 Conference, Bryant established itself as the one to beat. Four Presidents' Cup trophies in the past five years show just how strong an overall athletics program Bryant has built in the Northeast-10. And that was never more true than this year.

Posting a .700 winning percentage in league play, the Bulldogs ran away from the competition with a 24-point victory over Bentley College in the 2008 Presidents' Cup, more than doubling the total points accumulated by AIC and Franklin Pierce.

Ten Bryant teams advanced to NCAA championships - not including cross-country conference champion Nicole Radzik's run to an NCAA regional title last fall or her trip to the NCAA indoor championships this past March.

But Bryant's ascent into the upper tier of Division II didn't just happen overnight. In fact, many can point to the highly suc-

cessful men's golf program of decades ago as a team that set the foundation for future success.

Led by long-time coach Archie Boulet, the men's golf program has been a consistent qualifier in the NCAA championships and reached its pinnacle with former standout Jim Hallet in the early eighties. Hallet not only reached the semifinals of the 1982 U.S. Amateur tournament, but later captured the low amateur award at the 1983 Master's Tournament in Augusta, Ga. His opening round of 68 set a Master's record for the best opening round by an amateur.

They haven't stopped their dominance since.

Baseball and women's basketball enjoyed postseason success in 1980s as well, while women's volleyball joined the postseason party in the early 1990s, setting off a run of 10 NCAA tournament appearances.

But with the arrival of President Ronald K. Machtley in the mid-1990s, Bryant quickly turned the corner to definitive and permanent athletic and academic greatness. Under his leadership, the Bulldogs started to enjoy success throughout its entire athletic program. Football, field hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, along with men's and women's swimming, were added as varsity sports, increasing co-curricular opportunities in which Bryant student-athletes could participate.

But it wasn't just the coaches, student-athletes or administrators that vaulted Bryant to its current stature. The support from the entire community helped to pave the way for much of Bryant's excellence.

Leading the conference in football attendance nearly every year, the wave of excitement was soon felt by all:

A pair of field hockey final fours; a No. 2 national ranking for women's soccer; three NCAA regional finals in volleyball; a baseball regional championship and trip to the College World Series in Alabama; five-straight NCAA appearances in softball; men's lacrosse knocking its archrival, Le Moyne College, off its pedestal as the best in the Northeast-10; men's and women's tennis becoming the first conference teams in 20 years to win NE-10 titles with undefeated records; football advancing to back-to-back NCAA playoffs just eight years after the program's inception.

However, one of the brightest highlights of all was the remarkable run of the Bryant men's basketball team to the NCAA championship game in 2005. Defeating top-seeded Bentley to claim the regional championship, the Bulldogs danced their way onto the national stage, proceeding to knock off regional champions from the East and South en route to playing for the Division II title.

The end of one era may be bittersweet for many, as we bid farewell to some great memories and heated rivalries that will be talked about for quite some time. But a new challenge awaits.

There are new rivalries to be established, new conference titles to be sought. But while we move down this new road, it's important to remember the great moments in Bryant sports and those individuals who helped pave the way for future athletic success.