## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

#### **Community Connections Program**

The Bryant University U.S. Department of State Community Connections Program provides professionals from the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union an opportunity to develop and enhance their skills in areas relevant to management and operations, and to increase their knowledge of American life and culture. The project highlights the spirit of a democratic society, the operations of a market economy, practice of private enterprises, and collaborations between private and public organizations. Participants come from Belarus and Ukraine. They have internships with local businesses, government institutions, and nonprofit agencies. In addition to these hands-on experiences, the visiting participants stay with host families to learn first-hand about American life and encourage an exchange of understanding between our two cultures. Also, Bryant University faculty lead a number of seminars on economics, history, government, and culture about the United States. As part of the program, participants visit the leading cultural and education centers of the Northeast.

### The Links, Incorporated L.I.F.E. Program

The Links, Incorporated - a nonprofit organization comprising women focused on leadership, education, and service - has embarked on a program called "Linkages in International Business & Foreign Affairs Empowerment for Youth" (L.I.F.E.), which introduces high school sophomores to exciting business and professional careers. Course content includes geography, international business, foreign affairs, and multicultural relations, as well as skill building in the following areas: career planning, team building, time management, and course mapping. Participants will have many opportunities to learn from Bryant University faculty and staff, as well as local leaders from The Links, Incorporated. This program is no cost to participants and is primarily, but not exclusively, for Black/African American, Latino/a, Hispanic, Asian American, and Native American students.

# PricewaterhouseCoopers Accounting Careers Leadership Institute

PricewaterhouseCoopers Accounting Career Leadership Institute (PwCACLI) is a week-long, hands-on opportunity for Latino/a and African American or Black rising high school seniors to learn more about the accounting profession and about the key role accountants play in society. Throughout the program, students work directly with Bryant University faculty, staff, and students, as well as professionals from PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) — the largest professional services firm in the world. The students apply the knowledge they gain in analyzing real companies and learn how to present their findings professionally.

### The Women's Summit ®

The Women's Summit<sup>®</sup> at Bryant University features esteemed keynote speakers and dynamic professional and personal development workshops. Nearly 1,000 women and men from throughout New England attend this conference, held annually in March. The mission of the Women's Summit is to inspire and empower women and men so that they can advance professionally, develop personally, and provide leadership in their communities, the nation, and the world.