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Beldona has served as associate dean of the Graduate School of Business at Bryant University in Rhode Island since 2011. He served as chair of Bryant University's Department of Management from 2007-2011. An expert in international business and corporate strategy, Beldona has lectured, consulted, studied, and taught in the Americas, Asia, and Europe.

At Bryant, Beldona helped in introducing undergraduate and graduate-level courses focused on international business and global finance. He also worked with faculty to create programs designed to expand the school's global reach and provide students with international study and intercultural experiences.

It was Dominican's commitment to the purposeful integration of the liberal arts and strong professional programs in business, education, and the health sciences that drew Beldona to the University.

"I am a strong believer in the importance and value of cross-disciplinary programs," Beldona said. "What attracted me to Dominican was the compelling vision of the senior management team, as well as the energy and enthusiasm that the faculty and administrators demonstrated for new ideas, cross-disciplinary programs, and global connections."

At Bryant, Beldona helped in launching undergraduate majors in human resources management, entrepreneurship, and global supply chain management. At the graduate level, he worked with area companies and faculty to introduce specializations in global supply chain management, international business, and global finance. He also conceptualized the global immersion experience for MBA students - a required core MBA course for full-time MBA students that embeds an international consulting experience.

Working with faculty, Beldona supported integrating highly interactive learning modules such as e-pitch in freshmen year, service-learning in sophomore year, internships in junior year, and case competitions in senior year. He established numerous relationships with local and international firms and encouraged these firms to sponsor prizes for courses, internships for students, and consulting engagements for graduate courses.

Beldona was the Larry Jones Fellow of Corporate Governance at Wichita State University from 2001-2007, where he also served as the Entrepreneurship Research Associate for the Center for Entrepreneurship. Beldona joined Wichita State University in 2001 as assistant director of the Center for International Business Advancement.

Beldona was an associate professor of international business at the International University of Japan from 2000-2001. He was an assistant professor of international business at Rutgers University from 1994-2000.

Beldona received his Bachelor of Science in Physics and an MBA in general management from Karnatak University in Dharwad, India. He earned a Master of Science in International Business and a Ph.D. in Business Administration from Temple University in Philadelphia.

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