



UB Highlights

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News & Events for May 1-15, 2009

End-of-Semester Dates

Spring 2009

Friday, May 1: Last Day of Classes

Monday-Friday, May 4-8: Final Examinations Week

Friday, May 8: Residence Halls Close

Saturday, May 9: Commencement Ceremony. Arena at Harbor Yard

Monday, May 11: Final Grades Due

Monday-Friday, May 18-22: Health Sciences Examinations Week

Design Alumni Meet

Saturday, May 2, 6-9 p.m.

All Graphic, Interior, and Industrial Design alumni are cordially invited to the University Gallery for the Third Annual Design Alumni Evening. Meet old friends and the 2009 Design seniors, view the Senior Exhibition, and enjoy refreshments. Admission is by \$20 donation to the Design programs, or \$25 per couple or for alumni with guests, at the door. RSVP online at <http://www.bridgeport.edu/pages/2343.asp>, or for more information write to Richard Yelle, director of Design programs, at ryelle@bridgeport.edu.

Saturday, May 9, 1-2:30 p.m.

A reception for students graduating from the Design programs, and their guests, will be held in the University Gallery following Commencement ceremonies.



More Tales from Prof. Lehman

Saturday, May 2, 2 p.m.

Eric Lehman, senior lecturer in English, will read from his new book, *Bridgeport: Tales from the Park City*, at the Barnes & Noble bookstore, 1375 Boston Post Road, Milford.

Alumni Reception for Grads

Friday, May 8, 2:30-6 p.m.

The UB Alumni Association will distribute alumni pins and refreshments to all graduation candidates in the University Gallery, Arnold Bernhard Center.

Honors Convocations

Friday, May 8, 1-2:30 p.m.

In a change from previous years, academic honors and awards will be presented to students in several separate ceremonies simultaneously. The UB community is invited to attend.

School of Engineering

Arnold Bernhard Center, Room 113



School of Business

DuPont Tower Room, Arnold Bernhard Center



School of Arts & Sciences

International College

Littlefield Recital Hall, Arnold Bernhard Center

Honor Society Inductions

Friday, May 8

International College: Room 110, Bernhard Center, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

UPE: Room 113, Bernhard Center, 3-5 p.m.

Delta Mu Delta: DuPont Tower Room, 3:30-4 p.m.

Fones School of Dental Hygiene, Pinning Ceremony: Mertens Theater, Bernhard Center, 4-6 p.m.

Phi Kappa Phi: Littlefield Recital Hall, Bernhard Center, 5-6 p.m.



2009 Commencement

Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.

UB's ninety-ninth graduation ceremonies will be held in the Arena at Harbor Yard. The Commencement speaker is Lambert Shell, B.S. Human Services, M.S. Education, a 2003 inductee into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. Admission is by ticket only. A limited number of seats will be available to the public after May 4. Call x4825, or write to specialevents@bridgeport.edu to request tickets. Following the University-wide graduation event, the Health Sciences Oath and Award Ceremony will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Mertens Theater of the Bernhard Center.

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ATHLETICS

UB women's gymnastics made history on April 10 as the team won UB's first national championship, becoming the 2009 USA Gymnastics Collegiate Co-National Champions (tied with Cornell), with a score of 191.675. The following day, five team members won individual All-American honors:



Lorraine Galow (Vault), **Miranda Der** (Vault), **Emily Repko** (Beam), **Breanna Collins** (Floor Exercise), and **Caroline McAvity** (Beam). Earlier, **Lorraine** was selected, for the second straight year, as an All-Around individual competitor (one of five) in the NCAA Div. I Regional competition. The Purple Knights captured the ECAC Div. II title on March 21, winning all 4 events in the competition.

BUSINESS

Yogesh Prasad, **Jenish Shah**, and **Emmanuel Ponce**, all graduate students in Prof. **Kueun Choi**'s Finance 543 class, won third, seventh, and ninth places, respectively, in the Connecticut Stock Market Simulation Competition, with investment gains of 38%, 28%, and 27%, respectively.

ENGINEERING

Prasanthi Thunga, computer science, and **Nimi Chakunny**, technology management, were awarded \$2,000 and \$1,000 scholarships, respectively, at a dinner on April 1, sponsored by UB's newly established chapter of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE). For more info, see "News & Events" on the UB website.

FACULTY & STAFF

ATHLETICS

Byron Knox, head gymnastics coach, and **Rebecca Caravetta**, assistant gymnastics coach, were named ECAC Gymnastics Coach and Assistant Gymnastics Coach of the Year, respectively, following their team's ECAC title win.

ARTS & SCIENCES

Joseph Conlin, adjunct professor of English since 2000, was a finalist in three prestigious international writing competitions, based on his recent novel, *Orlando Tales*: the Santa Fe Writers Conference Competition, the Roast Books novel competition, and the William Faulkner/William Wisdom Creative Writing Competition. Prof. Conlin is also editor and publisher of the literary publication *SNReview*.

BUSINESS

Ward L. Thrasher, assistant dean and MBA director, participated on a career panel at Housatonic Community College on March 26.

EDUCATION

Margaret Queenan, assistant professor of language arts and reading, was elected 2009-2010 president of the Connecticut Association for Reading Research. She presented a paper, "Teaching Urban Students the Reading Comprehension Strategies Recommended by the National Reading Panel," April 16 at the annual American Educational Research Association conference in San Diego.

ENGINEERING

Xingguo Xiong, assistant professor of electrical engineering, was named Engineering Professor of the Year on April 3 by the governing board of Region 1 of the American Society of Engineering Education. He was cited for his innovative teaching and scholarship.

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

Yanmin Yu, professor of mass communication, has been awarded her third Fulbright-Hays Fellowship. Previously, Prof. Yu used her fellowships for studies in the Middle East and Australia. This year she will research the role of media in socioeconomic development in Senegal. Her work will be the basis for further curriculum development at UB.

Did we miss something? *UB Highlights* is published twice monthly during the academic year and monthly in January, June, and July to inform the University community about UB events and achievements. To comment or to list your event or award, e-mail [Rebecca Salonen, UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu](mailto:Rebecca.Salonen@bridgeport.edu), or call x4988.