



# UB Highlights

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News & Events for January 1-31, 2010

## Graduate Info Session Saturday, Jan. 9, 9 a.m.-noon Waterbury Center

Information will be offered about the M.S. in Counseling to be offered on the Waterbury campus, 84 Progress Lane. For more information or to reserve a space, call 203-573-8501, or email [UBWaterbury@bridgeport.edu](mailto:UBWaterbury@bridgeport.edu).



## Day of Service

Monday, Jan. 18, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Make it day *on*, not a day *off*! Join in at the Student Center Social Room on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day for meaningful service projects, including assembling care packages for children in Africa, knitting caps for chemotherapy patients, painting peace murals, making dog biscuits for rescue dogs, sorting food and clothing at community centers, and much more! Free breakfast, lunch, T-shirts, and door prizes for volunteers. All students, faculty, staff, and their families are welcome. Sponsored by Service for Peace. Email Nancy Kovacs, at [pureimages@aol.com](mailto:pureimages@aol.com), or Edina Oestreicher, at [edinao@bridgeport.edu](mailto:edinao@bridgeport.edu), for more info.



## You might have missed . . .

On October 22, Connecticut alumni and friends gathered at the Barnum Museum to meet and greet one another and catch up on UB news.



## Purple Knights Home Athletic Events January 1-31, 2010

### Men's Basketball

- Jan. 6 (Weds.), 7 p.m., NYIT @ Hubbell Gym
- Jan. 11 (Mon.), 7 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas @ Hubbell Gym
- Jan. 20 (Weds.), 7 p.m., Mercy @ Hubbell Gym
- Jan. 23 (Sat.), 3 p.m., Molloy @ Hubbell Gym
- Jan. 30 (Sat.), 3 p.m., Queens @ Hubbell Gym

### Women's Basketball

- Jan. 6 (Weds.), 5 p.m., NYIT @ Hubbell Gym
- Jan. 11 (Mon.), 5 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas @ Hubbell Gym
- Jan. 20 (Weds.), 5 p.m., Mercy @ Hubbell Gym
- Jan. 23 (Sat.), 1 p.m., Molloy @ Hubbell Gym
- Jan. 30 (Sat.), 1 p.m., Queens @ Hubbell Gym

### Gymnastics (Women's)

- Jan. 9 (Sat.), noon, Team Selection Meet @ Wheeler Recreation Center

## January Dates

- Jan. 4 (Mon.): Free and confidential STD and HIV testing, Student Health Services
- Jan. 8 (Fri.): Last day for undergraduate readmission applications
- Jan. 8 (Fri.): Health Sciences orientation and registration
- Jan. 10 (Sun.): New student registration with advisors (1-5 p.m.)
- Jan. 11 (Mon.): Health Sciences classes begin
- Jan. 11-15 (Mon.-Fri.): Undergraduate-graduate change of schedule
- Jan. 12 (Tues.): Application deadline for Chiropractic National Board Exams, Parts I-III
- Jan. 18 (Mon.): Martin Luther King, Jr., Day – no classes, administrative offices closed**
- Jan. 19 (Tues.): Undergrads-graduate classes begin
- Jan. 29 (Fri.): Last day to elect pass/fail, or to add courses

# UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

## STUDENTS & ALUMNI

### ATHLETICS

**Emma Beddome**, senior forward, was selected December 15 as East Coast Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week for outstanding play in games December 7-13.

### ENGINEERING/BUSINESS

**Jawahar Ponnuswami, Bhaskara Phani Datla, Nithin Bharath Ravichandran, and Ramvignesh Guruswami Mathivanan**, the Green Splinter Team, composed of M.S. in Technology Management students, won the \$1,000 first-place prize in the Best Venture Enterprise category in the 2009 Connecticut Collegiate Business Plan Competition, held December 11. Their invention was an eco-friendly construction material manufactured from agricultural waste.

**Rachita Shah, Priyanka Upadiyara, Tejaswi Malla, and Luja Shrestha**, UB engineering and business students whose team was called Cocoware, Inc., also were finalists in the competition. Faculty adviser to both teams was Dr. **Gad J. Selig**, associate dean for business development and research in the Graduate Studies and Research Division. Thirty teams from universities across Connecticut competed. This is the sixth time in five years that a UB team has won a top prize at the competition.

The President's annual holiday party for donors was held at Waldemere December 13. Below, Education professors Margaret Queenan and Donna Phillips sing along (with gusto) with the University Singers. Alumna Mary Whelan '52 is at far right.



## FACULTY & STAFF

### ACUPUNCTURE INSTITUTE

**Jennifer Brett**, director, has been named a member of the review board for the journal *Alternative Medicine Review*, a peer-reviewed publication dedicated to providing accurate, timely, and clinically relevant original research articles for the health care practitioner.

### ARTS & SCIENCES

**Spiros Katsifis**, associate professor of biology and chair of the department, has written, with colleagues at the Maine Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health, "Comparative Genotoxicity and Cytotoxicity of Four Hexavalent Chromium Compounds in Human Bronchial Cells," which is being published in *Chemical Research in Toxicology*.

**Peter Konsterlie**, lecturer in art history, created a series of 240 portraits of one week's casualties in the Vietnam War (June-July 1969), which was shown at the Plains Art Museum in North Dakota and represented in the publication *New Art International*. Prof. Konsterlie hopes to support Veterans for Peace through a traveling exhibition of the portrait series.

### BUSINESS

**Ward Thrasher**, assistant dean and MBA director, was recently named to the Barnum Museum's Finance Committee.

**Daniel S. Whitman**, assistant professor of management, co-authored "The Bright Side and the Dark Side of CEO Personality: Examining Core Self-Evaluations, Narcissism, Transformational Leadership, and Strategic Influence," in the *Journal of Applied Psychology*, vol. 94, no. 6, 2009.

**Paul Lerman**, dean, lectured at 8 Chinese universities in Shanghai, Hangzhou, Nanjing, and Anhui, during November 3-9, on the events leading to the current state of the U.S. economy and its implications for the future.

### EDUCATION

**Patricia Mulcahy-Ernt**, professor of reading and language arts and director of the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, received the 2009 Outstanding Research and Publication Award from the Learning Assistance Association of New England at its annual meeting on November 6.

**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:UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu), or call x4988.