



UB Highlights

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News & Events for August 1-15, 2010

Admissions Events, Aug. 1-15

Saturday, August 7, 9 and 11 a.m.: Campus tours.

Sign up at

<https://www.bridgeport.edu/pages/3293.asp>.

Tuesday, August 10, 6-7 p.m.: IDEAL information session, Bridgeport campus, Wahlstrom Library Discovery Pavilion, first floor. Register at

www.bridgeport.edu/pages/3250.asp, or call 203-576-4800 for more information.

Wednesday, August 11, 5-7 p.m.: Bridgeport campus, graduate information session for programs in Education, Counseling, MBA, Engineering, and Global Development and Peace. Wahlstrom Library, 6th floor. Register online at www.bridgeport.edu/pages/3299.asp, or call 203-576-4552 for information.

Health Sciences Opening Events

Tuesday, August 3: NPLEX Part I Examination

Wednesday-Friday, August 4-6: NPLEX Part II Examination

Thursday, August 5: College of Naturopathic Medicine, Orientation and Registration

Thursday, August 12, 4 p.m.: President's Welcome Back Meeting for Health Sciences faculty, duPont Tower Room of Bernhard Center

New MBA Announced

UB's School of Business is expanding its graduate programs with a new Global Financial Services MBA. The 2-year program, which will begin in the fall 2010 semester, is one of only two such programs in the U.S. The curriculum provides in-depth understanding of back-office operations and the interplay among various financial industries in leading markets around the world. For information, write to mba@bridgeport.edu or call 203-576-4363.

You might have missed . . .

March 30: Fifty UB Mass Communication students had a behind-the-scenes tour, arranged by Prof. Susan Katz, of the new NBC/Universal studio in Stamford. They were then guests on the nationally syndicated talk show, "The Steve Wilkos Show."

April 15: Prof. Susan Katz also arranged for author Lennie Grimaldi to speak to her Mass Communication students, and the event was simulcast on Katz's Internet TV channel, "Media Talk Live," where viewers were able to chat via text with Grimaldi and the class.

April 30-May 2: UB's College of Chiropractic hosted the Seventh Annual Student American Chiropractic Association (SACA) Conference. Representatives from SACA throughout the nation attended. American Chiropractic Association President Rick McMichael and UBCC Professor Stephen M. Perle were featured speakers.

May 27: The David and Eunice Bigelow Discovery Pavilion on the first floor of Wahlstrom Library was dedicated, followed by a demonstration of the facility and a luncheon hosted by the President. In photo below, Associate Vice-President Diane Mirvis, Board Chairman Frank Zullo, David and Eunice Bigelow, President Neil Salonen, and Rebecca Salonen cut the ribbon.



UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ATHLETICS

UB men's and women's swimming teams wrapped up a successful season in the pool by earning recognition for their classroom achievements from the College Swimming Coaches Association of America. With a combined GPA of 3.46, the women's team ranked fifth and the men (with 3.07), ranked twelfth among Div. II teams nationally and won Team All-Academic Honors. **Alena Gorlanoa (3.84), Sandra Schmitz (3.84), Anna Kwiatkowska (3.67)** and **Anna Krasnowska (3.60)** won Individual All-Academic honors.

BUSINESS AND ENGINEERING

Tiao Chen, M.S. candidate in biomedical engineering, and **Shuai Wang**, MBA candidate, have been selected by Barnum Museum Director Kathy Maher to provide the voices for Siamese twins Cheng and Eng in an upcoming documentary about P.T. Barnum.

Good News

A team of UB engineering students has been awarded \$4,500 by the Connecticut Space Grant College Consortium to build a lunar excavator that can be controlled via the Internet to travel over the surface of the moon and collect samples for scientific research. The robot was designed for NASA's Lunabotics Mining Competition held May 25-28. The team had a little over a month to build the machine and get it to the Kennedy Space Center, where the competition was held. Team members included graduate students **Nicolai Gari** (team leader), **Song Fangyuan, Peng Lu, Grace (Yajuan) Shi**, and undergrads **Edwin Gravrand** and **Matthew Breland**. Their advisers were Professors **Xingguo Xiong** and **Jeremy Li**.

On April 30 Governor M. Jodi Rell announced a partnership, the CTech IncUBator, between UB and Connecticut Innovations, the state's quasi-public authority for technology investing and innovation development. The CTech IncUBator is Fairfield County's first and only university-based incubator for high-tech start-ups. The incubator's offices will open on the UB campus, at 250 Myrtle Ave., this summer. Priority will be given to projects of UB students, alumni, and faculty but others are welcome. For information, write to Prof. **Gad Selig** at gadselig@bridgeport.edu.

FACULTY & STAFF

ARTS & SCIENCES

Jeffrey Johnson, professor of music, has launched a blog called "Sonic Labyrinth, a blog for the eternally cool in classical music," with videos and information at <http://soniclabyrinth.blogspot.com>. Prof. Johnson regularly reviews music for the Hartford *Courant*, the Stamford *Advocate*, and the *Boston Globe*. This summer he is reviewing performances at Tanglewood. **Amy Nawrocki**, lecturer in English, has published *Nomad's End*, a book of poetry, with Finishing Line Press. The poems are described as "truly, truly fine" by poet and retired UB professor **Dick Allen**.

CHIROPRACTIC

James J. Lehman, assistant professor of clinical sciences, presented "Non-Surgical Spinal Decompression Evaluation and Differential Diagnosis" to the Faculty of Medical Sciences of the Lebanese University at their Annual Meeting, June 10-12, in Beirut. Presentations were offered in Arabic, English, and French.

ENGINEERING

Tarek M. Sobh, dean and vice-president for graduate studies and research, and **Elif Kongar**, assistant professor of technology management, have been appointed, respectively, co-chair and publicity chair of the 15th IASTED International Conference on Robotics and Applications, to be held November 1-3 in Cambridge, MA.

Lawrence Hmurcik, professor of electrical engineering, recently investigated an accident on behalf of a worker whose hands were sliced off while he was unclogging a machine that bubble-wraps items. (The hands were reattached after a 12-hour surgery, and the victim won damages.) Prof. Hmurcik was assisted by Dr. **Irv Ojalvo**, former chair of UB's Mechanical Engineering Department, Prof. **Buket Barkana**, assistant professor of electrical engineering, Prof. **Navarun Gupta**, assistant professor of electrical engineering, and **Jack Toporovsky**, UB lab engineer.

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

Susan Katz, lecturer in mass communication, has designed the dust jacket for *Mix It Up and Make It Nice: Secrets of a Tennis Mom*, a book written by Betty Blake, the mother of tennis champion James Blake. Prof. Katz also designed media collateral for the book promotion.

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, or call x4988.