



UB Highlights

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News & Events for May 15-31, 2012

Financial Aid Night

Wednesday, May 16, 6 p.m.

Prospective students and their families are invited to come to the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library for an information session about paying for college, and to meet with financial aid counselors. Refreshments will be provided. Register online or by calling 1-800-329-3582.



IDEAL Info Sessions

Wednesday, May 16, 6-7 p.m.

Information will be offered on UB's popular adult degree-completion program at the Bridgeport (Wahlstrom Library, first floor, Discovery Pavilion), Waterbury (84 Progress Lane), and Stamford (5 Riverbend Drive) campuses. To register, or for more information, visit www.bridgeport.edu/ideal, or for Bridgeport and Stamford, call 203-576-4800, for Waterbury, call 203-597-9036.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Monday, May 21: Final grades due for Health Sciences students

Monday, May 28: Memorial Day – administrative offices closed

IDEAL Academic Excellence Awards

At a celebration dinner on April 27, the following graduating IDEAL students and professor were honored:

Dean's Awards:

Associate Degree: **Shari L. Burton**

Bachelor's Degree: **Laura Lynne Seely**

Melissa Wendy Rainville Memorial Award:
Verna Brice

IDEAL Instructor of the Year: **Robert J. Parisi**

Capstone Plenary Award: **Gail A. Wiggins**

You might have missed . . .

March: Professor Janet Albert took her costume history class to visit New York's costume museum and markets. A curator showed the students the museum's collection of clothing produced by more than 50 famous designers, including Chanel and Balenciaga. Students also visited Eileen Fisher's corporate headquarters, where representatives reviewed the process of product creation and explained the company's employment programs. Earlier, class members studied the Fairfield Museum's exhibit of a century's worth of theater costumes used for productions at the Shakespeare Theater in Stratford (CT).

March 23: UB partnered with the Connecticut Small Business Center and Google to host "Get Your Business Online," a day of free help for small firms who want to set up their own websites.

April 2: UB's College of Naturopathic Medicine and the Ashe Faith Project, a Mt. Aery Development Corporation Initiative, announced a joint venture in clinic services. Under the agreement, naturopathic services will be provided for the Ashe Project, located in Bridgeport's Hollow neighborhood, including HIV/AIDS prevention education, screening, testing, referral services and case management.

April 4: The UB Spring 2012 Career Fair was held on campus, bringing together students, alumni, and employers.

April 24: "Painting with Words," the 2012 community poetry slam, featuring original works by students from Bridgeport public schools, was held at UB's Student Center.

May 5: UB's 102nd Commencement ceremonies were celebrated in the Webster Bank Arena. Of more than 1,400 graduates, more than 1,100 participated in the event. Congressman **Jim Himes** delivered the commencement address and received an honorary doctorate. **Constance Vickers** was the 2012 class speaker, and **Barbara James '70, '74** received the Distinguished Alumni Award. Following the ceremonies, a luncheon was held in the duPont Tower Room honoring this year's Golden Knights, graduates of the Class of 1962, who returned for their anniversary.

Seed Money Awards

A seed money grant competition was held in January 2012, and ten new grants were awarded by the Faculty Research Council. Scoring criteria included intellectual merit, broad impact, commitment to produce scholarly work, originality of research, research methodology, and design. Additional consideration was given to newer UB faculty and projects that involve faculty with student collaborators. The 2012-13 recipients are

Buket Barkana (Electrical Engineering) for “K-12 STEM Teacher Education Program,” a joint project of the School of Engineering and the School of Education (**Nelson Ngoh**, **Joanna Badara**, and **Allen Cook**)

Miad Faezipour (Computer Science and Engineering) for “Breathing Movement Classification for Lung Cancer Patients,” with **Prabir Patra** (Biomedical Engineering)

Maria Gherasimova (Physics) for “Nanoscale Directed Assembly of Ge Quantum Dots on Si Surface.”

Liane Leedom (Counseling) for “Psychopathic Personality Traits, IPV and Family Court Outcomes”

Anton Miglo (Business) for “Asymmetric Information, Equity Issues and Capital Structure,” with **Congsheng Wu** (Business)

Jani Pallis (Mechanical Engineering) for “DNA Scaffold-based Nanoscale Antenna,” with **Christian Bach** (Technology Management and Biomedical Engineering) and **Hassan Bajwa** (Electrical Engineering)

Prabir Patra (Biomedical Engineering) for “2D Atomically Thin Graphene Nanoribbon (GNR)-DNA Self Assembled Piezo Structures for Energy Harvesting,” with **Miad Faezipour** (Computer Science and Engineering)

Robert Riggs (World Religions) for “The Reform Movement of Early 20th Century Lebanese Shi-a Communities and Its Effects on Contemporary Religious Authority in Lebanon and Iraq”

Ziping Wang (Business) for “Global Supply Chain Risk Management in Manufacturing Companies”

Zhengping Wu (Computer Science and Engineering) for “A New System Accounting Framework for Reliable Cloud Systems”



2011-12 UB ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- 22 All-Americans
- 18 All-Region Performers
- 17 All-Conference Selections
- 59 Players of the Week
- 5 Players of the Year
- 2 NCAA Tournament Teams
- 1 National Champion

Student Honors, Business

At a convocation on May 4, the following students were honored:

Academic Achievement in Fashion Merchandising (B.S.), **Kirstin Labonte**

Yale Co-op Award for Excellence in Fashion Merchandising, **Lubia Rodas**

Connecticut Society of CPAs Educational Trust Fund, Outstanding Junior Awards, **Michael Giampaoli** and **Matthew Wing**

Connecticut Society of CPAs Outstanding Senior Award, **Wei Zhong**

Academic Achievement in Accounting, **Mengdi Chen**

Academic Achievement in Business Administration, **Bhaskarray Barot**

Academic Achievement in CAIS, **Cynthia Steckler**

Academic Achievement in Finance, **Yuan Huo**

Academic Achievement in International Business, **Nikola Savic**

Academic Achievement in Management, **Jennifer Jacques**

Academic Achievement in Marketing, **Rui Wu**

Scholar-Athlete Award, **Milos Suljagic**

Marilyn Primoff Kohn Scholarship Awards, **Christopher Frost** and **Jennifer Byron**

Business Activity Award, **Robert Genualdi**

MBA Director’s Award, **Nadine Lewis Smith**

Dean’s Award, **Wei Zhong**

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD

Lori Noto, associate professor of education, and **Wendy Garcia**, associate professor of dental hygiene, are the new co-chairs of the IRB, succeeding **Stephen Perle**, past co-chair (with Professor Noto) and 20-year member of the Board, who has stepped down. Other members of the IRB are **Mikyle Byrd-Vaughn** (Naturopathic Medicine), **Thomas Christ** (Education), **Spiros Katsifis** (Biology), **Jongheon Kim** (Business), and **Prabir Patra** (Biomedical Engineering). UB Alumnus **Craig Kelly** serves as a community representative.

The mission of the Institutional Review Board, which is registered with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service’s Office for Human Research Protections, is to review and approve all proposed research conducted by UB faculty, staff, and students that involves human subjects. Further information is available on the UB Portal under “Faculty/Staff Services.” IRB submissions may be sent to irb@bridgeport.edu.

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ATHLETICS

Katelyn Wall, a freshman, was named to the Second Team All-East Coast Conference Softball Squad on April 27.

BUSINESS

Charanjit Sandhu, Huike Li, Tian Pang, Ruibing Duan, and Geetanjali Sharma, a team of Professor **Anton Miglo**'s students, brought UB into 7th place nationally, out of almost a hundred teams from other universities, in the CME Group Commodity Trading Challenge, in which UB's team worked with an initial (theoretical) \$100,000 and brought it up to \$194,520.

Krzysztof Wilk, Jemao He, and Zhu Wang (Team ZZ765), Professor **Steven Rashba**'s Advanced Business English MBA students, placed first in the post-secondary division of the Connecticut Stock Market Game by outperforming the competition and the S+P 500 by 13.87%, building their \$100,000 into \$116,882.68. The contest ran from February 21 through April 27. **Heran Xing and Le Sheng** (Team ZZ774), took second place, accumulating \$113,099.71 and outperforming the S+P benchmark by 10.08%.

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

Tasnah Moyer, a senior World Religions major, has been awarded a U.S. Department of State Critical Languages Scholarship for advanced study of Korean. She will study at the Language Center of Chonbuk National University, in Korea, this summer. Out of 5,200 applicants, our International College students captured two of these prestigious awards.

SASD

Peter Clarke '90, Industrial Design, was honored on April 28, at the 6th Annual Design Alumni Reception in the University Gallery, with a Lifetime Achievement Award and the presentation of the SASD Alumni Chair. Clarke, founder and CEO of Fairfield's Product Ventures, a prominent national product design firm, was featured recently in the New York *Times*'s "The Boss" column and was also recognized in the *Connecticut Post* Business section following the event.

FACULTY & STAFF

BUSINESS

Glenn Bassett, former dean and professor emeritus, has published as an e-book, *The Manager's Craft*, available at Amazon.com.

ENGINEERING

Khaled Elleithy, associate dean for graduate programs and professor of computer science and engineering, attended the 15th Communications and Networking Simulation (CNS'12) Symposium in Orlando, March 26-29, where he chaired a session on wireless networking and presented two papers, written with his Ph.D. students, **Ali El-Rashidi** and **Syed Rizvi**, "Underwater Wireless Sensor Network Communication Using Electromagnetic Waves at Resonance Frequency of 2.4 GHz," and "Use of Matrix with GVT Computation in Optimistic Time Wrap Algorithm for Parallel Simulation."

Linfeng Zhang, assistant professor of electrical engineering, has written a chapter, "The Sensing Mechanism and Response Simulation of the MIS Hydrogen Sensor," in *Chemical Sensors: Simulation and Modeling*, Vol. 3, *Solid State Sensors*, to be published by Momentum Press. The chapter focuses on the sensing mechanism and simulation of the chemical sensors with metal-semiconductor and metal-insulator-semiconductor structures.

Jack Toporovsky, lab engineer, and **Lawrence V. Hmurcik**, professor of electrical engineering, investigated a fire in Pittsfield, MA. The compressor in a water cooler, which the homeowner bought to ensure a supply of spring water, caught fire, resulting in over \$100,000 in smoke and flood damage. Toporovsky-Hmurcik tested the burnt compressor and found that the water in the container had put out the fire in the compressor but not before the damage had been done. This kind of accident turns out to be common.

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

Chunjuan Nancy Wei, assistant professor and chair of IPED, presented "The South China Sea Disputes: Interests, Strategies and Regional Security," at the ASIANetwork 2012 Conference, March 30-April 1, hosted by Willamette University, Portland, OR.

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.