



UB Highlights

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News & Events for January 2017

Purple Knights Home Athletic Events January 2017

Men's Basketball

Jan. 4 (Weds.), 7 p.m., Queens @ Hubbell Gym

Jan. 18 (Weds.), 7 p.m., Dist. Columbia @ Hubbell Gym

Jan. 25 (Weds.), 7 p.m., NYIT @ Hubbell Gym

Women's Basketball

Jan. 4 (Weds.), 5 p.m., Queens @ Hubbell Gym

Jan. 18 (Weds.), 5 p.m., Dist. Columbia @ Hubbell Gym

Jan. 25 (Weds.) 5 p.m., NYIT @ Hubbell Gym

Women's Swimming

Jan. 28 (Sat.), 1 p.m., Assumption @ Wheeler Recreation Center

ACADEMIC CALENDAR HEALTH SCIENCES

Monday, Jan. 9: Classes Begin
Monday-Friday, Jan. 9-13: Change of Schedule Period
Monday, Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Day, No Classes, Offices Closed
Friday, Jan. 20: Last Day to Elect Pass/Fall, or to Add Classes
Friday, Jan. 27: Last Day to Drop Classes without Academic Penalty

Transfer Tuesdays

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Students planning to transfer to UB are invited to a session that will maximize the transfer experience. Register online and choose the day that works best. Activities, beginning on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library, include an application workshop, on-the-spot credit evaluations, and campus tours. Students should bring unofficial transcripts from each institution attended and proof of high school graduation.



Bachelor of Nursing Info Sessions *Friday, Jan. 6, 10-11 a.m.*

Friday, Jan. 20, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Information on UB's Bachelor of Nursing program will be presented at the Nursing Skills and Simulation Center, on the 7th floor of the Health Sciences Center. Prospective students may register online for either the morning or the late afternoon session. For more information, contact **Martine Bernadel**, mabernad@bridgeport.edu, or 203-576-2025.



Financial Aid Night

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 6-7 p.m.

Students interested in attending UB are invited to the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library for an informative presentation about paying for college. Students will also have a chance to meet with their financial aid counselors regarding financial aid packages. Register online. For more information, contact **Jessica Crowley**, jessiccr@bridgeport.edu, or 203-576-4812.



New Student Orientation

Friday, Jan. 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Students planning to enter UB in the Spring 2017 semester are invited to Orientation, where they will have the chance to meet with academic advisors, register for classes, learn about student support services, select their rooms, and meet future classmates. Register by calling 1-800-392-3582. The schedule of activities is found online. UB must receive a student's \$200 tuition deposit, health forms, and final official high school and/or college transcripts before the day of the event. Check-in begins in the lobby of the Student Center.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE

Monday, Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Day, No Classes, Offices Closed
Tuesday, Jan. 19: Classes Begin
Tuesday-Friday, Jan. 17-20: Change of Schedule Period
Friday, Jan. 27: Last Day to Elect Pass/Fall, or to Add Classes

Undergraduate Open House

Saturday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Students are invited to register online for the following open houses, which provide admission and financial aid information, a chance to meet faculty, an opportunity to chat with current UB students, and an overview of programs in their areas of interest:

School of Nursing, Health Sciences Center: the Pre-Nursing Program, Traditional Nursing (B.S.N.) or the RN-to-BSN program

College of Public and International Affairs, Wahlstrom Library: Criminal Justice and Human Security (B.A.), International Political Economy and Diplomacy (B.A.), Martial Arts Studies (B.A.), Mass Communication (B.A.), Religion and Politics (B.A.), Social Sciences (B.A.)

Ernest C. Trefz School of Business, Mandeville Hall: Accounting (B.S.), Business Administration (A.A., B.S.), Finance (B.S.), International Business (B.S.), Management & Industrial Relations (B.S.), Marketing (B.S.)

Design, Music, and Fashion Merchandising, Bernhard Center: Graphic Design (B.F.A.), Industrial Design (B.S.), Interior Design (B.S.), Music (B.M.), Fashion Merchandising (A.A., B.S.)

Biology, Health Sciences, and Medical Laboratory Science, Charles Dana Hall: Biology (B.A., B.S.), Health Sciences (B.S.), Medical Laboratory Science (B.S.)

School of Engineering, Engineering-Technology Building: Computer Engineering (B.S.), Computer Science (B.S.), Electrical Engineering (B.S.), Mechanical Engineering (B.S.)

UB's Winning Entrepreneurs

Seifallah Mejri, a graduate Engineering student also working at UB's Student Entrepreneur Center (SEC) under the direction of Professor *Elena Cahill*, took the coveted Best Venture Enterprise Award at the 20th Fall Connecticut Business Plan Competition, on December 9. Seif's winning proposal was to extract kaolin from phosphate production waste. As he develops his business plan at the SEC, his \$1,000 cash prize will fund research, market analysis, and positioning the new enterprise for investment. He was advised by SEC Entrepreneur-in-Residence *Mike Roer*.

Shafiq Zaib, a Naturopathic doctoral candidate who is also a member of the SEC, advised by Entrepreneur-in-Residence *Dorian Yanez*, was a finalist in the competition. Her company, Wholesome, Inc., is an enterprise SAAS for Naturopathic doctors.

UB Service Awards

At a ceremony on Wednesday, December 14, in the Littlefield Recital Hall, with colleagues, friends, and families in attendance, the following were recognized for their service to UB. President Neil Salonen introduced the honorees individually with an appreciation of their contributions to the University. He invited those who had served 25 years or more to offer a few words. Each honoree received an engraved plaque and a gift card. In concluding the formalities, the President invited everyone to walk across the street and enjoy a holiday reception at Waldemere Hall.

50 Years: Thomas Juliusburger

35 Years: Sandra Batsu

30 Years: Edward V. Geist, Patricia A. Varvella

25 Years: Laura J. Greco, Richard P. Saporito, Francis A. Zolli

20 Years: Allen P. Cook, Joyce A. Cook, Angela DiMario, Emile Garcon (C&W), Byong Taik (Brian) Lim, Edina R. Oestreicher, Vanessa A. Walsh, Yanmin Yu

15 Years: Charles G. Breland, Peter B. Doneit, Alex Montes (Sodexo), Lori A. Noto, Saul Nunez (Sodexo), Rachel Paschael, Anabel Perdomo Peña (Sodexo), Chastity Reyes, Latisha Scott Reeves (Sodexo), Gabor Szilasi (Securitas), Puay-Lam Teo, Abhilasha Tibrewal

10 Years: Dave O. Benjamin, Victor Allan Bowman, Nancy L. Branchesi, Roberto Crespo (Securitas), Marlene Diaz, Martha Escobar (Sodexo), Christopher J. Good, Robert Hamilton (Sodexo), Heriberto Hernandez (Securitas), James Hernandez (Securitas), Josephina Hernandez (C&W), Nuriye Elif Kongar-Bahtiyar, Jeongkyu Lee, James J. Lehman, Donny Lopez (Sodexo), Nelson Marrero (C&W), Ruben Mejia (C&W), Kevin Minopoli (C&W), Juan Perez (C&W), Karen K. Ringwood, Tracy Ellen Ryan, Heather E. Siemon, Beth P. Skott, Eva L. Steinberg, David R. Terfera.

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ARTS & SCIENCES

Michael Martinez '14, Biology, held a post-graduate research position in the Department of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology at Yale after graduation, and *Andres Gomez '14, Biology* was awarded a research position at the Cardiothoracic Surgery Research Laboratory at Columbia University. Michael has now been accepted into the University of Connecticut Medical School.

Dusan Bogunovic '04, Biology, Business

Administration, has been noted for his work on the eradication of viruses. His research was described in the December issue of *Scientific American* as one of the “ten big advances that will change the world.” Dr. Bogunovic is now a professor and researcher at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York.

BUSINESS

Sai Vamshi Goud Esarapu, an MBA student in Business Communications, advised by Professor *Steven Rashba*, won the post-secondary division of the Fall 2016 Connecticut Stock Market Game. He constituted Team CT_40_ZZ170, and his \$104,779.10 brought him ahead of his closest competitors (another UB Team) by more than \$1,000. UB's Team CT_40_ZZ172 – *Qian Carol Gu, Akolade Abiola*, and *Sanya Suri* -- came in second, with \$103,685.97, narrowly beating a team from the University of New Haven. The competition is sponsored by SIFMA, the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, and the SIFMA Foundation and is an online simulation of the global capital markets. This victory continues UB's 12-year run of finishing first, second, or third in every such competition, and in first place in five of the last six years.

NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

Ryan Attar, a 2017 Naturopathic doctoral candidate, was diagnosed with diabetes while serving in the army. Two years ago he had a chance to spend 3 days with the influential diabetes specialist Dr. Richard Bernstein. Ryan wrote about his experience at <https://www.diabetesdaily.com/blog/2014/08/3-days-with-dr-bernstein/>, and he was subsequently listed on <http://www.diaverge.com/blog/2016/12/5/low-carb-diabetes-influencers>.

FACULTY & STAFF

ARTS & SCIENCES

Stergios Bibis, assistant visiting professor of biology, presented his research, “Characterization of Leishmania Major Phosphatidylethanolamine Methyltransferases LmjPEM1 and LmjPEM2 and Their Inhibition by Choline Analogs,” at the 47th Annual Fall Metropolitan Association of College and University Biologists Conference, held at Malloy College on November 1.

CHIROPRACTIC

Stephen M. Perle, professor of clinical sciences, was elected in December to the Executive Council (the governing board) of the Fédération Internationale de Chiropratique du Sport (International Federation of Sports Chiropractic, FICS).

DENTAL HYGIENE

Sandra Stramoski, assistant professor of dental hygiene, presented “Oral Care for Persons with Diabetes” at the “Living with Diabetes: Ask the Experts” symposium, held in November at the Yale-New Haven Health (YNHH) Northeast Medical Group facility in Trumbull. The meeting, attended by approximately 50 adults living with diabetes, was sponsored by YNHH and led by endocrinologist Dr. Joseph Rosa.

GLOBAL LEARNING INITIATIVES

Michael Lockshier, associate director of instructional design, and *Lauren Humphrey*, online advisor, co-presented at the November Online Learning Consortium's International Accelerate Conference, in Orlando, speaking about the way communication between instructional design and student advising creates a feedback loop allowing for continuous enhancements in both the course design and the student support experience.

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.