



UB Highlights

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News & Events for July 2009

July Admissions Events Summer Visit Day

Friday, July 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

High school students are invited to campus for a tour, meeting with current UB students, and an Admissions presentation. For questions and to RSVP, write to hweber@bridgeport.edu, or call 203-576-4286.



Saturday Morning Tour

Saturday, July 11, 9 and 11 a.m.

Prospective students are invited to sign up at www.bridgeport.edu/ub/tours for the July Saturday morning tour of the Bridgeport campus. Weekday tours may also be scheduled at the site.



S.T.A.R. Registration

Saturday, July 18

Incoming Freshmen may meet with academic advisors, register for classes, and finalize financial aid and health forms during the Summer Transition Advisement and Registration (S.T.A.R.). Campus tours will also be offered for new students and their families, and Financial Aid counselors and Residential Life staff will be available to answer questions. Sign up at www.bridgeport.edu/pages/3293.asp



Graduate Information Session

Thursday, July 30, 6-7:30 p.m.

Information will be offered on the following graduate programs at the Stamford Center, 5 Riverbend Drive: M.B.A., M.S. Counseling and Human Resource Development, M.S. Education (6th Year Certificate of Advanced Studies), M.S. Education (non-certification), M.S. Education (teacher certification). For informaton, write to ubstamford@bridgeport.edu, or call 203-358-0700.



Good News

The Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism has awarded UB a \$100,000 matching grant for historical restoration of Cortright Hall. Work will include restoring the porch, exterior brickwork and new Yankee gutters, and providing handicapped access. The University plans to apply yearly for this grant to continue the extensive work required to bring the building into good condition. Now the location of the University Relations Division, the house is part of the Marina Park Historic District and was built in 1890 as a summer residence. It was acquired by the University in 1950.



Fones School of Dental Hygiene was awarded three grants in June.

- Delta Dental of New Jersey Foundation has given \$5,000 to fund five \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded in the spring 2010 semester to dental hygiene students who demonstrate financial need and academic merit. Delta Dental also contributed \$50,000 in 2008, toward the renovation of the dental hygiene clinic on campus.
- The Connecticut Department of Social Services has given a \$50,000 grant to provide teeth cleanings and other services to Bridgeport children, many of whom lack insurance or other means to access oral health care. The one-year Dental Improvement Initiative Grant enables six Fones senior student hygienists and a clinical instructor to visit Tisdale Elementary School (which has its own dental clinic) three days a week to provide screenings, cleanings, fluoride treatments, and other care, along with oral health education to the children's families, for a ten-month period, starting September 2010. Students will also receive free toothbrushes, nutritional counseling, and dental-care education.
- Centrix, Inc., a leading manufacturer of dentistry products, has pledged \$25,000 to endow scholarships at Fones. Named in honor of Centrix founder Dr. William B. Dragan, a scholarship will be given each year to a dental hygiene student who demonstrates financial need and academic excellence. The first scholarship will be awarded for the 2009-10 academic year.

Bothered by marketing calls on your cell phone? The federal government recently released cell phone numbers to marketers and the public. Campus Security advises that you may call 1-888-382-1222 to have marketing calls blocked for a five-year period. You must call from the phone in question.

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ARTS & SCIENCES

Melissa Matos, incoming Graphic Design freshman, has been awarded the Rob Branham Scholarship by the Advertising Club of Connecticut. She received the \$1,000 scholarship May 20 at the club's 55th Annual Awards Show. Prof. *Amy Papaelias* put Melissa in touch with UB alumnus *Fred Caserta '93*, creative director of Caserta Design Company of Stratford, who sponsored Melissa for the award.

Senad Ibrahimbegovic and *Ana Gitelman*, Graphic Design, and *Luv Bajaj*, Industrial Design, received Pencil Awards in May from the Ad Club of Connecticut for their design projects. Luv's award was for his design of the Wahlstrom Café, the newly opened coffee bar in the library.

DENTAL HYGIENE

Linda Merlino '67, was awarded second place in Best Fiction of 2009 by the Connecticut Press Club, at their 2009 Awards Banquet, on May 7, for her novel, *Belly of the Whale*. Writing in her spare time, Linda continues her dental hygiene practice. Learn more about her at www.lindamerlino.com.

2009 Distinguished Alumni Awards

At a dinner on June 4, in the DuPont Tower Room, the University was proud to honor

Ivan Barbalic '97, ambassador to the United Nations for Bosnia and Herzegovina, he was president of the Student Center Board while at UB.

Dennis L. Brotherton '86, Diagnostics engineer at Sikorsky Aircraft, he is a longtime member of UB's Alumni Board.

Clayton A. Friedberg '84, a CPA and member of the accounting firm Friedberg, Smith & Co., he is an adjunct professor of accounting and taxation and a 30-year member of UB's auditing board.

Karen E. Smith Friedberg '59, former corporate and alumni relations director at UB, she serves the community through wide-ranging activities.

Merle Berke-Schlessel '86, magna com laude graduate of the UB Law School, she is now president and CEO of the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County.

FACULTY & STAFF

ADMISSIONS

Bryan Gross, assistant dean of undergraduate admissions, co-authored (with J. Sibley Law) an April 9 article on streamingmedia.com about UB's use of YouTube as a student recruitment tool. His interesting case study of UB admissions thinking is available at <http://www.streamingmedia.com/r/printerfriendly.asp?id=11130>.

ARTS & SCIENCES

Brian Miller, adjunct professor of graphic design, received three 2009 American Web Design Awards from *Graphic Design USA Magazine*.

CHIROPRACTIC

Stephen M. Perle, professor of clinical sciences, was elected vice-chair of the Association of Chiropractic Colleges Research Directors Committee.

EDUCATION

Margaret Queenan, assistant professor of language arts and reading, gave a presentation entitled "Retain Unprepared College Students? Yes We Can!" at the College Reading and Learning Association Northeast Region Conference in April. She was also elected president of the Connecticut Association for Reading Research for 2009-10.

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

Dave Benjamin, assistant professor and chair of IPED, presented a paper, "The Last Resort: A Case for Humanitarian Intervention in the Responsibility to Protect," on the Human Rights and Just War panel at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association on May 8. He also served as chair and discussant on the National Security Issues panel that day.

LIBRARY

Sarah Hutton, reference and instruction librarian, and *Andrea Sicari*, instruction and information literacy librarian, together with Prof. *Stephen Perle*, presented a workshop at the Association of Chiropractic Colleges meeting in March, entitled "Web 2.0 and Technology for Information Transfer."

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](mailto:Rebecca.Salonen@bridgeport.edu), UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu, or call x4988.