



UB Highlights

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News & Events for February 1-15, 2015

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Monday, February 16

Presidents Day: No Classes, Offices Closed

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE

Friday, February 6

Last Day to Drop Courses without Penalty

Saturday Morning Tour

Saturday, Feb. 7, 11 a.m.-noon

The Office of Admissions conducts weekday campus tours at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 2 p.m. For students and families unable to join us on a weekday, campus tours on Saturday mornings begin at 11 a.m. Register online or contact *Miguel Arroyo*, marroyo@bridgeport.edu.



IDEAL Info Sessions

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 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) locations. To register, or for more information, visit www.bridgeport.edu/ideal. Those who are unable to attend the information sessions may arrange an appointment with an admissions counselor by emailing idealinfo@bridgeport.edu or calling 203-576-4800.



Chroma Is Key

Friday, Feb. 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

A reception to open the new installation "Chroma Is Key (Freedom from the Grey)" will be held in the Schelfhault Gallery of the Bernhard Center. The chroma of a color is a measure of how pure, intense, or saturated it is. Artists Cheres Espinosa, Chris Moss, Michael Sorgatz, Jodi Strmiska, and Mark Williams explore the ways they use color – at times light and modest, and at other times intense and vivid. Free and open to all, but kindly RSVP to lchristi@bridgeport.edu or call 203-576-4151. The exhibition will continue through March 6, during gallery hours, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

Purple Knights Home Athletic Events February 1-15, 2015



Men's Basketball

Feb. 7 (Sat.), 3 p.m., NYIT @ Hubbell Gym

Feb. 13 (Fri.), 7 p.m., Roberts Wesleyan @ Hubbell Gym

Feb. 14 (Sat.), 4 p.m., Daemen @ Hubbell Gym

Women's Basketball

Feb. 7 (Sat.), 1 p.m., NYIT @ Hubbell Gym

Feb. 13 (Fri.), 5 p.m., Roberts Wesleyan @ Hubbell Gym

Feb. 14 (Sat.), 2 p.m., Daemen @ Hubbell Gym

UB Community Service

Connecticut Campus Compact, which oversees AmeriCorps and VISTA programs, has named UB to its annual Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, recognizing its role in addressing community problems and launching students on a lifelong path of civic engagement. According to Dean of Students *Edina Oestreicher*, half of UB students volunteer or engage in community service each year.

The weekend before Thanksgiving, 12 UB students observed the Fall 2014 Alternative Break at the Heifer International Farm in Rutland, MA. They lived in the simulated "global villages" of Guatemala, Thailand, Zambia, and Appalachia, doing farm chores, preparing their own meals, and learning about rural poverty.

On January 19, UB held its 11th Annual MLK Day of Service, conducting 10 different service projects in Bridgeport. More than 500 volunteers participated, and Congressman *Jim Himes* joined in, meeting with volunteers at the Feeding Children Everywhere project and packing a few meals. Read the full story about both events at <http://www.ubecome.org>.

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ATHLETICS

Tiara Aziz was named ECC Women's Basketball Player of the Week on January 1, and **Willie Williams III** was ECC Men's Basketball Player of the Week on January 5 and 20.

Brianna Comport and **Kelsey Campbell** were named ECAC NCAA Div. II Gymnastics Specialist and Rookie of the Week, respectively, on January 20.

Basketball Comeback Stories

In a long post, "ECC Men's Basketball Insider: Court of Second Chances," on January 22, http://www.eccsports.org/sports/mbkb/2014-15/releases/012215_eccmbbinsider, Christopher Granozio praised the philosophy of UB's Head Men's Basketball Coach **Mike Ruane** and described the turnaround stories of several of the 2014-15 Purple Knights – **Willie Williams III**, **Mike Theophil**, **Ernest Rouse**, and **Kraig Lewis**. Since 2000, Coach Ruane has been rebuilding UB's legendary basketball teams, reaching the Div. II Sweet Sixteen two years ago and heading for great things this year too. He says, "We love the comeback story. The kind you see in the movies."

Good News

For the third consecutive year, UB's online programs were ranked among the nations best, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* "2015 Best Online Education Programs." Our M.S. in information technology was 13th, our online engineering track was in the best 50, and our bachelor's degree in general studies was in the top 100. UB was the first university in Connecticut to offer online classes, in 1997, when it began its e-courses in human nutrition. This year more than 600 distance learning students are enrolled in over 250 online classes, in 8 online degree programs. The Global Learning Initiative has been launched to enhance and expand our distance learning curricula, adding cutting-edge resource materials, technology upgrades, and faculty training.

FACULTY & STAFF

ARTS & SCIENCES

Eric D. Lehman, senior lecturer in English and director of the creative writing program, has published with Garnet Books *Homegrown Terror: Benedict Arnold and the Burning of New London*. He presented his new book on January 22 at R. J. Julia Booksellers, in Madison.

John Nicholas, professor of geology, was featured in an article in the *Connecticut Post* on January 17, in which he advised about Connecticut geological history and its connection to the recent small earthquakes in the state. See the photo and read more at <http://www.ctpost.com/local/article/Connecticut-s-quakes-unusual-6023430.php>.

ENGINEERING

Irv Ojalvo, former chair of the Mechanical Engineering Department, and **Lawrence V. Hmurcik**, professor of electrical engineering, served as experts in a class action lawsuit in which four homes in Massachusetts burned down, supposedly because of fires caused by the heaters used to warm the water in home aquariums. Ojalvo and Hmurcik showed that the heaters had maintained their UL safety standard even in wet and damp conditions. They found that three ceiling light fixtures and one ground-level power strip were the source of the fires. Each home had caught fire after the damp air acted as an electrical short circuit in the devices.

Welcome to UB!

Director of Athletics **Anthony Vitti** announced on December 15 that **Marushka Eddy** has been appointed the Purple Knights' new assistant athletic director for compliance. Marushka has served as head coach for women's field hockey and lacrosse at Lasell College and at SUNY-Oswego. She is currently a candidate for a master of sports leadership degree from Northeastern University.

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.