



UB Highlights

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News & Events for September 1-15, 2016

Purple Knights Home Athletic Events September 1-15, 2016

Men's Soccer

Sept. 1 (Thurs.), 7 p.m., Nyack @ Knights Field

Sept. 8 (Thurs.), 7 p.m., Dominican @ Knights Field

Sept. 10 (Sat.), 7 p.m., Merrimack @ Knights Field

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Friday, September 2

Last Day to Drop Classes without Penalty for Health Sciences Students

Monday, September 5

Labor Day Holiday
No Classes, Offices Closed

Monday, September 9

Last Day to Elect Pass/Fail or Add Courses for Undergraduate and Graduate Students

Men's Soccer Tailgate Party

Thursday, Sept. 1, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to a pre-game barbecue at Knights Field preceding the Purple Knights' game with Nyack. Purple wearing apparel is most appropriate. Sponsored by the Office for Campus Activities and Civic Engagement.



Publication Anniversary

Wednesday, Sept. 7, 5:30 p.m.

UB's CPIA will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the publication of *After Auschwitz*, whose author, Dr. **Richard Rubenstein**, is UB's President Emeritus and Distinguished Research Professor of Religion. A reception will be held in the duPont Tower Room of the Bernhard Center, followed by a conversation with Dr. Rubenstein led by Provost **Stephen Healey** and Dr. **Judy Greenberg**. Free and open to all. For more information call the College of Public and International Affairs, 203-576-4966.



A complete list of opening events for the Fall 2016 semester, including faculty and administration meetings, registration and advising, and other events offered specifically for students, is available on the UB Portal or at

http://www.bridgeport.edu/docs/Events/2016_Fall_Opening_Event_Schedule_for_Faculty_Staff.pdf.

Education Info Sessions

Bridgeport: Thurs., Sept. 8, 6-7 p.m.
Wahlstrom Library, 6th floor

Stamford: Weds., Sept. 14, 6-7 p.m.
5 Riverbend Drive, Bldg. 5

Register online for a session providing information about the School of Education's application process and program details. These sessions are especially useful for those interested in initial teacher certification. For more information, contact **Leanne Proctor**, lproctor@bridgeport.edu.



Sexual Harassment Training

Friday, Sept. 9, 3 p.m.

A two-hour training session addressing prevention of sex- and gender-based harassment and discrimination will be provided in the Private Dining Room of the Student Center on Friday, September 9, at 3 p.m. Attendance at a session is mandatory for all University employees with supervisory or management responsibilities and complies with the State of Connecticut training requirements. Light refreshments and beverages will be available. Supervisory and management employees should indicate their attendance by writing to hr@bridgeport.edu.



Saturday Morning Tour

Saturday, Sept. 10, 11 a.m.

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 visit on a weekday, campus tours on Saturday mornings begin at 11 a.m., from the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library. Register online or contact **Jessica Crowley**, jessiccr@bridgeport.edu.



Counseling Info Session

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Information will be provided in Bates Hall on UB's M.S. in Counseling, offered through two programs: Clinical Mental Health and College Student Personnel. An admissions presentation and campus tour will be given. Register online or contact **Leanne Proctor**, lproctor@bridgeport.edu or 203-576-4352.



Distinguished Alumni Dinner

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 6-8 p.m.

The UB community is cordially invited to attend a reception and dinner in the duPont Tower Room of the Bernhard Center celebrating the 2016 class of Distinguished Alumni: **James Forde '13; Jahana Hayes '14; William Manning '87, '89; and Judy Thompson '76**. Register online or contact **Lindsey Toper**, 203-576-4151, or email alumni@bridgeport.edu. Tickets are \$75, or \$750 for a table, to benefit the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.



IDEAL Info Session

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 6-7 p.m.

An information session on the IDEAL program will be offered at UB's Stamford Center, 5 Riverbend Drive, Building 5, covering the program structure, academic offerings, transfer policy, admission requirements, program cost and financial aid. Prospective students will have an opportunity to discuss their educational goals with an admissions counselor. IDEAL offers accelerated evening, weekend, and online courses for adults 23 and older who wish to complete an undergraduate degree while managing work, family, and other responsibilities. Register online or contact **Eve Liptak**, 203-576-4828 or jliptak@bridgeport.edu.

Appointments

To further the development of the University's health sciences programs, **David Brady**, who has been serving as Vice Provost for the Health Sciences, has been named Vice President for Health Sciences. He will collaborate with Provost Healey, Senior Vice President Sobh, and health sciences program leaders to promote UB's culture of research and scholarship, outcomes assessments, and continued accreditation of UB's health sciences initiatives. Dr. Brady will continue serving as director of the Human Nutrition Institute.



Theresa V. Horvath has been appointed program director of the Physician Assistant Institute (PAI), effective September 1, 2016. She will provide overall leadership, administration, and management of PAI, promoting quality education for its students. Ms. Horvath has 18 years' experience in physician assistant education, most recently as assistant dean and program director at the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education at CCNY. She has also held academic appointments at Hofstra University, Mercy College, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, and the State University of New York Health Science Center.

NIH Grant

Christine Hempowicz, director of the Office of Sponsored Research and Programs, and **Ruba Deeb**, director of biomedical research development and research associate professor of bioengineering, principal investigators, have been awarded a five-year, \$450,000 grant by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for their project, "Enhancing Research Administration at an Emerging Research Institution in Urban Southwestern Connecticut." As part of the grant award, Dr. Hempowicz attended an intensive, two-week residency training at NIH in May. This award is the first NIH grant awarded to UB in at least 24 years.

In Memoriam

The University is saddened to learn of the recent death of **Leland W. Miles**, who led UB as its president from 1974 to 1987. He joined the University in 1963 as dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, left in 1967 to become president of Alfred University, and then returned to UB in 1974. After his retirement he lived in Sarasota, Florida. Details of a memorial observance will be announced in the future.

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

BUSINESS

Michael Asmerom, a senior majoring in business management with a minor in communications, has been awarded a National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) scholarship. A serial entrepreneur, Asmerom ran his first company, a clothing line he called “No Sleep,” from his dorm room while he was a freshman. His second business, Superior EBooks, is an online textbook subscription service launched with the guidance of advisers at UB’s entrepreneurship center. Asmerom will receive the award at NABA’s 2016 Night of Stars Scholarship and Awards Celebration, on September 7.

CHIROPRACTIC

Robert G. Silverman D.C. '99, M.S. '01, published *Inside-Out Health: A Revolutionary Approach to Your Body* in August. Dr. Silverman is a certified clinical and sports nutritionist, and has a practice in White Plains specializing in treatment of joint pain. He serves on the advisory board of the Functional Medicine University and is a contributor to Fox News Radio.

Donations Invited

Christina Sorrentino, a graduate assistant serving in the Center for Career Development, has announced the opening of the Career Closet, which will allow UB students to access appropriate attire for job and internship interviews.

Donations of professional clothing are invited, including men’s and women’s suits, ties, men’s and women’s dress shirts, women’s professional skirts and dresses, and dress shoes. All items must be lightly worn and should be freshly laundered or cleaned.

Clothing may be dropped off at the Career Development Office, Wahlstrom G119, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Christine or the Career Development Office, 203-576-4466.

FACULTY & STAFF

Professors **Ryan McCulloch** (Mathematics), **Nancy DeJarnette** (Education), and **Jani Pallis** (Engineering) teamed up to develop and facilitate a NGSS K-12 Engineering Design and Earth and Space Science Workshop at the Discovery Museum and Planetarium in August. The workshop was funded by the NASA Connecticut Space Grant Consortium and was offered to K-12 teachers in Bridgeport and Hartford. The workshop curriculum will also be available online through UB’s Global Learning Initiatives.

ENGINEERING

Lawrence Hmurcik, professor of electrical engineering, is assisting mechanical engineers **Kris Seluga**, **Jonathan Hartsch**, **Bob Crawford**, and **Irv Ojalvo** (former head of UB’s Mechanical Engineering Department) on a number of cases of burns caused by TENS (transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation). In this technique, as electricity is applied to the skin it penetrates into the body and massages the muscles. The burns cases have resulted from incidents occurring in many places across the country. While very different, all cases show that the electrodes applied to the skin were not fresh and/or were not applied according to proper medical protocol. Electricity collected on the skin surface and caused massive burns to patients.

Mandated Training

Under state and federal laws, all University employees are considered “Responsible Employees” for reporting sexual assault or other acts of relationship violence against students. Preventive training is being offered online and must be completed before September 30, 2016. Faculty and staff members should consult with their supervisors to arrange time during work hours to take the training, which comprises two parts. For more information, please contact the Office of Human Resources, 203-576-4588, or email hr@bridgeport.edu.

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.