



# UB Highlights

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News & Events for March 15-31, 2016

## RN-to-BSN Info Session

*Tuesday, Mar. 15, 4:30-5:30 p.m.*

Those interested in joining UB's RN to BSN Hybrid Completion Program are invited to an afternoon session to meet the faculty and tour the state-of-the-art Nursing Skills and Simulation Center, on the 7th floor of the Health Sciences Center. Register online, and bring your transcripts to get details about transfer credit and program planning. For more information, contact **Martine Bernadel**, [mbernad@bridgeport.edu](mailto:mbernad@bridgeport.edu), or 203-576-2025.



## Financial Aid Workshop #2

*Wednesday, Mar. 16, 6-8 p.m.*

Prospective students are invited to join Student Financial Services and the Office of Admissions for a free workshop that aims to guide new undergraduate students through the entire FAFSA process. Participants should bring their own and their parents' 2015 tax information. If necessary, tax information may be estimated for the FAFSA but will have to be updated when returns are completed. Register online or contact **Jessica Crowley**, 203-576-4812 or [jessiccr@bridgeport.edu](mailto:jessiccr@bridgeport.edu) for more information.



## Education Info Sessions

*Wednesday, Mar. 16, 6-7 p.m.*

Prospective students are invited to learn about the programs of UB's School of Education by attending a session on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library. Information will be provided about the application process and program details. The session will be especially useful for those interested in initial teacher certification.

*Thursday, Mar. 24, 6-7 p.m.*

An information session will be held at UB's Waterbury Center, 84 Progress Lane, explaining the application process and program details for the School of Education.

For either session, register online or contact **Leanne Proctor**, [lproctor@bridgeport.edu](mailto:lproctor@bridgeport.edu), for more information.



## Purple Knights Home Athletic Events March 15-31, 2016

### Baseball

**Mar. 26 (Sat.), 12 & 3 p.m., Queens @ Harbor Yard**

**Mar. 31 (Thurs.), 3 p.m., Mercy @ Harbor Yard**

### Gymnastics (Women's)

**Mar. 19 (Sat.), 1 p.m., 2016 ECAC Div. II Championship @ Wheeler Recreation Center**

### Lacrosse (Women's)

**Mar. 16 (Weds.), 3 p.m., Dominican @ Knights Field**

**Mar. 19 (Sat.), 6 p.m., Molloy @ Knights Field**

**Mar. 23 (Weds.), 3 p.m., Post @ Knights field**

**Mar. 28 (Mon.), 3 p.m., Felician @ Knights Field**

### Softball

**Mar. 22 (Tues.), 2:30 & 4:30 p.m., Mercy @ Seaside Park**

**Mar. 25 (Fri.), 2:30 & 4:30 p.m., Post @ Seaside Park**

**Mar. 30 (Weds.), 2:30 & 4:30 p.m., Molloy @ Seaside Park**

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

**Tuesday, March 15**

Last Day to Apply for May Graduation

**Sunday, March 13-Sunday March 20**

Spring Break, No Classes

**Monday, March 21**

Mid-Semester Grades Due

**Monday, March 28-Friday, May 6**

Register for Summer and Fall 2016 Semesters

## Naturopathic Student Day

*Monday, Mar. 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.*

Prospective students are invited to the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library to gain an insider's perspective on UB's College of Naturopathic Medicine. The event includes an admissions presentation, tour, class observation, and lunch with faculty members and current students. Register online or contact **Leanne Proctor**, [lproctor@bridgeport.edu](mailto:lproctor@bridgeport.edu), for more information.



## Physician Assistant Info

*Monday, Mar. 21, 5:30-6:30 p.m.*

Those considering undertaking the Master of Science, Physician Assistant, are invited to attend an information session, on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library, explaining the application process and program details. Register online or contact **Leanne Proctor**, 203-576-4552, or [lproctor@bridgeport.edu](mailto:lproctor@bridgeport.edu), for more information.



## Necessary Voices

*Thursday, Mar. 24, 4:30-6:30 p.m.*

**David K. Leff**, essayist, poet, and lecturer, will present "The Awakened Eye: Reading Everyday Landscapes," in the Littlefield Recital Hall of the Bernhard Center. Mr. Leff is a former deputy commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and serves as the Canton, Connecticut, town historian. His lecture is free and open to the public.



## UB Alumni Art Show

*Thursday, Mar. 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.*

Alumni, friends, family, and guests are invited to a reception opening the 5th annual exhibition of artworks created by UB alumni, in the Schelfhault Gallery of the Bernhard Center. The event is free, but please RSVP by March 21 to [alumni@bridgeport.edu](mailto:alumni@bridgeport.edu), or 203-576-4151. The exhibition will be open to the public from March 24 to April 9 during regular gallery hours, Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday noon-4 p.m.

## Give Kids a Smile 2016

The Fones School of Dental Hygiene is offering full preventive dental hygiene services free of charge to children ages 1-18. Contact the Dental Hygiene Clinic at 203-576-4137 for an appointment. The service will include an exam, cleaning, fluoride treatment, x-rays, sealants, oral hygiene instruction, and a goody bag! The program runs until April 29, 2016.

## PAI News

In early January, **Miro Paridis**, **Vanessa Carmona**, **Jenna Stoller**, **Robin Fiftal**, **Liliya Tereschchuck**, and **Brad Pettiti**, members of the Physician Assistant Institute Class of 2017, accompanied by professors **Stephanie Kunkel** and **Medeya Tsnobiladze**, traveled to Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, whose three local clinics are understaffed and undersupplied. The students' four months of fundraising beforehand allowed them to donate blood pressure cuffs, glucometers, stethoscopes, sterile gloves, thermometers, first-aid supplies, and an AED to the clinics. The students also administered vaccinations, measured pediatric heights and weights, took vital signs, performed physical exams and treated sick patients, using both allopathic and naturopathic perspectives, the integrated approach favored at UB. In their free time they taught CPR to the staffs of the clinics and of a local women's shelter.



In February, PAI Class of '16 President **Bryan Jennings** and **Brett Healey '16** joined **Carolyn McCann**, associate PAI director, at Sacred Heart University, where they spoke to pre-PA students about the profession.



On March 5, UB's Physician Assistant Institute hosted more than 200 students and faculty from physician assistant programs at Quinnipiac, Yale, Lock Haven, and Johnson and Wales universities, for the 2016 Student Leadership Conference: "Beyond the Classroom and Preparing for Your Future." Following the conference, students competed in the Connecticut Physician Assistant Medical Challenge Bowl. UB's PAI team (students **Lauren Kelly**, **Ryan Madden**, and **Timothy Wright**) was the winner and will go to Texas in May for the national competition.

## STEAM

**Nancy DeJarnette**, associate professor of teacher education and director of the elementary education program in UB's School of Education, is conducting an education research project with the Bridgeport ABCD Early Learning Center. Early STEM exposure is believed to positively affect elementary students' perception of STEM. The goal of the current research is to positively impact the implementation of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, *Arts* and Math) lessons in the early childhood classroom through providing professional development for teachers. Dr. DeJarnette received a UB seed grant that covers all resources and materials for the project.

# UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

## STUDENTS & ALUMNI

### CHIROPRACTIC

**Norman Eng '07**, has been appointed to the medical staff for the U.S. Olympics Team this year. Previously, he was a member of the sports medicine team for the 2015 Outdoor Track and Field World Championships and the 2014 Indoor Track and Field World Championships, among other events. See more at [http://www.georgiasportschiropractic.com/?page\\_id=722](http://www.georgiasportschiropractic.com/?page_id=722)

**Trish Sileo '17** won the National Student American Chiropractic Association [SACA] Scholarship, **George Auode '17** was elected National SACA Legislative Vice-Chair, and **Alona Huber '17** won the SACA's Got Talent competition during the National Chiropractic Leadership Conference in Washington February 24-27. Professors **Richard Saporito**, **Matthew Funk**, and **James Lehman** accompanied the group as they lobbied Congress on chiropractic issues. UBCC SACA's Executive Board includes **George Auode**, **Rachel Moores**, **Jared Bornstein**, **Trisha Sileo**, and **Don Shrump**.

## Faculty Research Day 2016

All students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend Faculty Research Day, April 1, 2016, to be held in the Bernhard Center. Registration and poster submissions for participants in all categories are due by **Friday, March 18**. A draft schedule of the day's activities, along with links to poster instructions, templates and submission forms, can be found at <http://www.bridgeport.edu/frd>. Questions? Please email [research@bridgeport.edu](mailto:research@bridgeport.edu) for some answers.

## FACULTY & STAFF

### CHIROPRACTIC

**James Lehman**, professor of clinical sciences, on February 26 was awarded the American Chiropractic Association's Presidential Award for his many years of outstanding leadership and service to the profession.

### ENGINEERING

**Lawrence Hmurcik**, professor of electrical engineering, and **Jonathan Hartzsch**, a mechanical engineer, investigated a subway accident in which a person was pushed off the platform onto the third rail, which is charged at 600 volts or 5 times household electrical voltage. The man lay on the rail for several minutes and sustained serious injuries, though he miraculously survived. Hmurcik found the subway partially liable, since the auto-shut-off switch failed to cut off power to the rail.

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

**Jennie Farnell**, assistant director, contributed to a March 5 radio podcast and blog post with Larry Ferlazzo on BAM! Radio and Education Week Teacher website. The topic was "Ways to Support ELLs with Special Needs." (ELLs are English Language Learners.) See <http://www.bamradionetwork.com/classroom-q-and-a/3719-identifying-ells-with-special-needs-how-can-you-know> and [http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/classroom\\_qa\\_with\\_larry\\_ferlazzo/2016/03/response\\_ways\\_to\\_support\\_ells\\_with\\_special\\_needs.html](http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/classroom_qa_with_larry_ferlazzo/2016/03/response_ways_to_support_ells_with_special_needs.html)

### HEALTH SCIENCES

**David Brady**, Vice Provost for Health Sciences and director of the Human Nutritoin Institute, has had a paper on which he collaborated with colleagues in California and Italy published in *Gynecological Endocrinology* and indexed on PubMed. See <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=Inositol's+and+other+nutraceuticals'+synergistic+actions+counteract+insulin+resistance+in+polycystic+ovarian+syndrome+and+metabolic+syndrome%3A+state-of-the-art+and+future+perspectives>

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