



# UB Highlights

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News & Events for April 15-30, 2016

## LATE BUT GREAT

Information on the following arrived too late for the April 1-15 Highlights issue.

### Environmentalism Speaks

Wednesday, April 13, 2-4 p.m.

*Aabid Surti*, a tireless and wry promoter of environmental reform (and a working cartoonist) will lecture in the Discovery Pavilion of the Wahlstrom Library, speaking about his quest to conserve the earth's water, an effort that began when he noticed a leaking tap at a friend's house in his native Mumbai. According to the EPA, a leaking tap can waste over 6,300 gallons of water per month. Surti began dedicating his Sundays to repairing leaky faucets, naming his one-man campaign the Drop Dead Foundation. This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by *Christian Bach*.



### Necessary Voices

Wednesday, April 13, 9 p.m.

"Da Basement," a poetry reading and release party for the student literary magazine, *Groundswell*, will be held in the Great Room of the Student Center. This is the final event in the Necessary Voices series for the spring 2016 semester, and everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the reading.

## Purple Knights Home Athletic Events

April 15-30, 2016

### Baseball

- Apr. 16 (Sat.), 12 & 3 p.m., LIU Post @ West Haven High School
- Apr. 19 (Tues.), 4 p.m., Wilmington @ Harbor Yard
- Apr. 24 (Sun.), 12 p.m., Concordia @ Knights Field
- Apr. 26 (Tues.), 6 p.m., Assumption @ Knights Field
- Apr. 27 (Weds.), 6 p.m., Dominican @ Knights Field
- Apr. 29 (Fri.), 11 a.m., St. Thomas Aquinas @ Knights Field

### Lacrosse (Women's)

- Apr. 30 (Sat.), 7 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas @ Knights Field

### Softball

- Apr. 17 (Sun.), 1 & 3 p.m., Dowling @ Seaside Park
- Apr. 21 (Thurs.), 3 & 5 p.m., LIU Post @ Seaside Park
- Apr. 22 (Fri.), 3 & 5 p.m., Holy Family @ Seaside Park
- Apr. 23 (Sat.), 12 & 2 p.m., NYIT @ Seaside Park

## Accepted Students Day

Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Students whose applications to study at UB have been accepted are invited to campus, where they will have a chance to sample what it's like to be a UB student. Activities begin in the Wheeler Recreation Center and include a continental breakfast reception, student clubs and organizations fair, a classroom "test drive," lunch with current students and faculty, and financial aid assistance. Register online or contact *Jessica Crowley*, [jessiccr@bridgeport.edu](mailto:jessiccr@bridgeport.edu), for more information.



## Health Sciences Open House

Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m.

In a session on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library, prospective students will be introduced to the application process and details of the following graduate programs: Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Dental Hygiene (M.S. only), Naturopathic Medicine, Nutrition, Physician Assistant, Doctor of Health Sciences. Register online, or contact *Leanne Proctor*, [lproctor@bridgeport.edu](mailto:lproctor@bridgeport.edu), for more information.



## RN-to-BSN Info Sessions

*Tuesday, Apr. 19, 4:30-5:30 p.m.*

*Thursday, Apr. 28, 8:30-9:30 a.m.*

Those interested in joining UB's RN to BSN Hybrid Completion Program are invited to choose a morning or 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 Night #1

*Tuesday, April 19, 6-8 p.m.*

Prospective students are invited to the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library for an informative presentation about paying for college. Students will have an opportunity to meet with a financial aid counselor regarding financial aid packages. Register online or contact **Jessica Crowley**, [jessiccr@bridgeport.edu](mailto:jessiccr@bridgeport.edu), for more information.



## An Evening with the Mayor

*Tuesday, April 19, 6-7 p.m.*

"The University of Bridgeport and the Park City: A New Partnership Comes Alive": The College of Public and International Affairs will host the first official campus speaking event with Bridgeport's new mayor, **Joseph P. Ganim**, in the duPont Tower Room of the Bernhard Center. A 5:30 reception will be followed by the mayor's speech, at 6. The event is free and open to the campus community.



## UB Music Spring Concerts

*Wednesday, April 20, 6:30 p.m.*

In the Mertens Theater of the Bernhard Center, performances of the UB Chamber Singers, UB Percussion Group, UB Fusion Ensemble, and the University Singers. Free and open to the public.

*Wednesday, April 27, 7 p.m.*

Debut of the Knights' Ensemble, a large concert band conducted by UB's Dr. **Mark Vickers**, in the Mertens Theater of the Bernhard Center. The 30-member band will perform medleys from "Phantom of the Opera" and the Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper" album, among other music. Free and open to all.

*Thursday, April 28, 7 p.m.*

Senior recital of **TaeKeira Jackson '16**, soprano, in the Littlefield Recital Hall of the Bernhard Center. Everyone is invited to attend.



## Graduate Info Session

*Thursday, April 21, 6-7:30 p.m.*

Students interested in the graduate programs of the University of Bridgeport are invited to attend a session on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library explaining the application process and program details. Programs represented are those in health sciences, education, business, engineering, design management, counseling, and public and international affairs. Register online or contact **Leanne Proctor**, [lproctor@bridgeport.edu](mailto:lproctor@bridgeport.edu) or 203-576-4352, for more information.



## Executive Speaker Series

*Tuesday, April 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m.*

The Ernest C. Trefz School of Business presents **Joseph Siclare**, CFO of the National Football League, who will speak on "The Business behind America's Favorite Sport." Mr. Siclare joined the NFL in 1992 as controller and treasurer. He holds a degree in public accounting and is responsible for the financial management of the league-level business entities, also overseeing club business development, corporate strategy and development, and labor finance. In the Jacobson Lecture Hall, Mandeville 104. The event is free and open to all, but seating is limited. RSVP to [ezoppi@bridgeport.edu](mailto:ezoppi@bridgeport.edu) or 203-576-4384.



## Sammis Lecture Series

*Weds., April 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m.*

CPIA presents **Zhiqun Zhu**, speaking on "U.S.-China Economic Rivalry in Asia and Beyond." Professor Zhu is director of the China Institute at Bucknell University and author of *China's New Diplomacy: Rationale, Strategies, and Significance*. A wine and cheese reception begins at 5:30 in the duPont Tower Room of the Bernhard Center, with a panel discussion and Q&A to follow. Free and open to the public, but RSVP to [lchristi@bridgeport.edu](mailto:lchristi@bridgeport.edu) or 203-576-4151.



## SASD Senior Show

*Thursday, April 28, 4-6 p.m.*

A reception will be held in the Schelfhauadt Gallery of the Bernhard Center to open the annual Senior Design Show, exhibiting the impressive work of graduating SASD students in Industrial, Graphic, and Interior Design programs. The event will allow the community to view this year's projects created by our Design seniors. Everyone is invited.



# Education Info Session

*Thursday, April 28, 6-7 p.m.*

Prospective students are invited to learn about the programs of UB's School of Education by attending a session at UB's Stamford Center, 5 Riverbend Drive, Building 5. Information will be provided about the application process and program details. Register online or contact **Leanne Proctor**, [lproctor@bridgeport.edu](mailto:lproctor@bridgeport.edu), for more information.



# Education Career Fair

*Saturday, April 30, 9:30 a.m.-noon*

UB's Graduate School of Education and the Center for Career Development are partnering to showcase the variety of dynamic career opportunities available to professional educators. The fair will be held in Carlson Hall, Main Level, on the University of Bridgeport main campus. All future and current UB graduate educators are invited to attend. Participants should bring multiple copies of their current resumes for submission to the participating schools and districts. For more information contact **Keith Hassell**, director of career development, at [khassell@bridgeport.edu](mailto:khassell@bridgeport.edu).



## FACULTY RESEARCH DAY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT POSTER AWARDS

On the 2016 Faculty Research Day, Friday, April 1, the following undergraduate students received awards for their work:

- 1st Place:** **Alyssa Rosso**, Health Sciences, "Ecology of the Broom Crowberry (*Corema conradii*), a Pine Barren Perennial." Advisor, **Kathleen Engelmann**
- 2nd Place:** **Loren Cagno**, Biology, "The Influence of Fire Among the Habitats of Organisms Depending upon Water Content and pH Levels in Soil of Various Environments." Advisor, **Kathleen Engelmann**
- 3rd Place:** **Luis Rivera**, Biology, "Physical Manifestations with Neurofibromatosis." Advisors, **Devin Kelliher** and **David Terfera**
- Honorable Mention:** **Arijeta Gjennica**, Biology, "The Absence of Soil Dwelling Microflora Will Decrease the Fitness of *Arabidopsis thaliana* in Presence of Opportunistic Funga Such as *Penicillium* spp." Advisor, **Kathleen Engelmann**

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE

**Friday, April 29**

Last Day of Classes

## Good News

School of Education professors **Joanna Badara** and **Nelson Ngoh**, joined by Engineering professors **Buket Barkana** and **Navarun Gupta** and Arts & Sciences professor **Maria Gherasimova**, along with their collaborator, **Fernand Brunschwing**, a Columbia University science education and physics professor, organized a 3-hour professional development workshop on March 19 for science teachers. The initiative was the result of a new partnership between UB and STEMTeachersNYC, as part of the National Science Foundation grant for science teacher education research on which Dr. Badara and her UB collaborators have worked for the past two years. Thirteen science teachers from schools in Connecticut and New York City participated. The workshop was led by high school teacher leaders previously trained by STEMTeachersNYC.



**Jennifer Brett**, director of UB's Acupuncture Institute, has announced that on February 27 the Master of Science in Traditional Chinese Medicine program at UB was awarded programmatic accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM).



**Karissa Peckham**, previously dean of admissions, has been promoted to associate vice president for enrollment. Her new title reflects additional areas of responsibility, including supervising the university-wide admissions effort and working with vendors and internal personnel in marketing our programs in traditional and digital formats.

**Aaron Perkus** will be joining the Provost's Office in mid-May as associate provost. Dr. Perkus served most recently as associate dean at Fairfield University and previously at Norwalk Community College. He will supervise online programming, serving as primary liaison to the Connecticut Office of Higher Education, organizing program and dean review, furthering prior learning assessment and articulation agreements, and supporting the provost in additional areas.

# UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

## STUDENTS & ALUMNI

### ATHLETICS

*Brianna Comport, Randi Cutolo, and Christine Liautaud*, junior gymnasts, and *Kelsey Campbell*, a freshman, were selected by the NCAA to participate in the NCAA Women's Gymnastics National Championship as individual competitors in the Regional Tournament in Ann Arbor, MI, on April 2.

## FACULTY RESEARCH DAY GRADUATE STUDENT POSTER AWARDS

On the 2016 Faculty Research Day, Friday, April 1, the following graduate students received awards for their work:

**1st Place:** *Nishant Kansal*, Design Management, "Analyzing Household Participation in the Single-Stream Recycling System." Advisor: *Alex White*

**2nd Place:** *Kamila Aikebaier*, Biomedical Engineering, "Directed Self-Assembly of Magnetite through Electrospinning with Potential Applications in Nanopatterning." Advisor: *Isaac Macwan*

**3rd Place:** *Ryan Therrien*, Design Management, "MetroCrops." Advisor: *Alex White*

**Honorable Mention:** *Ernest Ang*, Design Management, "Design Thinking in Action, Bridgeport YMCA." Advisor: *Alex White*

**Honorable Mention:** *Rupesh Srinivasalu*, Biomedical Engineering, "Gold Nanoparticles and SiRNA Complex for Targeted Drug Delivery." Advisor: *Isaac Macwan*

**Honorable Mention:** *Sheila Berna*, Biomedical Engineering, "Influence of Graphene on PCL Scaffolds for Tissue Engineering Applications." Advisor: *Isaac Macwan*

## FACULTY & STAFF

### ARTS & SCIENCES

*Amy Nawrocki*, senior lecturer in English and an award-winning poet, is giving three poetry readings during April, National Poetry Month: On April 10, at the Artists' Cooperative Gallery, in Westerly, Rhode Island; April 15, at Byrd's Books, in Bethel, Connecticut; and April 23, at the Minor Memorial Library, in Roxbury, Connecticut. For more information see [www.bridgeport.edu](http://www.bridgeport.edu), or [www.amynawrocki.org](http://www.amynawrocki.org).

*David W. Kraft*, professor of mathematics and physics, serves on the board of directors of a unit associated with the Penn State Graduate School. He recently attended a meeting that included a briefing by Penn State's vice president for research.

### CHIROPRACTIC

*Christopher Good*, professor of clinical sciences, gave a platform presentation at the 2016 ACC/RAC conference entitled "Student Perceptions concerning an Innovative Teaching Strategy Used to Address the Role of Chiropractors as Community Health Care Advocates." He also served on a panel in a consensus building workshop, "Toward the Development of a Standardized Chiropractic Technique Program."

### ENGINEERING

*Lawrence Hmurcik*, professor of electrical engineering, and *Kris Seluga*, a mechanical engineer, recently investigated a case of a woman badly burned while sleeping. She had been using her laptop computer while recharging it when she fell asleep. When Seluga tested the charger, he found that it could reach a temperature of 120 degrees when pressing on human skin. Hmurcik verified the electric power conversion to create this temperature and also found published medical data that confirmed the woman's second- and third-degree burns. The woman slept for about 5 hours before waking up in terrible pain and calling 911.

**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:UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu), or call x4988.