



UB Highlights

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News & Events for December 1-15, 2016

UB Music: Senior Recital

Thursday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m.

The recital of UB senior *Jing Zhang*, soprano, will be presented in the Littlefield Recital Hall of the Bernhard Center. The event is free and open to the UB community and the public.



Bachelor of Nursing Info Session

Friday, Dec. 2, 10-11 a.m.

Information on UB's Bachelor of Nursing program will be presented in a morning session at the Nursing Skills and Simulation Center, on the 7th floor of the Health Sciences Center. Prospective students may register online for the session. For more information, contact *Martine Bernadel*, mbernad@bridgeport.edu, or 203-576-2025.



Saturday Morning Tour

Saturday, Dec. 3, 11 a.m.-12 p.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.



Bridgeport Media Campaign

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 6-7 p.m.

Mass Communication and Graphic Design students will present their semester-long marketing campaign, "UB and the City of Bridgeport: Rebirth of a Partnership Through Experiential Learning," in the Tower Room of the Bernhard Center. As part of their Publicity Methods class, students created "The Bridge" a theme to promote the new downtown Bridgeport. Bridgeport city officials are expected to attend the presentation event. Contact Prof. *Susan Katz*, skatz@bridgeport.edu, 203-583-0509, for more information.



Purple Knights

Home Athletic Events

December 1-15, 2016

Men's Basketball

Dec. 3 (Sat.), 4 p.m., Mercy @ Hubbell Gym

Dec. 10 (Sat.), 3 p.m., Daemen @ Hubbell Gym

Women's Basketball

Dec. 3 (Sat.), 2 p.m., Mercy @ Hubbell Gym

Dec. 10 (Sat.), 1 p.m., Daemen @ Hubbell Gym

Dec. 13 (Tues.), 6 p.m., Pace @ Hubbell Gym

LinkedIn Workshop

Weds., Dec. 7, 12:20-1:20 p.m.

A LinkedIn workshop sponsored by UB's Center for Career Development will be held in Mandeville 301. Learn how to sign up and create your profile on LinkedIn, where you may market yourself and be able to network with an eye to jobs and internships.



11th Annual Holiday Concert

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Get into the holiday spirit with UB's 11th annual holiday concert, featuring performances by the Knights' Ensemble, UB Chamber Singers, UB Fusion Ensemble, UB Percussion Group, and the University Singers. Free and open to all, in the Mertens Theater of the Bernhard Center. For information, email music@bridgeport.edu, or call 203-576-4407.



CPIA Roundtable

Thursday, Dec. 8, 12:20-1:20 p.m.

Prof. *Kadir Akyuz* will discuss "Prominent Islamic Scholars, Islamic Jihad, Terrorism and Jus in Bello" in the Discovery Pavilion, first floor of Wahlstrom Library. Prof. Akyuz will discuss the thoughts and teachings of the Islamic scholars that are associated with the use of violence in the context of "jus ad bellum" and "jus in bello" concepts. For more information, contact Prof. *Susan Katz* at skatz@bridgeport.edu, or 203-583-0509. This event is free and open to all.

Vice President for University Relations

On November 23, President *Neil Salonen* announced the appointment of *Robert Cottle* as UB's Vice President for University Relations. A native of Fairfield County, Rob graduated from Sacred Heart University, where he worked in the offices of admissions and alumni relations. He later joined the development effort at Fairfield University, serving for ten years, most recently as Assistant Vice President for Development. UB's newest vice president will begin his work at UB on Monday, November 28. Rob may be found at his office in Cortright Hall, at rcottle@bridgeport.edu, or x4696.

Food Insecurity Survey

Do you know a student who has to skip meals because he or she does not have enough money for food? Have you heard of a student who had to choose between buying books and buying groceries? Do you know of a student who receives SNAP benefits? The Office of Campus Activities and Civic Engagement is looking to find a solution to food insecurity on campus, but the community's help is needed. Please complete the survey at

<https://orgsync.com/139905/forms/224650>. For more information, contact *Jennifer Turner*, civic engagement coordinator, at jenniftu@bridgeport.edu, or 203-576-4274.

THRIVE

Thrive, an affiliate of the Bridgeport Regional Business Council, is a newly launched initiative offering young professionals social and professional networking opportunities. Its goal is to engage young members of our community, ages 21-40, to join together to create a place where professionals and entrepreneurs can live, work, and build their lives.

Keith Hassell, director of UB's Center for Career Development, serves as founding chair of Thrive. As UB is a member of the Bridgeport Regional Business Council, Keith is offering UB employees complimentary membership in Thrive. To join, or for more information, email info@thrivebridgeport.com, or contact Keith Hassell at khassell@bridgeport.edu.

Helping Out

On November 2, the Design Management program of SASD, UB chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha and Alpha Phi Alpha, and student clubs Community Health Peer Educators and the Food Recovery Network organized a fundraising all-you-can-eat luncheon in the Student Center. Proceeds were donated to Hope for Haiti, a nonprofit foundation working to improve the quality of life for Haitians, especially children, by supporting education, nutrition, and healthcare campaigns in the country. Lunch was donated by local restaurants, including Metric, Ronald's Haitian Cuisine, and Milah's Cuisine.



On September 27, students of the 2018 class of UB's Physician Assistant Institute presented toys and books to the Center for Advanced Pediatrics, in Norwalk. The Center was forced to move after severe weather conditions caused irreversible water damage, destroying all contents of the office, including toys and books for pediatric patients in the waiting room. The Center for Advanced Pediatrics has been a rotation site for PAI students for the past three years, providing excellent teaching and clinical experience. *Isabel Brodersen*, director of clinical education at PAI, said, "Collecting these few items for the enjoyment of children was a small token of thanks for the time and support given to the UB PA students."

ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR GRADUATE/UNDERGRADUATE AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Friday, December 9: Last Day of Classes

Monday-Friday, December 12-16: Final Examination Week

Monday, December 19: Final Grades Due

HEALTH SCIENCES

Sunday, December 4: College of Chiropractic Graduation Ceremonies

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ATHLETICS

East Coast Conference top awards this season went to *Nicola Worthington* (Defensive Player of the Year), *Jennifer Wendelius* (Goalkeeper of the Year), *Idoia Agirre* (Offensive Player of the Year), and Head Coach *Magnus Nilerud* (Coach of the Year). Purple Knights *Idoia Agirre, Shannon Colligan, Amanda Moura, Hanne Neby, Nicola Worthington, Flo Gamby, Lauren Mengel, and Jennifer Wendelius* were named to the 2016 All-Conference First Team, and *Ariana Weingrad* and *Julia Weidenmark* to the Second Team.

Idoia Agirre, Shannon Colligan, Hanne Neby, Nicola Worthington, Flo Gamby, and Jennifer Wendelius were named to the 2016 Div. II Women's Soccer All-East Region First Team.

Nicola Worthington was awarded NCAA Div. II Women's Soccer Second Team National Academic All-America honors on November 21, based on her 3.61 GPA and outstanding athletic performance.

CPIA

Pedro Ramos, a senior in the IPED program and a Cape Verdean native, has published an article, "Cape Verde: A Blueprint for China's Positive Role in Africa," in *The Diplomat*. Prof. Chunjuan Nancy Wei served as his supervisor on the project.

ENGINEERING

UB graduate and undergraduate students *Taleb H. Al-Theanath*, electrical engineering; *Mohamed Ben Haj Frej*, computer science and engineering; *Patricio Xavier Flores*, computer and electrical engineering; and *Shyamkumar K. Parikh*, electrical engineering, were awarded four out of six scholarships offered by the Arab American Association of Engineers and Architects to tri-state students who have demonstrated outstanding skills in research and scholarship, it was announced on November 17.

HEALTH SCIENCES

Boglarka Jordan, a junior majoring in health sciences, has been awarded a U.S. Department of State grant, a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, to study in Hungary. She will spend the spring 2017 semester at the University of Pecs learning about the Hungarian health care system.

FACULTY & STAFF

ARTS & SCIENCES

David W. Kraft, professor of mathematics and physics, attended an American Physical Society regional meeting, where he presented a paper, "Evolution of Asteroid Orbits in a Restricted Three-Body Simulation." Prof. Kraft serves on the executive committee.

BUSINESS

Michael Lohle, senior lecturer, has been invited to serve on the program committee for the International Institute of Applied Knowledge Management's 2017 conference, to be held in Slovenia in June. In addition, he has been asked to join the editorial review board of the 57th Annual IACIS International Conference, to be held in Philadelphia in October. The IACIS is the International Association for Computer Information Systems.

Philip Maymin, associate professor of economics and finance, information systems, gave a talk on "Sports and eSports Analytics" at the 2016 Wolfram Technology Conference in the first week of November. He also won both coding challenges at the conference (the one-liner competition and the first-ever live coding competition). More information is found at <http://blog.wolfram.com/2016/11/04/my-wolfram-tech-conference-2016-highlights/>.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

Heather Varnet, assistant director, served as co-chair for a session "Taxes: A Fresh 'Old Fashioned' Approach," at the NAFSA Region XI Conference in Newport, RI, on October 19. She collaborated with representatives from the University of Connecticut and Southern New Hampshire University to present about the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program that UB offers to international students. Guidance was provided to other schools in the region about the value of the program and how it might be implemented at their institutions.

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.