



UB Highlights

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News & Events for December 15-31, 2016

Bachelor of Nursing Info Session Friday, Dec. 16, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Information on UB's Bachelor of Nursing program will be presented in a late afternoon 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.



Reality of Abstraction Continues through Feb. 3, 2017

In the Schelfhault Gallery of the Bernhard Center an exhibition continues, offering paintings and sculptures seen through the lenses of nonobjective imagery. Free and open to all. The show is a great sampling of today's contemporary artists, including Cat Balco, Mike Childs, Rob Fischer, Chris Mercier, Anne Sherwood Pundyk, David Rich, Vincent Verrillo, Cecilia Whittaker-Doe, and Becky Yazdan. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.schelfhaultgallery.com



Good News

In its annual survey, *Student Loan Report* analyzed average student loan debt data from 1,238 U.S. colleges and universities. Out of 16 Connecticut institutions, UB student loan debt was the fourth lowest, averaging \$14,400. By comparison, the highest debt for any university in the state was \$37,000, for the University of New Haven. UB also ranked among the top 150 private colleges nationwide cited for their low student debt.

Helping students attain a degree without becoming financially hamstrung is a priority at UB. Ninety-six percent of our students receive some sort of financial aid. Thanks to *Connecticut Promise*, UB's financial assistance campaign launched in fall 2016, tuition for UB students who are state residents is capped so they pay no more than they would at a public college. For more, read the report on www.bridgeport.edu.

For Your Calendar

University offices will be closed on the following:

Friday, December 23, 2016: Christmas Eve
Monday, December 24, 2016: Day after Christmas
Monday, January 2, 2017: Day after New Year's Day
Monday, January 16, 2017: Martin Luther King Day
(No Classes)

Spring 2017 Classes Begin

Health Sciences: Monday, January 9, 2017
Undergraduate, Graduate: Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Faculty Research Day: Friday, March 24, 2017

Purple Knights Home Athletic Events December 15-31, 2016

Men's Basketball

Dec. 19 (Mon.), 4 p.m., St. Anselm @ Hubbell Gym

Inclement Weather

In the event of a weather-related delay and/or closing of the University, the Office of the Provost advises that information will be available on the following:

1. NBC CT School Closings: Register for alerts by visiting <http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/weather/school-closings>. Click on the link to sign up for school closing alerts and follow the prompts to register.
2. UB Emergency Notification Phone Line: 203-576-4159
3. Website: Go to www.bridgeport.edu to see weather-related messages in the red banner across the homepage.
4. Portal: www.bridgeport.edu, click on "login," then "My UB Portal." Look for updates under "Announcements."

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ATHLETICS

Amelie Guinci was named to the Volleyball First Team, All East Coast Conference, and was also Libero of the Year for the ECC. *Sara Cruz* and *Ellen Rich* were named to the Second Team All-ECC, and *Frida Randen* and *Sheri Middleton* received Honorable Mention.

Kyle Benjamin, a senior, was selected as the East Coast Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week, on December 5, for his fine performance in games from November 28 through December 4.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

UB's 2016 Model UN Team, *Bianca Diaz*, *Youssef Agiez*, *Saul Almazan*, and *Albert Thien*, student delegates from the School of Arts & Sciences, School of Engineering, and College of Public and International Affairs (CPIA), won the Outstanding Delegates Award in the General Assembly, and the Outstanding Delegation Award. They represented Ukraine and submitted position papers on several topics, also participating in the General Assembly Plenary and Security Council sessions. The team was advised by Dr. *Chunjuan Nancy Wei*, professor of IPED in CPIA.

The event, November 20-26, was held in Kobe, Japan. Student teams came from 39 universities in 12 countries: Canada, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Japan, Nigeria, the Philippines, Russia, Slovenia, and the United States. Each team was assigned to represent one of the UN's 64 member states.

FACULTY & STAFF

CPIA

Chunjuan Nancy Wei, associate professor and chair of UB's East Asian and Pacific Rim Studies program, published "Taiwan's Secession against Two Hosts: the Xi-Ma Summit and Its Implications for Future Cross-Strait Relations," in the Polish journal, *TEKA of the Commission of Political Science and International Affairs* 11/1 (2016).

ENGINEERING

Irv Ojalvo, former chair of UB's Mechanical Engineering Department, and *Lawrence Hmurcik*, professor of electrical engineering, are serving in a legal case resulting from a woman's being shocked and severely injured while she was working on an aircraft assembly line. She would have died except for the quick thinking of her colleague, who shut down all power to that part of the factory. Hmurcik analyzed the cause of the accident and the probable damage done to the woman's nerves and heart, while Ojalvo has clarified the safety protocols that must be followed on assembly lines in aircraft parts production.

Buket Barkana, associate professor of electrical engineering; *Inci Saricicek*, associate professor of industrial engineering at Eskisehir Osmangazi University, Turkey; and *Burak Yildirim*, Ph.D. candidate in electrical and computer engineering at the University of Miami, have recently published an article in *Knowledge-Based Systems, Elsevier*, "Performance Analysis of Descriptive Statistical Features in Retinal Vessel Segmentation via Fuzzy Logic, ANN, SVN, and Classifier Fusion."

GLOBAL LEARNING INITIATIVES

Tara Maroney, associate director of student advising and communications, and *Lauren Humphrey*, online advisor, co-presented at two November conferences, sharing details and benefits of program-specific online student resource centers housed within UB's Learning Management System. The conferences were the National Academic Advising Association's Massachusetts State Conference, hosted by Northeastern University in Boston, on November 4, and the Online Learning Consortium's International Accelerate Conference in Orlando, on November 16-18.

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](mailto:Rebecca.Salonen@bridgeport.edu), UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu, or call x4988.