



UB Highlights

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News & Events for August 15-31, 2017

Information Sessions

Register online and find more information about the following in the Events section at www.bridgeport.edu:

Nursing, Bachelor of Science

Wahlstrom Library, 6th Floor: **Wednesday, August 16, 9-10 a.m.**

Naturopathic Medicine

Wahlstrom Library, 6th floor: **Friday, August 18, 9:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.**

Transfer Tuesday

Tuesday, Aug. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Students considering transferring to UB are invited to the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library for an application workshop, including a fee-waived application and merit scholarship decision; on-the-spot credit evaluations for programs except Nursing, Dental Hygiene, and Medical Laboratory Science; and campus tours. Register online and bring unofficial transcripts from each institution attended as well as proof of high school graduation.



Online Alumni Mixer

Thursday, August 24, 6-8 p.m.

Alumni and students of UB's online programs are invited to mix and mingle, enjoying great beer and pizza at the Two Roads Brewing Company, 1700 Stratford Avenue, in Stratford, CT 06615. Register online at <https://give.bridgeport.edu/onlinemixer2017>.



President's Welcome

Thursday, August 24, 12:15 p.m.

President Neil Salonen will welcome graduate and undergraduate faculty to the 2017-18 academic year with his presentation in Mandeville 104, reporting on the state of the University and projections for the coming year. As usual, he will answer questions following his remarks.



Opening Events, Aug. 15-31

A complete schedule of opening events for the 2017 fall semester may be found on the Portal or at http://www.bridgeport.edu/docs/PortalAnnouncement/Opening_Events/2017_Fall_Opening_Event_Schedule.pdf.

Following are selected events affecting the UB community:

Tuesday, August 22, 9 a.m.: Residence halls open for international students

Wednesday, August 23

- **9 a.m.:** Orientation for international students, Mertens Theater of Bernhard Center
- **1 p.m.:** Residence halls open for first-year domestic students

Thursday, August 24

- **4 p.m.** New Student Convocation, Mertens Theater of Bernhard Center
- **5 p.m.** Welcome BBQ for New Students and Families, Bernhard Center parking lot

Sunday, August 27

- **9 a.m.** Residence halls open for returning students
- **5 p.m.** Welcome BBQ and Block Party for all students, faculty, and staff, in the Ped Mall

Monday, August 28

- Classes begin for graduate and undergraduate students
- **9-11 a.m.** Nursing, RN to BSN Hybrid Completion Program, begins

Tuesday, August 29, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.: Human Resources Sexual Harassment Awareness and Prevention Training, mandated for all supervisors, held in Mertens Theater of Bernhard Center. Please confirm attendance to hr@bridgeport.edu, or x4588. Light refreshments will be served. An alternative session will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ATHLETICS

Purple Knights Women's Lacrosse, Softball, and *Volleyball* teams have earned the 2016-17 East Coast Conference Academic Teams of Excellence Awards, it was learned in July. UB's softball and volleyball teams won the awards for the fifth straight season, posting the highest GPAs in the ECC.

Lacrosse was also named a Sports Academic Honors Squad for the second straight season by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association. *Rebecca Rieg, Kerry Mackinnon,* and *Abigail Benesh* were appointed to the IWLCA Honor Roll with a GPA of 3.5 or greater.

138 Purple Knights were appointed in July to the East Coast Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll. The athletes each achieved a GPA of 3.25 or better.

Welcome to UB!

The School of Arts & Sciences has announced the following new faculty members:

Robert Badeau, Assistant Professor of Nutrition
Natalie Romano, Assistant Professor of Chemistry
Steven Wright, Assistant Professor of Counseling

Presidential Search

On July 31 UB Trustee *Robert L. Berchem*, chair of the presidential search committee, announced that the University has hired Isaacson Miller, a national firm specializing in the recruitment of high-level leaders for nonprofits and education, to identify the University's 10th president, who will assume the post following the retirement of President *Neil Salonen* on June 30, 2018. Ten firms were interviewed before the selection of Isaacson Miller, which will work with a nine-member committee composed of UB trustees and faculty members.

FACULTY & STAFF

BUSINESS

Carrie Picardi, assistant professor of management and chair of the Human Resources & Leadership Program, published "Semantics and Scale: The Impact of Anchor Polarity on Performance Rating Accuracy," in the *Journal of Strategic Human Resource Management*, in June.

NURSING

Linda Wagner, associate dean, has added the following publication to her list: Alphanso Blake, Vikram Asnani, Robin R. Leger, June Harris, Victoria Odesina, Jennifer Knight-Madden, Linda Wagner & Monika Rani Asnani (2017): Stigma and Illness uncertainty: adding to the burden of sickle cell disease, *Hematology, DOI: 10.1080/10245332.2017.1359898*.

Measuring the Solar Eclipse

On July 31, at the Discovery Museum, a team of UB faculty and students test-launched a weather balloon carrying a radiosonde, an instrument that measures conditions such as temperature, pressure, relative humidity, wind direction and speed. Within seconds, as the balloon ascended to 51,000 feet, data was relayed back to a ground station.

Twice a day, every day of the year, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service launches similar weather balloons to capture data for weather forecasting. On the day of the solar eclipse, August 21, the Connecticut Space Grant Consortium's team will attempt to launch four radiosondes in succession, as part of the national observation of effects of the eclipse on the atmosphere.

UB's test was preparation for the team's efforts during the total solar eclipse that will sweep across the country this month. In addition, the UB team's high-altitude camera will provide live streaming of the eclipse at NASA's website, <http://nasa.gov>. For more information, read the story on "UB News" at www.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](mailto:Rebecca.Salonen@bridgeport.edu), UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu, or call x4988.