



UB Highlights

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News & Events for October 1-15, 2017

Information Sessions

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

School of Education (Stamford programs)

Stamford Center, 5 Riverbend Drive, Building 5:
Thursday, October 5, 6-7 p.m.

Naturopathic Medicine

Wahlstrom Library, 6th Floor: **Monday, October 9, 9:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.**

Nursing, Bachelor of Science

Wahlstrom Library, 6th Floor: **Monday, October 9, 9-10 a.m.**

Acupuncture Institute

UB Clinic, Health Sciences 301: **Wednesday, October 11, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Graduate programs

Business, Engineering, Design Management, Counseling, Public and International Affairs.
Wahlstrom Library, 6th Floor: **Thursday, October 12, 6-7 p.m.**

School of Education (Bridgeport programs)

Wahlstrom Library, 6th Floor: **Thursday, October 12, 6-7 p.m.**

Innovator Speakers Series

Weds., Oct. 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The Innovators series, UB partnering with the Bridgeport Regional Business Council, presents “Big Data, Analytics, and Decision Support Opportunities and Challenges – Why, What, and How?” in the duPont Tower Room of the Bernhard Center. Panelists are **Rajesh Bhatia**, vice president, product development, Oracle Enterprise Performance Management and Business Analytics; **Ursuline Foley**, managing director, corporate platform officer and interim chief data officer, enterprise enablement strategy, XL Catlin; **John Ricci**, vice president, information technology and corporate IT, Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc., with **Elif Kongar**, chair of UB’s Department of Technology Management, moderator. Free and open to all, but RSVP to prentz@bridgeport.edu, 203-576-4055.

Purple Knights Home Athletic Events October 1-15, 2017

Men’s Soccer

Oct. 4 (Weds.), 3 p.m., Mercy @ Knights Field
Oct. 7 (Sat.), 3 p.m., Dist. Columbia @ Knights Field

Volleyball (Women’s)

Oct. 3 (Tues.), 7p.m., Molloy @ Hubbell Gym
Oct. 11 (Weds.), 7 p.m., NYIT @ Hubbell Gym

Women’s Soccer

Oct. 4 (Weds.), 6 p.m., Mercy @ Knights Field
Oct. 7 (Sat.), 12 p.m., Holy Family @ Knights Field

UB Music Events Faculty Recital

Thursday, October 12, 7 p.m., Littlefield Recital Hall of the Bernhard Center, featuring the Dan Arcamone Trio. Free and open to all.

Back Country Jazz

Friday, October 13, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., in the Mertens Theatre of the Bernhard Center, “A Tribute to Thelonius Monk” on the occasion of his hundredth birthday. Bennie Wallace and “a killer band” perform for Bridgeport Public Schools and the UB community in concerts at two times. Free and open to all.

Academic Advising Center

The Academic Advising Center (AAC), located on the 5th floor of Wahlstrom Library, offers information sessions and workshops for students. The following are scheduled during October 1-15, all in Wahlstrom 500C:

- **Counseling Services.** Wednesday, October 4, 12:20-1:20 p.m.
- **Plagiarism.** Thursday, October 5, 12:20-1:20 p.m.
- **Health Services Workshop.** Wednesday, October 11, 1:20-2:20 p.m.

Homecoming & Reunion Weekend October 6-8, 2017

Friday, October 6

10th Reunion of the Class of 2007. Bridgeport Holiday Inn, 6-8 p.m., register at homecoming.bridgeport.edu for free admission

Admission to most Homecoming Weekend events on Saturday and Sunday requires registration and purchase of a \$25 ticket – free for UB students and children under 18. All alumni, students, families, faculty, staff, and friends are invited. Register at <http://give.bridgeport.edu/Homecoming2017>. For details contact **Aimee Marcella**, amarcell@bridgeport.edu, 203-576-4133, or **Lindsey Christiani**, alumni@bridgeport.edu, 203-576-4151.

A few of the many events planned for the weekend are the following. Register online and check the homecoming site for details on these and other events.

Saturday, October 7

- 9-11 a.m. **Faculty & Staff Meet and Greet.** Knights End of Student Center. Free to all, with continental breakfast.
- 2-5 p.m. **25th Reunion of Classes of 1991-93.** UBiergarten tent.
- 6-9 p.m. **UB Awards Dinner:** Athletics Hall of Fame and Distinguished Alumni. Holiday Inn Harbor Ballroom. Tickets are \$100 per person.
- 6-9 p.m. **UBCC Benefit Dinner,** duPont Tower Room of Bernhard Center. Celebrating UBCC Classes of 1997 (20 years), 2002 (15 years), 2007 (10 years), and 2012 (5 years). Tickets are \$100 per person.

Sunday, October 8

- 9 a.m. **Purple Knight 5K 2017,** begins at Mandeville Hall
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Golden Knights Society Brunch and 50th Reunion of the Class of 1967.** DuPont Tower Room of Bernhard Center.

UB Awards Dinner 2017 Saturday, October 7, 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend the 2017 Athletics Hall of Fame and Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner at the Bridgeport Holiday Inn, 1070 Main Street, with cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., awards to follow. The dinner is sponsored by **Tom '84 and Sue '84 O'Hara** and Avalanche Swiss Granola, with additional support provided by **Howard '59 and Maxine '62 Abner** and Abner, Herrman & Brock Asset Management. Tickets are \$100 per person. Register online.

Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees

1990-91 and 1991-92 Men's Basketball Teams
Ivana Kovacevic-Jurasin '09, Volleyball
Monica Mesalles Nassi '13, Gymnastics

Fran Bacon Lifetime Achievement in Coaching

Jesse Braverman '73

Purple Knight Shield of Merit

Howard '59 and Maxine '62 Abner

Distinguished Alumni

Barbara James '74
Dusan Bogunovic '04

Honorary Alumnus

Bruce Webster

Career Development Opportunities

The Center for Career Development is offering the following session for students. For more information, visit the "Events" section at www.bridgeport.edu.

- **Professional Etiquette Workshop,** Tuesday, October 3, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Discovery Pavilion

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ENGINEERING

Reem Alattas, Ph.D. candidate in computer science and engineering, has been awarded the \$10,000 Grand Prize and a \$2,000 Judges Favorite Award in the CT Next Entrepreneur Innovator Competition. She was the only woman and one of only two student-entrepreneurs (the others were professional designers) among ten entrants who advanced to the finals of the competition. Her invention was a next-generation bike helmet loaded with GPS, traffic alert systems, and automatic directional signals. She previously won \$500, in May, in the Connecticut New Venture Competition.

Reem noted that as a girl growing up in Saudi Arabia she was “not supposed to ride bikes, but my parents gave me one anyway.” She rode the bike endlessly, while other children played video games. Though she saw kids in movies wearing helmets, they were not available to her, though she sometimes fell off her bike. She always wanted a helmet. Now, she said, “I feel great!”

Bryan Tavera '18, a senior majoring in computer science, has been awarded a National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NACME) undergraduate research scholarship in Green Technology, one of NACME's eight national \$5,000 awards. A member of the UB Chapter of Engineers Without Borders (EWB), Bryan will lead a project to develop no- to low-cost geodesic domes made from recycled materials. The domes can be used as greenhouses. Bryan's EWB faculty advisor was biomedical engineering professor **Alicia Petryk**. Two dome prototypes will be designed and built with recycled materials in the coming year.

FACULTY & STAFF

ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

Jennie Farnell, assistant director, was interviewed about best assessment practices by Pearson Education. The interview was included in an online publication called “The High Cost of Misplacing University Students in Intensive English Programs.” UB's practice and experience were featured as a case study.

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Stephen Balkaran, adjunct professor, recently published a paper, “An Open Letter from Undocumented Immigrants: Why Comprehensive Immigration Reform Still Matters to America,” in the Harvard Kennedy School's *Journal of Hispanic Policy*.

SASD

Alex White, associate professor and chair of the Master of Professional Studies program, has published with Allworth Press *The Elements of Logo Design: Design Thinking, Branding & Making Marks*, his third published book in three years. The cover images and endpapers were designed by SASD students as a class project.

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, or call x4988.