



UB Highlights

Vol. 9, No. 2

News & Events for February 1-15, 2012

LATE BUT GREAT

This news did not reach us in time for the January

Highlights, but hurry to catch these events:

Thursday, Jan. 26, 5:30 p.m. The Robert Sammis Lecture Series 2012 presents "The Year of the Dragon: Doing Business in China: Myths, Legends, Challenges & Opportunities," featuring Michael Harris, COIO, Gao Fei Financial Services and Consulting Firm, Beijing; Bill Parrett, founder of Deloitte's Global Financial Services Industry; Yiting Liu, co-founder and partner, Ray Shi Capital Group; Melanie Hua Chen, managing director, UHY Advisors, New York. In duPont Tower Room of the Bernhard Center, 5:30 wine and cheese reception; 6:30 p.m. panel discussion followed by Q&A. RSVP by Jan. 24 – better hurry! – to 203-576-4696 or email mjfooster@bridgeport.edu. Free and open to the public.

Friday, Jan. 27. Deadline to register for 2012 Faculty Research Day, Feb. 10. Both faculty and student participation is welcome. For details or to register, see announcement on the Portal, or contact Christine Hempowicz at 203-576-4973 or email her at chemp@bridgeport.edu. Poster help session is Jan. 27, 10 a.m. to noon, in Discovery Pavilion.

Friday, Jan. 27, 6:30 p.m. Celebrate the Year of the Dragon, with Chinese food and traditional performances in the Mertens Theater of the Bernhard Center. Advance tickets: students \$8, guests \$10; at the door: students \$12, guests \$16. Tickets available in the library lobby January 17-26, 1-3 p.m. Dinner is included in ticket price. For more info, contact ubcssa2010@gmail.com, or call the Ticket Hot Line, 1-860-514-6402. Happy new year!

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 12-2 p.m. Open house (with light refreshments) in the new location of the Academic Resource Center, which opened for business on Monday, Jan. 23, in its new spot, Suite 506, Wahlstrom 5th floor.

Physician Assistant Info

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 5:30 p.m.

Students interested in the Master of Science in Physician Assistant program are invited to come to the Wahlstrom Library, 6th floor, to learn about the application process and program details. Register online at www.bridgeport.edu/admissions/healthsciences.

Purple Knights Home Athletic Events February 1-15, 2012



Gymnastics (Women's)

Feb. 3 (Fri.), 7 p.m., Towson @ Wheeler Recreation Center

Men's Basketball

Feb. 1 (Weds.), 7p.m., Dowling @ Hubbell Gym

Feb. 4 (Sat.), 3 p.m., C.W. Post @ Hubbell Gym

Feb. 11 (Sat.), 3 p.m., Queens @ Hubbell Gym

Men's & Women's Swimming

Feb. 4 (Sat.), 1 p.m., St. Peter's College @ Wheeler Recreation Center

Women's Basketball

Feb. 1 (Weds.), 5 p.m., Dowling @ Hubbell Gym

Feb. 4 (Sat.), 1 p.m., C.W. Post @ Hubbell Gym

Feb. 11 (Sat.), 1 p.m., Queens @ Hubbell Gym



Graduate Info Session

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 6-7:30 p.m.

Waterbury Center

Information will be offered on UB's Education internship program, at 84 Progress Lane, Waterbury. Register at <http://www.bridgeport.edu/admissions/graduate/eventlisting.aspx>.



Faculty Research Day 2012

Friday, Feb. 10

Faculty and students are invited to participate in this year's event. For details, and to register, see the announcement on the Portal, or contact Christine Hempowicz at chemp@bridgeport.edu or 203-576-4973.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Friday, February 3: Last day to drop classes without academic penalty

Friday, February 10: Last day to apply for May graduation and participation in Commencement ceremonies

TIAA-CREF Meetings

Friday, Feb. 10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Faculty and staff are invited to meet with the TIAA-CREF consultant, who will help them make financial decisions. (No tax advice is offered.) Call 203-281-2403, email jmoriarty@tiaa-cref.org, or go to www.tiaa-cref.org to set up an appointment. Meetings are held in UB's Human Resources offices, and may also be scheduled on March 14, April 11, May 4, and June 6.



Piece of Your World

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 12-2 p.m.

Enjoy a free lunch at "Footprints around the World," and listen as three UB students share their passion for culture, travel, and experience in China, India, and Ecuador. Hosted by International Student Services and sponsored by Pizza Post, in the Social Room of the Student Center. A great networking opportunity for students, faculty, and staff.



IDEAL Info Sessions

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 6-7 p.m.

Information will be offered on UB's popular adult degree-completion program at the Bridgeport (Wahlstrom Library, first floor, Discovery Pavilion), Waterbury (84 Progress Lane), and Stamford (5 Riverbend Drive) campuses. To register, or for more information, visit www.bridgeport.edu/ideal, or for Bridgeport and Stamford, call 203-576-4800, for Waterbury, call 203-597-9036. To set up an appointment with an admissions counselor, call 203-576-4800 or email idealinfo@bridgeport.edu.



FAFSA Workshop

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 6 p.m.

Prospective students are invited to the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library, where Financial Aid and Admissions counselors will guide students through the entire FAFSA process. Participants should bring both their own and their parents' 2011 tax information, or estimates if returns have not yet been completed.

Amateur Astronomers Series.

Friday, February 10, 6:15-8 p.m.

The Amateur Astronomers Association (AAA) of New York continues its 80-year-old lecture series, with Glennys Farrar, professor of physics at NYU, presenting "Getting Photos of Supermassive Black Holes Tearing Stars Apart." UB Professor of Mathematics and Physics **David Kraft** is lecture chair for the AAA and arranges the series. Free and open to the public, in the Kaufmann Auditorium of the American Museum of Natural History in New York. For more information, visit www.aaa.org/lectures.

Good News

UB's School of Engineering has more highly qualified instructors than any other online master's degree program, according to new rankings published on January 10 by *U.S. News & World Report*. The magazine recognized our online graduate program for "leading the pack in faculty credentials and training."

School of Engineering Dean Tarek Sobh commented: "In most schools you'll find a mix of adjunct and full- and part-time teachers. But from the start, we set out to distinguish ourselves by devoting the best resources possible to our distance-learning programs. The online master's track is an integral part of the School of Engineering curriculum, not an afterthought."

UB launched its online engineering master's degree program in 2003 to accommodate growing demand.



UB's chapters of the National Society of Black Engineers and the Society of Women Engineers have each been awarded \$500 by the Connecticut Space Grant Consortium to co-host outreach activities to increase public awareness on campus and at public schools about Connecticut's and NASA's space-related research.

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ATHLETICS

Julia Hansson, sophomore women's soccer goalkeeper, was recognized by the NCAA as the top Division II goalkeeper in the nation for the 2011 season.

Katie Stanley, senior midfielder, was named to the 2011 Division II Second Team All-America by the National Soccer Coaches of America. First Team All-East Region honors went to Stanley, senior forward **Kasey Kenny**, senior defender **Marie Pettersson**, and sophomore goalkeeper **Julia Hansson**, while senior defender **Danielle Weir** was named to the Second Team All-East Region.

BUSINESS

Sissy Shen, **Carrie Lu**, **Ying Zhou**, **Xiao Huang**, **Pelin Erbil**, and **Pei Zhang** were featured in a picture and article, along with their advisor, Professor **Steven Rashba**, on the front page of the *Connecticut Post* business section on Jan. 22. The article described their project to evaluate new e-marketing apps in a holiday marketing study.

Connecticut Space Grant Consortium Awards

Four UB undergraduates have received prestigious awards for NASA-related research, Leslie Geary, UB director of public information, announced on Jan. 11.

Matthew Breland, undergraduate in computer engineering, won a \$5,000 Space Grant for the spring 2012 semester. With his faculty mentor, Electrical Engineering Professor **Hassan Bajwa**, he is developing an antenna for power-harvesting applications. The award includes a ten-week industrial internship, capped at \$2,600.

Manuel Curillo, industrial design undergraduate, was awarded \$5,000. With his mentor, Dr. **Jani Macari Pallis**, he is preparing a new engineering curriculum and facilities to support NASA-sponsored student engineering competitions at UB, designing a small lab to emulate lunar and Martian surfaces.

Edwin Gravrand, computer engineering undergrad, was also awarded \$5,000. He and his faculty mentor, Electrical Engineering Professor **Buket Barkana**, are investigating technology that recognizes environmental sounds and noise.

Yasser Elleithy, a graduate student in computer science, has been awarded a \$5,000 ten-week summer industrial internship.

FACULTY & STAFF

ATHLETICS

Scott McBride, women's soccer associate head coach, has been named the 2011 National Soccer Coaches Association of America East Region Assistant Coach of the Year, based on a poll of his peers.

CHIROPRACTIC

Stephen Perle, professor of clinical sciences, has added a position on the expert panel of the Council on Chiropractic Guidelines and Practice Parameters to his affiliations.

Anthony Lisi, clinical associate professor, has been awarded a research grant from the NCMIC foundation to study a novel approach to chiropractic service delivery in a Veterans Administration medical center. The project, in collaboration with physicians and researchers at Yale, will assess whether same-day access to chiropractic services can be substituted for analgesic use by patients with acute neck or back pain.

ENGINEERING

Lawrence Hmurcik, professor of electrical engineering, and adjunct Professor **Aymen Lpizra** recently investigated a fire in Durham. A generator was hooked up to a house, and the service from the power company was terminated. The power company had provided a good ground connection for stray electricity, but leakage from the generator was not routed to ground. It caused excess heat, which in turn caused home appliances to catch fire.

In another house fire, **Umatri Pradhananga**, M.S. candidate in electrical engineering, joined Professor **Hmurcik** in an investigation in Meriden. After Hurricane Irene, a homeowner lost power and connected a generator to his house. Pradhananga did a theoretical analysis of the electrical wiring and discovered a defect that Hmurcik confirmed in his on-site investigation was responsible for the fire.

Gallery Show Continues

It's not too late to enjoy the drawings of Bridgeport artist Barbara Morse: "Life, Examined: Drawing Now, Then, and Again." In the University Gallery of the Bernhard Center, through February 17, free and open to the public, W-F, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.; weekends, 12:30-4 p.m.

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.