



# UB Highlights

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News & Events for February 1-15, 2010

## IDEAL Info Session

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 6-7 p.m.  
Waterbury Center

Learn about UB's outstanding adult degree-completion program on the Waterbury campus, 84 Progress Lane. For more information, call 203-597-9036, or email [klozada@bridgeport.edu](mailto:klozada@bridgeport.edu).



Purple Knights  
Home Athletic Events  
February 1-15, 2010

### Men's Basketball

Feb. 6 (Sat.), 3 p.m., C.W. Post @ Hubbell Gym

Feb. 10 (Weds.), 7 p.m., Dowling @ Hubbell Gym

### Women's Basketball

Feb. 6 (Sat.), 1 p.m., C.W. Post @ Hubbell Gym

Feb. 10 (Weds.), 5 p.m., Dowling @ Hubbell Gym

## IN MEMORIAM

On December 23, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences Hans van der Giessen acknowledged with sorrow the passing of Natalia Romalis-Reytblatt, professor and chair of mathematics in the School of Arts and Sciences, a beloved professor and treasured friend and mentor to many at the University of Bridgeport.

"Professor Romalis-Reytblatt joined the University in 1994 and was promoted to full professor in 2001. She was named Distinguished Professor of the Year for 2006-2007 and served as Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences from 1999 to 2003. She enjoyed a career as a distinguished mathematician, contributing numerous articles and several books to its professional literature.

"Natalia completed her formal education in what was then known as the Soviet Union and pursued mathematics because it provided for the freedom of thought denied to many other disciplines in that society. In her address as Distinguished Professor at the opening convocation in 2006 she left us with the admonition that nothing worthwhile was easy, but that through hard work we could become free in our thoughts and in our choice of profession.

"We will miss her but take comfort in the privilege of having known her."

A memorial service was held Thursday, December 24, in Fairfield.

## You might have missed . . .

**December 23:** Stevaughn Bush, a freshman from New York, was announced the winner of the Kenneth R. Gray and Lancy A. Gray Essay and Scholarship Contest. Stevaughn, who is majoring in social science and is a member of the UB Debate Club, submitted a 600-word essay on "fostering understanding amongst people of different cultures" to win the award.

**January 18:** Congressman Jim Himes spoke at UB to several hundred volunteers on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, organized by UB's Office of Student Affairs, Service for Peace, and other local organizations. Dean of Students Ken Holmes noted that UB students donated more than 10,000 volunteer hours in Connecticut last year, preparing meals for the homeless, visiting the sick and elderly, and mentoring children. He said, "This holiday helps us concentrate this spirit of service to the community." UB students Hyung Min Jin and Claude Germaine were interviewed by National Public Radio during the Field of Hope indoor carnival held at Wheeler Recreation Center.

**January 29:** The Fones School of Dental Hygiene offered free dental cleanings, x-rays, cavity-preventive sealants, and other care to children and teenagers during Give Kids a Smile, the American Dental Association's major outreach program providing low-income children with dental care. Each year the Fones School treats up to 13,000 patients throughout Connecticut who might otherwise not be able to afford care.

# UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

## STUDENTS & ALUMNI

### ARTS & SCIENCES

**Diego Moreno**, interior design, was informed on January 13 that his entry was among 12 finalists in the PAVE (Planning and Visual Education Partnership) the Way 3-D Design Challenge. A prototype of his countertop fixture to sell Prada sunglasses will be displayed at GlobalShop, the largest international trade show for retail design, in Las Vegas, March 10-12.

### ATHLETICS

**Emma Woolley**, senior soccer midfielder, added to her many honors on January 6, when she was appointed to the 2009 NSCAA/adidas Women's Soccer Scholar College Division All-America Third Team. Emma achieved a 3.61 GPA and completed her soccer career at UB as the school's all-time leader in career assists, with 36, also scoring 14 goals. This season she scored 5 goals and 5 assists to help the Purple Knights advance to the NCAA Division II Championship Tournament.

**Women's Swimming** was ranked number 14 nationally in the latest NCAA Division II Dual Meet Power Rankings.

**Piotr Safronczyk**, junior swimmer, earned NCAA Division II Men's Swimmer of the Week honors from Collegeswimming.com for the period December 28-January 10. Piotr became the first NCAA men's qualifier in UB history with his wins in the 100 breast stroke, the 200 breast stroke, and the 200 individual medley at the 2010 College Winter Invitational at Daytona State College in January.

### BUSINESS

**Ping Yin**, a first-year MBA student, has been named Sergeant-at-Arms, and **Steven Rashba**, professor of business English, was named Vice President of Publicity in the Greater Bridgeport chapter of Toastmasters International in December. **Yu "Magic" Wang**, also a first-year MBA student, won the Raymond Award for her "outstanding contribution to the club." Ten UB students are members of the Greater Bridgeport chapter.

**Minal Bhatia**, **Kang She**, **Chia Wen Lin**, and **Wenbo Jin**, all international MBA students advised by professor **Steven Rashba**, placed second (out of 42 university teams) in the Connecticut Stock Market Competition ending December 18. Another UB team placed fourth.

## FACULTY & STAFF

### ARTS & SCIENCES

**Spiros Katsifis**, associate professor of biology and chair of the department, has published, with **Daniel Bal '08**, *biology cum laude*, now a third-year medical student, "Hormesis: A Possible Mechanism of the Anti-Aging Process," in the journal *In Vivo* 31(2) 2010.

**Eric Lehman**, senior lecturer in English, has published his essay, "A False Parallel: Nature and Superstition in *The Hound of the Baskervilles*" in *The Sherlock Holmes Journal*.

### EDUCATION

**Margaret Queenan**, assistant professor of educational reading and language arts, presented a paper December 4 at the 59th Annual National Reading Conference. The paper was entitled, "Comprehension Strategies in the Content Areas (Sometimes) Lead to a Better Comprehension World." Professor Queenan was also chair of the Comprehension Processes and Strategies session.

### ENGINEERING

**Tarek Sobh**, vice president for graduate studies and research and dean of the School of Engineering, and a dual citizen of Egypt and the U.S., has been elected a Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences (AAS). Modeled on the American National Academy of Sciences, the AAS was founded in 1985 and selects Fellows from among distinguished scientists whose origins are in an African country. Professor Sobh joins 14 other Egyptian-origin scientists in the AAS.

### LIBRARY

**Andrea Sicari**, instruction and information literacy specialist, and **Sarah Hutton**, head information specialist, presented about the University of Bridgeport's Evidence Based approach to Information Literacy at the December 4 meeting of the Association of College and Research Libraries' New England Library Instruction Group.

### NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

**Jared Skowron**, lecturer in clinical sciences, discussed the overreaction to H1N1 flu, and natural therapies scientifically proven to eradicate the influenza virus, at the American Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine Conference December 12.

**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.