



# UB Highlights

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News & Events for April 15-30, 2011

## UB Passover Seder Friday, April 15, 5-9 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to share the traditional Passover Seder, in the Private Dining Room of the Student Center. Free to all, the dinner is sponsored by UB Professor Jerry Cole with help from UB Jewish. RSVP by April 11 to [cpowers@bridgeport.edu](mailto:cpowers@bridgeport.edu).



## 4th Gospel Xplosion Friday, April 15, 7 p.m.

UB students, hosting singing groups from Bridgeport and the Tri-State area, will present a Gospel music concert in the Littlefield Recital Hall of the Bernhard Center. Free to the public.



## Brown Bag Seminar

Tuesday, April 19, noon-1:30 p.m.

Peter Hicks, vice-president and manager of the Emerging Growth and Technology Group of Webster Bank, will speak on "Obtaining Financing for Your Start-Up," at the CTech IncUBator, 250 Myrtle Avenue, on campus. Bring your own bag lunch and join the discussion. Free and open to the public. To register, visit <http://www.ctech-ct.org/events.aspx>.



## Late but Great

*This news did not reach us in time for the April 1-15 Highlights, but you can still catch this event!*

**Wednesday, April 13, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.** Award-winning journalist, blogger, author, copywriter, and media consultant Lennie Grimaldi will speak in Professor Susan Katz's "Introduction to Public Relations" class, in Wahlstrom Room 503. The UB community is invited to join the class as Grimaldi describes the accomplishments and catastrophes of his life and career. Beginning at 11:15 a.m., the talk will also be broadcast on the Internet TV channel *Media Talk Live*, which allows viewers to chat via text with Grimaldi and the class.

## Purple Knights Home Athletic Events April 15-30, 2011



### Baseball

Apr. 16 (Sat.), 11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas @ Harbor Yard

Apr. 22 (Fri.), 3:30 p.m., Dowling @ Harbor Yard

Apr. 23 (Sat.), 12 & 2:30 p.m., Dowling @ Harbor Yard

Apr. 26 (Tues.), 3:30 p.m., Queens @ Harbor Yard

### Lacrosse (Women's)

Apr. 26 (Tues.), 6 p.m., Queens @ Knights Field

### Softball

Apr. 16 (Sat.), 1 & 3 p.m., Dowling @ Seaside Park

Apr. 23 (Sat.), 1 & 3 p.m., NYIT @ Seaside Park

Apr. 26 (Tues.), 3 & 5 p.m., Mercy @ Seaside Park

Apr. 28 (Thurs.), 3 & 5 p.m., Felician @ Seaside Park

Apr. 30 (Sat.), 1 & 3 p.m., C. W. Post @ Seaside Park

## International Coffee Hour Tuesday, April 19, 4-6 p.m.

What is your credit score? Do you know what a credit score is? Do you know how to maintain a good credit score? Find out in the Student Center Private Dining Room. You can also participate in friendly conversation and refreshments. Sponsored by Wells Fargo.



## Careers in Counseling

Wednesday, April 20, 6-7:30 p.m.

In the University Gallery of the Bernhard Center, graduates of the College Student Personnel, Community Counseling, Human Resource Development, and Human Services specializations of UB's M.S. in Counseling program will speak on their careers. All prospective students are invited. Light refreshments will be served.

**Last Day of Classes for undergraduate and graduate students: Friday, April 29**

## Student Leadership Awards

*Thursday, April 21, 4-7 p.m.*

Everyone is invited to the Student Center Social Room to congratulate the 2010-11 year's outstanding students. Awards will be presented in many categories. This year's event, still in the planning, will be a sit-down dinner. To attend, or for more information, please contact Colleen Powers, [cpowers@bridgeport.edu](mailto:cpowers@bridgeport.edu).



## Necessary Voices 2.0

*Thursday, April 21, 7-9 p.m.*

In a program emceed by Professor Eric Lehman, UB's student poets and authors – James Novoa, ShaMaar Blount, Cassie Tucker, Marquise Wright, Michael Doran, and others – will read from their work. Other poetry writers and readers are invited to read their own poems, or ones they admire. Everyone else is invited to come and listen. Contact Professor Lehman, [elehman@bridgeport.edu](mailto:elehman@bridgeport.edu), if you would like to participate. A release party for *Groundswell*, UB's literary magazine, will close the evening, and refreshments will be served.



## 16th Annual Afroganza

*Thursday, April 21, 7 p.m.*

An evening featuring food, a fashion show, and performances – this year with the theme “I am Africa” – will be offered in the Bernhard Center. Food and beverages are available from 7 p.m., performances in the Mertens Theater from 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3 in advance, or \$5 at the door. For more information, contact Josephine Manu, [jmanu@bridgeport.edu](mailto:jmanu@bridgeport.edu).



## Percussion Concert

*Monday, April 25, 5 p.m.*

Enjoy a performance of UB's Percussion Ensemble in the Littlefield Recital Hall. Music Professor Jeff Jones, who also teaches at Yale, has invited some of the Yale Percussionists to join in. Free and open to all.



## DC Area Alumni Reception

*Tuesday, April 26, 6-8 p.m.*

Join UB alumni and friends at Washington's Cosmos Club. Catch up on news and enjoy refreshments. For more information, or to RSVP, contact [rgreenwo@bridgeport.edu](mailto:rgreenwo@bridgeport.edu), or call 203-576-4151.



## Good News

**Prabir Patra**, assistant professor in the Departments of Biomedical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering and director of the Biomedical Engineering Program, and colleagues at Rice University are announcing groundbreaking research in developing a unique, adaptive material that self-strengthens. The discovery is being covered widely in the most prestigious journals and is also receiving notice in more popular media. It has been published in *ACS Nano* and received media coverage from *Science Blog*, *Science Daily*, *Nanotech Now*, *ElectroIQ*, *Small Times*, *MRS News*, *The Economist*, *C&EN* and many others. For details of the research see <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/nn103104g> and a report in “News” at [www.bridgeport.edu](http://www.bridgeport.edu).

## Benefit Soccer Game

*Friday, April 29, 7 p.m.*

The Diana Silonova Fundraiser Exhibition Soccer Game will be held at Knights Field, to benefit the former UB and Fairfield University athlete. Involved in a serious accident in 2009, Diana continues her rehabilitation. Admission is \$5, with a silent auction and raffle. For more info, contact Coach Magnus Nilerud, [nilerud@bridgeport.edu](mailto:nilerud@bridgeport.edu), or 203-576-4727.



## Graduate Info Session

*Saturday, April 30, 10-11:30 a.m.*

*Bridgeport Campus*

Information will be offered on the following graduate programs: Education, Counseling, MBA, Engineering, and Global Development and Peace. Held on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library. Register online at [www.lbpt.bridgeport.edu/ub/gradinfo/](http://www.lbpt.bridgeport.edu/ub/gradinfo/).



## Iranistania Carnival

*Saturday, April 30, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.*

Admission is free to the festivities planned by UB students to celebrate the end of the semester. Tickets may be purchased at the carnival for inflatable rides and games, and food will be available to buy. Free music, a DJ/band, and more! In the Wisteria parking lot and across the street, on the Waldemere east lawn.



# UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

## STUDENTS & ALUMNI

### ARTS & SCIENCES

*Jasmine Martich*, a biology major, has been selected to participate in the 2011 Biophysical Society Summer Course: Case Studies in the Physics of Life. This competitive program, which enables talented undergraduates to work at the graduate level, is held at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

### BUSINESS

*Charanjit Sandhu, Ruibing Duan, Huike Li, Tian Pang, Minalbahen Patel, Geetanjali Sharma, and Si Ting*, a team of UB MBA students, placed 8th out of 168 teams competing in a nationwide futures trading competition sponsored by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Our students, mentored by Professor *Anton Miglo*, outperformed teams from Pitt, Columbia, Notre Dame, UCLA, UC Berkeley, Tulane, Dartmouth, Rutgers, NYU, London Business School, Fordham, Brown, and Cornell, among others.

*Jessica Velez*, senior in Fashion Merchandising, and *Ashley Bacon*, sophomore in Psychology, won the Career Makeover contest created by the Fashion Merchandising Department with the help of Filene's Basement/Syms. Jessica and Ashley wrote the two winning essays and will appear in the annual fashion show on April 7 modeling their new outfits.

### CHIROPRACTIC

*Kristine DeMarco, D.C. '00* recently completed the Comprehensive Spine Course given by NYU School of Medicine and NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases. This integrated course included chiropractors, physical therapists, acupuncturists, neurologists, and orthopedists working together. Besides her private practice, Dr. DeMarco teaches a course in physical medicine in UB's College of Naturopathic Medicine.

### ENGINEERING

*Sarosh Patel*, Ph.D. candidate in computer engineering, and *Lawrence V. Hmurcik*, professor of electrical engineering, recently completed an investigation into an accident involving a forklift on a loading dock in New Jersey. When the forklift operator stood up, the vehicle stopped moving, but the lift mechanism swung back, grabbed him, and twisted his back. Patel and Hmurcik found evidence of sabotage in the electronics that control the safety mechanisms. This kind of sabotage generally is done to speed up production, with accidents an unwanted by-product.

## FACULTY & STAFF

### ARTS & SCIENCES

*Eric D. Lehman*, senior lecturer in English, and *Amy Nawrocki*, lecturer in English, have co-written *A History of Connecticut Wine: Vineyard in Your Backyard*, released by the History Press. The book covers the intricacies of our local blends, the vintners who craft them, and the people who taste them.

*Spiros Katsifis*, associate professor of biology and chair of the department, attended the 2011 annual meeting of the Society of Toxicology, in March, in Washington. It was a special meeting celebrating 50 years of service in science.

### CHIROPRACTIC

*James Lehman*, associate professor of clinical sciences, has been named director of Health Sciences Postgraduate Education, to be located in the Division of Health Sciences. Dr. Lehman will be responsible for strengthening existing programs and development of new opportunities related to the chiropractic, naturopathic medicine, acupuncture, dental hygiene, nutrition, and physician assistant professions.

*Matthew F. Funk*, associate professor of clinical services, and *Albert A. Cantito*, assistant professor of clinical services, published their paper, "Laboratory Pre-Participation Screening Examination in a Chiropractic College: Development, Implementation, and Results," in the Spring 2011 issue of the *Journal of Chiropractic Education*.

### ENGINEERING

*Russ Budzilek*, adjunct professor of electrical engineering, recently completed building the set for the new Dr. Drew show on CNN. As vice-president of Trans-Luxe in Norwalk, Prof. Budzilek's task was to coordinate the carpenters, the electricians who handled the LED displays, and the computer science people from the CNN news organization.

### PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

*Monica Lockwood*, medical director of the Institute, recently returned from a medical mission in Haiti. She has been an active, hands-on participant in patient treatment missions in the Dominican Republic and Haiti since 2007 and travels there several times a year, sometimes taking students along. The main focus of these missions is to provide patient care sustainability, and Dr. Lockwood's involvement directly contributes to the Institute's global health initiative.

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