



UB Highlights

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News & Events for May 1-15, 2011

An Evening of Monologues Tuesday, May 3, 6:30 p.m.

UB students in Theatre Arts 233, "Role Study & Characterization," will present funny, dramatic, and outrageous monologues in the Littlefield Recital Hall of the Bernhard Center. Free admission. Contact Prof. Drew Denbaum at ddenbaum@bridgeport.edu for more information.

LATE BUT GREAT

This news did not reach us in time for the April 15-30 Highlights, but you may still catch these events!

Thursday, April 28, 12:20 -1:20 p.m. The UB Department of Biology cordially invites you to attend an informative presentation, "Metals, Epigenetics, and Cancer," by Dr. Max Costa, associate director of the NYU Cancer Institute and a noted expert in the field of environmental medicine. Dr. Costa is also chair of the Departments of Environmental Medicine and Pharmacology at NYU. Free and open to the public, in Room 116, Engineering Tech Building. For more information, contact Prof. Spiros Kasifis, skatsif@bridgeport.edu.

Thursday, April 28, 11:30-1:30 p.m. Celebrate spring and the end of the semester by joining U-BET and Sodexo on the Waldemere east lawn for the annual luau. Music, food, and games! Free for those on the meal plan, others \$3.

Amateur Astronomers Association Friday, May 6, 6:15-8 p.m.

In the Kaufmann Auditorium of the American Museum of Natural History, in New York, David Thompson, astrophysicist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, will present "Exploring the Extreme Universe with the Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope." For more information, contact Professor **David Kraft**, at dkraft@bridgeport.edu. Free to the public.

Purple Knights Home Athletic Events May 1-15, 2011



Baseball

May 1 (Sun.), 1 p.m., Queens @ West Haven High School

May 4 (Weds.), 3 p.m., Mercy @ Harbor Yard

May 8 (Sun.), 1 p.m., Mercy @ Harbor Yard

Lacrosse (Women's)

May 7 (Sat.), 6 p.m., Seton Hill @ Knights Field

May 8 (Sun.), 1 p.m., Lake Erie @ Knights Field

2010-11 Honors Events Friday, May 6, 1-6 p.m.

The following honors events will be held in the Bernhard Center:

1-3 p.m., International College: Honor Society, Room 110

1-3 p.m., School of Business: Honors Convocation and Delta Mu Delta, duPont Tower Room

2-3 p.m., School of Engineering: Honors Convocation, Room 113

2-3 p.m., School of Arts and Sciences: Honors Convocation, Littlefield Recital Hall

3-5 p.m., UPE Ceremony, Room 113

3-6 p.m., Alumni and Honors Reception, University Gallery

4-6 p.m., Fones School of Dental Hygiene, Pinning Ceremony, Mertens Theater

5-6 p.m., Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Induction Ceremony, DuPont Tower Room (by invitation only)

101st Commencement

Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m.

The ceremony, for the Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, and Engineering, the Fones School of Dental Hygiene (associate's and bachelor's degrees), and the International College, will be held in the Webster Bank Arena at Harbor Yard, 600 Main Street, in Bridgeport. Full Commencement information will be available on the Portal on the UB Website. For more, email ubcommencement2011@bridgeport.edu

The University of Bridgeport's Health Sciences Commencement will include the Acupuncture Institute, the College of Chiropractic, the Master's Degree Program of the Fones School of Dental Hygiene, the Human Nutrition Institute, the College of Naturopathic Medicine, and the Physician Assistant Institute. The ceremony will be held Sunday, May 22, 2011, at 11 a.m. in the Mertens Theater of the Bernhard Center. Further information will be sent to all Health Sciences degree candidates.



Employee Service Awards

On March 25, the following members of the UB community were honored for their years of service:

40 Years

William Greenspan

35 Years

Valerie Powell Baldwin

30 Years

Sandra Batsu, Marlene Bojarski, John Mulcahy

25 Years

Lillian Nash, Tempe Reith

20 Years

April Vournelis

15 Years

Rayon Bernard, David Burton, Angela DiMario

Michael Giampaoli, Christine Hempowicz

David Mosher, Patricia Mulcahy-Ernt

Tarek Sobh, Michele Stevenson, Thomas Ward

10 Years

Jerald Cole, Maxine (Sunni) Hudy

John Kandalaft, Takafumi Kojima

Maureen Lyons Maloney, Alina Merced

Antonio Moye, Magnus Nilerud, Michael Ruane

Gabor Szilasi, Puay-Lam Teo

Abhilasha Tibrewal, Rachel Paschael



UB's own 2011 USA Gymnastics Team Collegiate National Champions, after their win at the U.S. Air Force Academy on April 9. Head Coach Byron Knox is at far right, Assistant Coach Rebecca Caravetta at far left.

2011 Student Leadership Awards

At the Student Leadership Recognition Banquet on April 21, students were honored as follows:

Campus Program of the Year: Pakistan Flood Relief Dinner, Muslim Student Association

Excellence in Community Service: Kuntao Jiu-Jitsu

Most Improved Club of the Year: UB Cheer Squad

Outstanding Greek Organization of the Year: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Outstanding Cultural Club of the Year: African Student Association

Outstanding Club of the Year: Black Student Alliance

Advisors of the Year: LaToya Blount and Ciara Negron

Outstanding Involvement by a First-Year Student: Jessica DiNatale

Outstanding Involvement by a Sophomore Student: Colin Capaci

Outstanding Involvement by a Junior Student: Delia Amsterdam

Outstanding Involvement by a Senior Student: Mengdi Chen

Outstanding Involvement by a Graduate Student: Deepti Sougajam

Community Service Award: Gabriel Ryan

Scholar-Citizen Award: Liang "Leon" Zhang

Shining Knight Spirit Award: Darren Ganesh

Dean's Award: Colin Capaci

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ARTS & SCIENCES

Dugho Jin, Stephanie Mallory, and Alex Charmoze, biology majors, attended the 2011 New England Science Symposium held April 1 at Harvard Medical School, where they reported on their research conducted in the Katsifis Environmental and Molecular Toxicology Lab at UB. Their presentation, "In Vitro Cytogenetic Effects of Heavy Metals," was judged one of the best undergraduate presentations among those given by students from 130 universities and 30 states, and it was published in the symposium proceedings.

ATHLETICS

For the third consecutive year, UB Gymnastics won the USA Gymnastics Team Collegiate National Championship April 9, followed by a strong showing in individual events the following day. Among the outstanding gymnastic performances contributing to the team title were those of *Monica Mesalles, Emily Repko, Jessica Watts, Kamri Riles, Natalie Saimeri, and Emily Turk*.

Pitor Safronczyk, two-time NCAA 100-yard breaststroke champion, *Oscar Pereiro*, 2011 NCAA 100-yard backstroke champion, and *Nikola Savic and Toni Valcic*, who joined Safronczyk and Pereiro on the 200 Freestyle and 200 Medley Relay teams that won UB the 2011 NCAA national title for the events, were recognized, along with the UB Gymnastics Team, by the Bridgeport City Council on April 18.

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

Gayatri Amatya, Myung-jin Baldini, Melissa Cronje, Justin Hume, Vincent Mughwai, Nick Smith, and Masjo Ward, joined by President *Neil Salonen* and Professors *Nancy Wei* and *Dave Benjamin*, won the 2011 WorldQuest competition, sponsored by the World Affairs Forum, in April.

Academic Calendar

Monday-Friday, May 2-6, Final Examination Week

Saturday, May 7, Commencement

Monday, May 9, Final Grades Due

Health Sciences

Tuesday, May 3, 4th Semester OSCE

Friday, May 13, Last Day of Classes

Monday-Friday, May 16-20, Final Examination Week

Sunday, May 22, Health Sciences Commencement

FACULTY & STAFF

EDUCATION

Margaret Queenan, assistant professor of language arts and reading, presented a session at the Literacy Essentials Conference at CCSU in April: "Peer Discussion in Tier 1? V-E-R-Y Carefully." She becomes the immediate past president this year for the Connecticut Reading Association, Fairfield County, and for the Connecticut Association for Reading Research.

ENGINEERING

Lawrence V. Hmurcik, professor of electrical engineering, recently joined the Westlaw Round Table Group as an expert in electrocution, electric burns, and machine control. Westlaw puts experts in touch with those who need help in analyzing or recreating accidents. Prof. Hmurcik is a member of two additional consulting groups.

Navarun Gupta, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, was selected on April 7 as the Zone I Outstanding Campus Representative by the American Society for Engineering Education, based on his "excellent record of promoting ASEE-related activities" at UB. He will receive an award at the upcoming annual meeting.

Prabir Patra, assistant professor of mechanical engineering and director of the biomedical engineering program, has written "Patterned Polymer Nanofibers Based Biosensors" with colleagues from Wichita State University and North Carolina State University. The paper will be presented at the Materials Research Society's Symposium MM, in its San Francisco spring meeting April 26-28.

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

Chunjuan Nancy Wei, assistant professor of IPED, presented a paper, "The Growth of Civil Society in China: Netizens and Democratization," at the 2011 ASIANetwork Conference annual meeting in Chicago April 15-17.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT INSTITUTE

Monica Lockwood, medical director of the Institute, and *Donald Solimini*, a professor at the Institute, lectured at the 2011 Connecticut Academy of Physician Assistants' 24th annual conference April 10-13. Dr. Lockwood spoke on "International Medical Outreach: Short-Term Clinics and Sustainability," and Dr. Solimini's topic was "Top 5 Sick Kid Office Visits."

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:Rebecca.Salonen@bridgeport.edu), or call x4988.