



# UB Highlights

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News & Events for February 1-15, 2009

## University Singers

Wednesday, Feb. 4, 7-9 p.m.

All are welcome to join the University Singers. This semester's open rehearsals are held in Room 110 of the Bernhard Center. For information, contact Director Frank Martignetti, [fmartign@bridgeport.edu](mailto:fmartign@bridgeport.edu).



## Poetry Reading & Party

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 4 p.m.

Amy Nawrocki, published poet and lecturer in the First Year Studies program, will read from her new book, *Potato Eaters*, in the University Gallery of the Bernhard Center. Refreshments will be served, and the author will sign her book. Reviewers have called this collection of poems "beautiful and heart-breaking" and praised the author's "craft, subtlety, and imaginative reach."



## IDEAL Information Session

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 5-7 p.m.

Waterbury Campus: 84 Progress Lane

Information will be offered on UB's accelerated adult degree-completion program. For more information, write to [mjdubner@bridgeport.edu](mailto:mjdubner@bridgeport.edu).



## Engineering Colloquium

Thursday, Feb. 12, 4 p.m.

The School of Engineering opens the spring semester colloquium series in Dana 107 as Dr. Prabir Patra, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, speaks about his research interests. Everyone is welcome.



### *Enjoy Our Diversity!*

International Student Services has launched a bimonthly newsletter, "Diversity Crossroads," which helps to serve as a forum for sharing the diverse cultures at UB. See a copy at [http://www.bridgeport.edu/include/pdf/international/Diversity\\_2.pdf](http://www.bridgeport.edu/include/pdf/international/Diversity_2.pdf). For more information, email [fsquire@bridgeport.edu](mailto:fsquire@bridgeport.edu).



**Purple Knights  
Home Athletic Events  
February 1-15, 2009**

### Men's Basketball

Feb. 7 (Sat.), 3 p.m., Molloy @ Hubbell Gym

### Women's Basketball

Feb. 7 (Sat.), 1 p.m., Molloy @ Hubbell Gym

## *You might have missed . . .*

**November 14, 2008:** UB's Admissions Office hosted the National Hispanic and Career Council Fair in Wheeler Recreation Center, with 50 representatives of universities and high schools in Fairfield County attending.

**November 21, 2008:** The Muslim Students Association dedicated the new University of Bridgeport Masjid (Mosque), located in North Hall. UB students, staff, faculty, alumni, and members of the community attended.

**December 3-4, 2008:** Students in UB's master's program in Global Development and Peace attended briefings at the United Nations Headquarters. Dr. Noel Brown, UB professor of United Nations studies, and Dr. Dave Benjamin, assistant professor of IPED, both in the International College, arranged the meetings, which included presentations on sustainable development, climate change, humanitarian relief, peace and security, and dialogue among civilizations.

**December 7, 2008:** 25 graduates received their Doctor of Chiropractic degrees during the 28<sup>th</sup> commencement ceremony for UB's College of Chiropractic, in the Mertens Theater of the Bernhard Center. Dr. C. Kevin Donovan, past president of the Chiropractic Society of Rhode Island, was commencement speaker.

**December 10, 2008:** A substantial article covering the Fones School's clinic and outreach to seniors appeared in the *Connecticut Post* and online. The clinic treats about 1,500 patients each year, about 650 of whom are seniors.

**January 16, 2009:** Barbara Maryak, associate VP for admissions, and Steven Boyd, director of international admissions, left for a week in Iraq, where they will participate in programs to bring Iraqi students to study at here. UB is among 20 U.S. universities invited, along with institutions from the United Kingdom and Canada. After Iraq, the team will also visit with students in universities and high schools in Jordan, where UB already has established relationships.

*Visit Wheeler Recreation Center to learn about the new fitness system which has been installed and is available for your use. The Fitistics tracking system monitors your exercise and calculates your progress for you. Check it out in the Cardio-Theater Room.*

# UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

## STUDENTS & ALUMNI

### BUSINESS

*Ivan Barbalic, B.S. '97*, is the new ambassador to the United Nations from Bosnia-Herzegovina. His appointment at 33 makes him one of the youngest-ever UN ambassadors as well as UB's highest-ranking diplomat-alumnus. For more, see the News & Events section at [www.bridgeport.edu](http://www.bridgeport.edu).

Gathered for lunch at Waldemere on January 23 were, from left, Dean Thomas Ward, Professor William Greenspan, Ambassador Barbalic, Stella Barbalic, Rebecca Salonen, President Neil Salonen, Dean Paul Lerman, and John Daley, UB director of communications.



### Division of Graduate Studies and Research

The newly adopted UB Intellectual Property Policy, associated forms, and information on the IP Board can be found at <http://www.bridgeport.edu/pages/5502.asp> or through the division's new Website at <http://www.bridgeport.edu/gsr>.

An Institutional Review Board was established in October and will meet three times a semester to review faculty and student proposals for all research involving human subjects. Meeting dates will be published on the division's Website (above), but researchers may apply for expedited review. For details, see the Institutional Review Board information on the Website.

The new Seed Money Grant program received 26 applications in the fall semester, representing the efforts of almost a third of UB's full-time faculty, with 6 adjunct collaborators. In this cycle approximately 10 to 15 applications will be funded, ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Grants will be finalized by the Faculty Research Council, chaired by Dr. Kathleen Engelmann. Decisions were expected to be announced at the end of January.

Please contact Christine Hempowicz, managing coordinator of the Office of Sponsored Research, at [chemp@bridgeport.edu](mailto:chemp@bridgeport.edu), with comments and suggestions for the division.

## FACULTY & STAFF

### CHIROPRACTIC

*Christopher Good*, associate professor of clinical sciences, was named external curriculum consultant for chiropractic studies to the Schola Chiropractica Barcelona (SCB), in Spain. SCB is projected to become the 6<sup>th</sup> accredited chiropractic program in Europe and is working with one of Spain's premier universities, Universidad Pompeu Fabra, toward co-awarding a master's degree in chiropractic. Student and faculty exchanges are under discussion.

### EDUCATION

*Margaret Lally Queenan*, assistant professor of educational reading and language arts, published "Learning Reading Strategies While Writing: A Qualitative Study," in the fall 2008 issue of the *Journal for the Advancement of Educational Research*.

### ENGINEERING

*Jani Macari Pallis*, associate professor of technology management, and *Subrina Thompson*, a graduate engineering student, have been named finalists in the Women of Innovation Awards 2009, sponsored by the Connecticut Technology Council.

### Good News

The University of Bridgeport's School of Education has been selected by the International Education Association (IEA), in Hamburg, Germany, as a representative American private university in the Teacher Education Study in Mathematics (TED-M) project. All student teachers completing their licensure in Spring 2010 will be program participants. This prestigious selection by the IEA board will provide international and national statistics on teacher preparation which will affect national education policies and agenda. This study will further reflect the growing body of research in many countries over the past ten years and is a follow-up to the TIMS study, which was widely reported.



On December 18, 2008, the Connecticut Department of Higher Education announced the accreditation of the Master of Science degree in Dental Hygiene at UB, including licensure and accreditation of the online program.

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