



# UB Highlights

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News & Events for March 1-15, 2013

## Undergrad Open House

**Saturday, Mar. 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Starting with a continental breakfast reception for prospective students in the Bernhard Center, the event includes admissions and financial aid presentations, a campus tour, a faculty “meet and greet,” chats with current UB students, and a residence hall tour. Register at <http://www.bridgeport.edu/admissions/undergraduate>.

## LATE BUT GREAT

*News of these events arrived too late for the last Highlights, but you may still catch them:*

### Festival Deadline

**Friday, February 22**

Apply to perform in the 37th Annual International Festival! Forms are available in the International Student Services Office in the Garden Level of the Wahlstrom Library, and in Room 231 of the Student Center. Show date is April 13. Cash prizes will be awarded.



### Innovators Series

**Thursday, Feb. 28, 5:30-8 p.m.**

A panel will present “Innovation Ecosystem,” a look at Connecticut’s five-year, \$25 million funding program for entrepreneurs. In the Schelfhault Gallery of the Bernhard Center, a wine and cheese reception will be followed by discussion and Q&A. The panel, monitored by Tim Coates, managing director of Innovation Ecosystem, includes John Margaritis, CEO of Ledgemoor Group; Janis Collins, startup growth company advisor; Bill Gordon, co-founder of Lean Launch Ventures; and John Seiffer, president of Angel Investor Forum. To attend, contact [mjfooster@bridgeport.edu](mailto:mjfooster@bridgeport.edu) or call 203-576-4696.



### International Coffee Hour

**Thursday, Feb. 28, 12-1:30 p.m.**

Learn about the culture, religion, language, and people of Jordan! Taste free bites of delicious Jordanian cuisine! Network with colleagues and friends in the Great Room of the Student Center! Sponsored by Residential Life.

## Purple Knights

### Home Athletic Events

**March 1-15, 2013**



#### Men’s Basketball

**Mar. 2 (Sat.), 3 p.m., Dowling @ Hubbell Gym**

#### Women’s Basketball

**Mar. 2 (Sat.), 1 p.m., Dowling @ Hubbell Gym**

*[ECC Tournament dates are Mar. 5, 7, and 9, with participants, locations and times TBA.]*

#### Lacrosse (Women’s)

**Mar. 7 (Thurs.), 4 p.m., Findlay @ Knights Field**

**Mar. 15 (Fri.), 3 p.m., Post @ Knights Field**



## Business Workshop Series

**Tuesday, Mar. 5, 5 p.m.**

In today’s competitive job market, do you know what your “value” is? Learn how to prepare a plan that focuses on what you can offer personally and professionally. “Know Your Value in Today’s Competitive Market” is presented by UB Career Services and Steve Bouchard, senior global sourcing manager, Hubbell, Inc., and president of SRB Consulting Group. Held in the Social Room of the Student Center.



## Alumni Art Show Reception

**Tuesday, Mar. 5, 5:30 p.m.**

In the Schelfhault Gallery of the Bernhard Center, a complimentary wine and cheese reception will open an exhibition of artworks created by UB alumni. Everyone is invited.

## “Opera in Cinema” Lecture

UB Professor of Music Jeffrey Johnson will give the pre-screening lecture, at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 10, before the showing of Wagner’s “Lohengrin” (from La Scala), 1-4 p.m., at the Bijou Theatre, 275 Fairfield Avenue, in Bridgeport. For tickets and information, visit <http://thebijoutheatre.com/calendar/>.

## IDEAL Info Sessions

*Wednesday, Mar. 13, 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](http://www.bridgeport.edu/ideal), or for Bridgeport and Stamford, call 203-576-4800; for Waterbury, call 203-597-9036.



## Financial Aid Workshop

*Wednesday, Mar. 13, 6-8 p.m.*

A workshop to guide students through the entire FAFSA process will be held in the Wahlstrom Library. Prospective students should bring their own and their parents' 2012 tax information as far as available. Call 1-800-329-3582 or register online.

## *Amateur Astronomers Series*

*Friday, March 1, 6:15-8 p.m.*

The Amateur Astronomers Association (AAA) of New York presents astrophysicist Dr. Shane Larson, assistant professor of physics at Utah State University, speaking on his research, "Whispers from the Cosmos: The Dawn of Gravitational Wave Astronomy." 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, but an RSVP is appreciated. To reply, or for more information, visit [www.aaa.org/lectures](http://www.aaa.org/lectures).

Note: Prof. Larson is seeking students interested in research in low-frequency gravitational wave astrophysics. See <http://www.physics.usu.edu/shane/>.

## Soares Institute News

The Soares Institute of Neuroscience and Education (SINE), Dr. Louise M. Soares, director, is a digital and print resource center, with original research instruments, open-access journals and publications, searchable databases, and access to research studies in the field of neuroscience at national and international conferences and symposia. SINE is physically located in UB's School of Education. Its website, <http://soaresinstitute.weebly.com>, contains a blog, newsletter and Twitter feed archives, "Apps for Brain Fitness," and many other resources of particular value to K-12 teachers. For more info, contact Research Librarian Diane Grevalsky, [dgrevals@bridgeport.edu](mailto:dgrevals@bridgeport.edu).

## *Good News*

The Fones School of Dental Hygiene has awarded \$645,000 in scholarships to students in its bachelor degree program in dental hygiene. The awards were funded through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as part of its Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students campaign, which assists full-time, financially needy students who are enrolled in professional health or nursing programs. The HRSA grant was for the 2012-13 year but is expected to continue through 2016. U.S. Rep. Jim Himes, who supported UB's grant application, recently met with the Fones scholarship winners.



*U.S. News and World Report* has ranked UB's 2013 online programs among the best in the nation. Our information technology program, which includes master's degree programs in computer science and technology management, was rated fourth best in the U.S. The online bachelor's-degree general studies program was ranked 12th, and the online undergraduate engineering track 16th nationally. Factors considered in evaluating programs included faculty credentials and training, academic and support services for students, applicants' GPAs and other admissions criteria, program reputation, technologies, student satisfaction, and graduation rates. To be considered for the rankings, programs had to offer 100% of their courses online. UB was the first university in Connecticut to offer online classes, when it launched distance-learning classes in the human nutrition program in 1997.



Five Fones School of Dental Hygiene students have been awarded 2012-13 scholarships by Delta Dental Foundation of New Jersey. Second-year students **Ashley Thompson**, **Marina Amorim**, and **Phouphokham Sisomboun**, and first-year students **Aleksandra Borisova** and **Katie Burleigh**, each received \$1,000 toward the cost of their studies. The Delta Dental scholarships are given to students studying in New Jersey or Connecticut who have a minimum 2.5 GPA and demonstrate financial need.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Sunday-Sunday, March 10-17

Spring Break: No classes

Administrative offices open Monday through Friday

# UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

## STUDENTS & ALUMNI

### ATHLETICS

*Priscilla Dodoo* and *Tanisha Carter*, “UB’s Dynamic Duo,” were featured in a long article about their basketball partnership on February 13, in the *ECC Insider*. See [http://eccsports.org/sports/wbkb/2012-13/releases/021313\\_eccwbbsinsider](http://eccsports.org/sports/wbkb/2012-13/releases/021313_eccwbbsinsider).

*Monica Mesalles Sallares* and *Melissa Doucette* won ECAC Division II Gymnast of the Week and ECAC Division II Specialist of the Week honors, respectively, on February 5.

### ENGINEERING

The following graduate students won awards for their posters at the 2013 Faculty Research Day on February 1:

**First place:** *Ashish Aphale, Krishna Vattipalli, Isaac Macwan, Shalini Prasad*, (with advisor *Prabir Patra*), Biomedical Engineering, “Fabrication of Electrospun Composite Nanofibers and Their Application in Early Detection of Femtogram C-reactive Protein (CRP)”

**Second Place:** *Ali Alzaidi* (with advisors *Prabir Patra* and *Hassan Bajwa*), Electrical Engineering, “Noncontact Textile Electrodes for Wireless ECG System”

**Third Place:** *Varun Pande, Wafa Elmannai* (with advisor *Khaled Elleithy*), Computer Science and Engineering, “Classification and Detection of Fire on WSN Using IMB400 Multimedia Sensor Board”

**Honorable Mentions:** *Ashish Aphale, Aheli Chattopadhyay, Kapil Mahakalkar* (with advisor *Prabir Patra*), Biomedical Engineering, “Engineering Nanoscale Energy Storage Devices from *C. aegargropila* Algae Cellulose Dispersed in Graphene”; *Nazar Fadhil, Dleer Saber* (with advisor *Prabir Patra*), Biomedical Engineering, “Power Harvesting from Artery Using Nano-scale PVDF for Implanted Devices”

## FACULTY & STAFF

### CHIROPRACTIC

*Paul Sherman*, coordinator of academic affairs and associate professor of clinical sciences, presented a 3-hour post-graduate teleseminar through Chirocredit.com on February 9. The presentation focused on a systematic approach to interpreting plain film radiographs of the spine and included some interesting case presentations.

*Douglas DeMassa*, an adjunct UBCC lecturer in the pediatrics section, was recently interviewed about his work with special needs children. Dr. DeMassa integrates traditional Tae Kwon Do with a cognitive strategy to help kids with sensory motor dysfunctions. For the article and video, see [http://norwalk.itsrelevant.com/content/13275/SPED\\_Partners\\_Integrate\\_Movement\\_and\\_Learning](http://norwalk.itsrelevant.com/content/13275/SPED_Partners_Integrate_Movement_and_Learning).

### UBCPIA

*Susan Katz*, senior lecturer in mass communications, is a finalist for the 2013 Reed Awards, sponsored by *Campaigns & Elections* magazine. Prof. Katz is competing for Best Website in the Political Technology category for the website she developed as the virtual hub for the campaign of CT State Senate candidate Carolanne Curry. See it at <http://www.curryforstatesenate.com>.

*Plus ça change . . .*

## UB College of Public and International Affairs

The Board of Trustees of the University of Bridgeport has voted to rename, as of February 1, the International College, founded in 2000, to the College of Public and International Affairs (UBCPIA), reflecting UB’s commitment to training students in a wide range of careers, including political science, international law, diplomacy, and mass communications. The UBCPIA offers undergraduate bachelor of arts programs in International Political Economy and Diplomacy, World Religions, Martial Arts Studies, Mass Communications, Social Science, and Criminal Justice and Human Security, as well as master of arts degrees in Global Development and Peace, East Asian and Pacific Rim Studies, and Global Media and Communications.

**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.