



UB Highlights

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News & Events for March 1-15, 2017

Interview Workshop

Thursday, Mar. 2, 12:20-1:20 p.m.

Learn how to be even more successful in your next interview! Career Development staff members will share practice questions, preparation tips, and interview etiquette. In the Discovery Pavilion, first floor of Wahlstrom Library. For more information, email careercenter@bridgeport.edu, or call 203-576-4466.



Saturday Morning Tour

Saturday, Mar. 4, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

The Office of Admissions conducts weekday campus tours at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 2 p.m. For students and families unable to visit on a weekday, campus tours on Saturday mornings begin at 11 a.m., from the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library. Register online or contact *Jessica Crowley*, jessiccr@bridgeport.edu.



Dani, the Therapy Dog

Tuesday, Mar. 7, 12-1 p.m.

Dani, a sable and white collie who is a registered therapy dog, will be visiting campus every other Tuesday during the spring semester. Research shows that petting a dog helps relieve human stress! Stop by the Wahlstrom Library Lobby and visit with Dani. Sponsored by UB CARES: Counseling, Advocacy, Responsibility, Education, Support. For more information, call the Office of Campus Activities and Civic Engagement, 203-576-4487.



Financial Aid Night

Tuesday, Mar. 14, 6-7 p.m.

Students interested in attending UB are invited to the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library for an informative presentation about paying for college. Students will also have a chance to meet with their financial aid counselors regarding financial aid packages. Register online. For more information, contact *Jessica Crowley*, jessiccr@bridgeport.edu, or 203-576-4812.

Purple Knights

Home Athletic Events

March 1-15, 2017

Gymnastics (Women's)

Mar. 7 (Tues.), 6 p.m., Southern CT, RIC, Brown @ Wheeler Recreation Center

Lacrosse (Women's)

Feb. 24 (Fri.), 4 p.m., Nyack @ Knights Field

Mar. 1 (Weds.), 4 p.m., Georgian Court @ Knights Field

Mar. 15 (Weds.), 4 p.m., St. Michael's @ Knights Field

Information Sessions

Register online and find more information for the following sessions in the Events section at www.bridgeport.edu:

Accelerated Degree Completion Program

Waterbury Center, 84 Progress Lane: *Wednesday, March 8, 6-7 p.m.*

Bridgeport, 6th Floor Wahlstrom Library: *Tuesday, March 14, 6-7 p.m.*

School of Education

Stamford Center, 5 Riverbend Drive, Building 5: *Tuesday, March 14, 6-7 p.m.*

Naturopathic Medicine

Discovery Pavilion, Wahlstrom Library: *Friday, March 10, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.*

Nursing – RN to BSN Hybrid Completion Program

Nursing Skills and Simulation Center, 7th Floor, Health Sciences Building: *Friday, March 10, 8:30-9:30 a.m.*

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Mid-Semester Examination Week:

Monday-Friday, March 6-10

Spring Break – No Classes:

Sunday-Sunday, March 12-19

Health Sciences Mid-Semester Grades Due
Monday, March 13

CPIA'S WINNERS

Gunsoo Kim won 2 silver medals and a bronze in the 26th Annual U.S. Open International Taekwondo Championship in Las Vegas, January 30-February 4. **Hyeun Kim** also won a silver medal, and **Hyunwoon Kim** and **Hyeonjong Ahn** each also won bronze medals. UB's team was coached by Dr. **Yong Beom Kim**, chair of the Martial Arts Studies Program. UB's Martial Arts program is the first in the U.S., combining a range of liberal arts courses with martial arts practice. The Las Vegas competition attracted more than 2,000 athletes, from 63 countries.

Max Ishmael '20 won the Best Witness award and **Pedro Ramos '17** tied for second place as Best Attorney in the American Mock Trial Association regional tournament February 11-12, held at Yale. This was the second year of competition for the CPIA team, led by Criminal Justice and Human Security (CJHS) Chair **William Lay** and coached by CJHS Prof. **Joseph Dunne**. In the fall 2017 semester CPIA will introduce a CJHS master of arts program alongside the current B.A. program.

UB's CPIA students attended the 18th Annual Conference of the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations on January 27, in New York. The focus this year was the global refugee crisis. Three Global Development and Peace graduate students and one IPED undergraduate won recognition in the poster competition. They were **Mading Anyuon '18**, himself a refugee from South Sudan; **Martina Santia '17**, whose winning poster was "Fostering Resiliency in Refugee Families"; **Oluwatosin Akegebejo Samsons '17** and **Ama Kouassi '18**, whose poster "Refugee Crisis and Cultural Backlash: the Modern-Day Challenge on Lebanon," focused on the Syria crisis; and **Swechhya Bhattarai '17**.

Food Network Recovery Club

Since the club was organized in February 2016 by **Michael Asmerom**, the Student Government Association dining liaison, and his friend **Quantasha Brown**, UB students have gathered every Tuesday with Sodexo employees at Marina Dining Hall to organize surplus food to be donated to the United Church of Christ, which serves homeless and financially vulnerable local people. So far, the club and Sodexo have donated 1,600 pounds of food. UB Dining Services General Manager **Tony DeLuca** introduced the Food Network Recovery idea to Michael. It is a consortium of Sodexo, other food providers, and about 180 U.S. schools that donate food. Read more at "News," www.bridgeport.edu.

Good News

UB's Division of Health Sciences has signed a five-year agreement with Optimus Health Care of Bridgeport to provide drug-free chiropractic and acupuncture treatment to patients at Optimus clinics in Stamford and Bridgeport. Doctors from UB's College of Chiropractic teaching faculty, post-doctoral chiropractic residents, and supervised UB chiropractic students will serve patients, including those on expanded Medicaid, who suffer from chronic and acute pain caused by neuro-musculoskeletal conditions. A study of UB's pilot program begun in 2012 found that patient satisfaction reached 98.5 percent. The new program begins March 13 and will operate under the direction of UB's Doctors of Chiropractic **Karin Michels-Ashwood** and **James Lehman**.



Five international students who have been awarded Fulbright Scholar grants to study in the U.S. have chosen to enroll at UB, all expecting to graduate between 2018 and 2020. They are

Samantha Grand Pierre '18, of Haiti. A former banker, Grand Pierre is earning an MBA from the Ernest C. Trefz School of Business, with a concentration in International Business. She plans to return to Haiti and hopes to recruit private investment in her country.

Mohammed Yahya Nafi '18, of Afghanistan. Also a former banker earning an MBA, in Finance, Mohammed asked the Fulbright program to place him at UB because of its diversity. He will return to Afghanistan aiming to help establish rural cooperative banking systems.

Seifallah Mejri, of Tunisia. Already a UB student, Mejri recently won the Best Venture Enterprise award at the CT Business Plan Competition for his Clean Phosphates, being launched with UB's Student Entrepreneur Center. He will be earning a master's degree in Technology Management.

Felipe Zapata Roldan '20, of Colombia. On track to earn a Ph.D. in Technology Management from UB in 2020, Roldan will then resume his duties as a professor at the School of Architecture and Design at Pontificia Bolivariana Universidad.

Doha Sabbagh, of Lebanon. A former bank executive, Sabbagh will earn a Master of Science in Global Development and Peace at UB's CPIA. Her degree will help her direct her career toward the United Nations or a Beirut-based NGO that emphasizes her country's economic development.

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ARTS & SCIENCES

Juan Victor Cabrera, a junior in biology, has been awarded a summer Research Experiences for Undergraduates internship. The research program, based at the University of Chicago, focuses on molecular genetics and cell biology.

ATHLETICS

Women's Swimming captured UB's first Metropolitan Conference crown in a three-day meet ending February 19. **Annagrazia Bonsanti** was honored as the Co-Women's Swimmer of the 2017 Metropolitan Conference Championships, **Oksana Marchuk** was named Rookie of the Meet, and Head Coach **Sean Raffile** was chosen as the conference's Women's Coach of the Year. **Erik Hren** was named the Men's Rookie and Swimmer of the Meet. Purple Knights swimmers will compete in the 2017 NCAA Div. II Swimming and Diving National Championship Meet, March 9-12.

CPIA

Mostafa Hassan '16, Global Development and Peace, lectured at the Fairfield Public Library on February 12 on "Ancient Egypt – Art and Historical Events." He is founder and director of Educational & Cultural Travel, which emphasizes responsible tourism.

EDUCATION

Lori Stephens Mulligan, MS '93 has been appointed the summer school coordinator for the Greenwich Public Schools.

HUMAN SERVICES

Steven Scales, a psychology and human services major and former percussionist with the well-known band Talking Heads, is reprising his role together with other former colleagues in a March 18 concert to benefit the Kennedy Center, where Steve interned as part of his study program last summer. Tickets are available at www.TheKennedyCenterInc.org. To hear a bit of the band's music, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=puDTZAICv4A>.

NUTRITION

Donna Brown, MS '06, spoke on February 15 in the Pequot Library's Wellness Wednesday series and discussed ways women can boost their heart health with nutrition, cooking, and lifestyle changes. She maintains a private practice in Fairfield as a clinical nutritionist.

FACULTY & STAFF

ACUPUNCTURE

Boaz Itshaky, adjunct clinical professor of acupuncture, has published a book review in the *Journal of Alternative, Complementary & Integrative Medicine*, which he also serves as executive editor. See <http://www.heraldopenaccess.us/fulltext/Alternative-Complementary-&-Integrative-Medicine/Huang-Di-Nei-Jing-Ling-Shu-The-Ancient-Classic-on-Needle-Therapy-The-Complete-Chinese-Text-with-an-Annotated-English-Translation.php#tab1>.

CHIROPRACTIC

Michael Anthony Cioffi, dean of the College of Chiropractic, has published with Patsy Anne Kasen, "The Relationship between Chiropractor Required and Current Level of Business Knowledge" in *Chiropractic & Manual Therapies*.

GLOBAL LEARNING INITIATIVES

Claude Perrottet, online faculty trainer and instructional designer, recently published "The Link to Kant in Tillich's 1920 Philosophy of Religion" in *Tillich and Barth: Theological Dis/Agreements* (LIT Verlag, Vienna, 2016), and "Guide to the Perplexed: an Attempt to Make Sense of the Tillich-Hisamatsu Dialogues" in *Estudios de Religião*, Sao Paulo, 3:2016.

HEALTH SCIENCES

David M. Brady, vice-president for health sciences, was awarded third prize in the 2017 Best of Naturopathic Medicine Competition for his paper, "Impact of Childhood Trauma and Stressors in Pain Disorders and Adult Health," which will appear in the February/March issue of the *Townsend Letter for Doctors and Patients*.

Fight to Unite

On February 6 nearly 100 students, faculty, and staff gathered in Carlson Plaza in support of immigrants and refugees under the banner "Fight to Unite." Organized by **Youssef Agiez '17**, president of the Student Government Association, the event drew speakers President **Neil Salonen**, Provost **Stephen Healey**, Prof. **Robert Riggs**, Prof. **Steve Hess**, Dean of Students **Edina Oestreicher**, and student poet **Nick Villacis '18**.

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.