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University of Bridgeport Orientation Newsletter for New Students

Welcome to UB!

Welcome to the University of Bridgeport! The entire UB community is looking forward to your arrival. The New Student Orientation program is our opportunity to greet you and to get to know you better before your classes begin.

During Orientation, you'll meet other new students, have opportunities to connect with faculty and staff, learn your way around campus, and become better acquainted with the University's services and policies. As part of your introduction to campus you will also have the opportunity to meet your Orientation leader. This means you'll have a friend who knows all the cool spots on campus, what there is to

do in Bridgeport, and all of the ins and outs of making UB a great experience.

We also want you to have fun! So while you're relaxing and meeting other students, we hope you'll join us for some of our planned events, such as our Welcome Picnic, an interactive trivia game show, trips, special workshops, and more.

Orientation begins for all new students on **Wednesday, August 21, 2013**. Please plan on arriving on campus before noon and come directly to the Student Center Lobby. We hope you find this newsletter helpful in planning your first week at UB. We look forward to meeting you!

Letter from the President



Welcome to the University of Bridgeport and thank you for choosing this institution as your place of higher

learning. We will do everything in our power to make your UB experience one that will enrich you for the rest of your life.

What exactly do I mean by the "UB experience?" You are about to embark upon a journey that will not only prepare you for a career but will also prepare you to better understand the world and your place in it. Here at UB, we have students from 77 different countries and 46 states. Nowhere in America will you find so many students from so many different countries in so intimate a campus setting.

Whether it is in the classroom or in social activities, you will begin to interact with people from all corners of the world; you will be exposed to global perspectives that will better prepare you for both your career and your ability to make a positive difference in this world. The cross-fertilization of cultures and ideas is an everyday experience for our students and creates what biologists call "hybrid vigor."

We believe that one object of education, beyond career training, is character development, and it is often in extracurricular activities that you will have the opportunity to do this. Get involved! Before you know it, you will proudly come to call UB your second home.

I appreciate your feedback and look forward to getting to know you.

Sincerely,

Neil Albert Salonen
President

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Arriving on Campus

1. Go to the Student Center lobby to pick up your Orientation schedule and information packet.
2. Please go to your assigned residence hall after checking in for Orientation. Check-in time for all residential students is from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm on Wednesday, August 21. If you submitted an application and deposit for housing, but haven't yet received an assignment, please e-mail us at reslife@bridgeport.edu, so we can provide you with your assignment. If you have not requested a housing assignment but would like one, please visit www.bridgeport.edu/life/reslife/housingandmeal.aspx to obtain a housing license and additional information. If you do not plan to live in a UB residence hall, but you have not yet arranged off-campus housing, you may want to stay at a local hotel or with an acquaintance until you find housing. Some local hotels are listed on the next page. You may also live in "temporary on-campus housing" for up to three days at a rate of \$25/night, however there are a limited number of rooms available for temporary housing. Please remember that all undergraduate students under the age of 21 and with less than 90 credits must live on campus unless they are living with their parent or guardian within 50 miles of the university.
3. Go to the Health Services Center if you have not yet submitted your Health Records and proof of inoculations.
4. Once you've registered, go to the Bursar's Office (Wahlstrom Library, Garden Level) to make payment arrangements if you have not yet done so. If applicable, please bring a copy of your scholarship award letter.
5. Pick up your UB I.D. and Personal Alarm Locator Device (P.A.L.) at the Security Office.
6. Attend Orientation events, meet new people, and have FUN!

Orientation Schedule

A complete version of this schedule will be available at check-in on Wednesday, August 21

Wednesday, August 21	
8:30 am - 2:30 pm	Pick up Orientation packets in the Student Center Lobby
8:30 am - 2:30 pm	Move into Residence Halls
12:00 pm or 3:00 pm	Welcome Workshop for Your Parent or Guardian
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	"All hall" Residence Hall Meeting
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Welcome Picnic hosted by President and Mrs. Neil Albert Salonen
8:00 pm	Evening Social
Thursday, August 22	
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Morning Program
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Afternoon Program
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Motivational Speaker Ed Gerety
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Residence Hall Floor Meetings
9:00 pm	Evening Social
Friday, August 23	
7:30 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am - 11:45 am	Morning Program
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Advising and Class Registration
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Afternoon Program
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Welcome Coffee House
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Dinner
8:00 pm	Evening Social
Saturday, August 24	
10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Brunch
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	"It's Better in Bridgeport Tour"
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Dinner
8:00 pm	Evening Social
Sunday, August 25	
10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Brunch
1:00 pm	Shopping Trip to IKEA
4:15 pm - 5:00 pm	Making the Most of Your UB Experience
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	BBQ Block Party
Monday, August 26	
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES	

Letter from Your Dean



To the Class

of 2017: We are a community rich in traditions, diverse in cultures, and friendly in spirit!

You will soon join a University community of other students, faculty, and administrators who are eager to welcome you. Many alumni and alumnae have called their student experiences at UB some of the best years of their lives. We hope that you will be able to say the same.

I am sure you have been reflecting on

your own intellectual and personal goals. To be prepared to meet them, you will need to think through, plan, and carry out an academic program that will challenge you in ways that you have yet to imagine. Our responsibility is to assist you in this task. We acknowledge that it is difficult to plan and prepare for a complex experience, and therefore have worked hard to assemble information and programs that will help you begin that process thoughtfully and with confidence.

Much will depend on the choices you make and how you handle the academic and personal challenges that you will face. You cannot

anticipate everything, but you can plan for some things and talk them through with any number of people who are here to do exactly that with you. The Division of Student Affairs is a team of people committed to helping make your life outside the classroom productive and pleasurable.

We look forward to welcoming you to campus and assisting with your smooth and enjoyable transition into the UB community. My office is located in the Student Center and my e-mail is: deanofstudents@bridgeport.edu. Feel free to visit or contact me anytime.

Best wishes,
Edina Oestreicher

Information You Should Know

All New Students

Please bring your acceptance letter from UB with you. If you are a transfer student, be certain to bring with you the course catalog from your previous school and a copy of your preliminary transfer credit evaluation so that we are able to properly evaluate your transfer credits.

Health Requirements

Students not providing proof of health requirements will not be able to register for classes or reside in any of our residence halls. For more information, please contact Student Health Services at 203-576-4712, or healthservices@bridgeport.edu. The Health Examination Form, to be filled out by your doctor, can be found at www.bridgeport.edu/healthforms.

Connecticut State Law and the University of Bridgeport require proof of the following:

Tuberculin test (PPD):

All Students must have a PPD test within six months of admission to the University.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella:

Two vaccines are required after age one. This pertains to all students born after December 31, 1957.

Meningitis:

All students living in residence halls.

Varicella (Chicken Pox):

Two vaccines or documented history of disease. Students born in the United States before 1980 are exempt.

Meals and Food Service

UB's dining facilities are open to students, parents, and guests. All new students will be able to eat meals in Marina Dining Hall beginning with lunch on Wednesday, August 21. All others will have to pay a fee to dine. Door prices for Marina are \$7.25 for breakfast, \$10.75 for lunch, and \$11.50 for dinner. Meal plans will officially start for new students on Monday, August 26. Please contact Dining Services at

203-576-4086 or diningservices@bridgeport.edu if you have any questions or feel free to visit our website: www.ubdiningservices.com. UB also offers three other dining establishments, **Cafe Scribe** for coffee, grab-and-go sandwiches, salads, and snacks, **the hUB** at Marina food court which features Grill-55 burgers, Ultimate Baja burritos and tacos, and Star Ginger for Thai and Vietnamese Cuisine, plus sandwiches, soup, baked goods, desserts, snacks, and milkshakes and **Sandella's Cafe**, a brand new facility to open September 2013 in the Student Center that will feature flatbread sandwiches, paninis, pizzas, rice bowls, soup, and cold beverages.

Placement Tests

All new undergraduate students will be required to take the online Math Placement Examination, but may also choose to take the English Proficiency Test. The Math Placement Exam will be given on August 22 and August 23.

Registration and Meeting with Advisors

All new students who did not register during the STAR dates (either June 29, July 20 or August 9) will register during the Orientation program. You will meet with faculty from your major to discuss courses and help you plan your program selection. You will also meet your advisor, who will help you plan your academic schedule, review the Core Curriculum, and answer your questions.

Hotel Accommodations

To get the special rates listed below, please be sure to mention that you are a UB student or family member of a UB student!

Bridgeport Holiday Inn

203-334-1234; approximately \$119/night.

Fairfield Inn by Marriott, Milford, CT

203-877-8588; approximately \$94/night.

Homewood Suites by Hilton, Stratford, CT

203-377-3322; rates starting at \$99/night.

Milford Red Roof Inn

800-843-7663; approximately \$72–102/night.

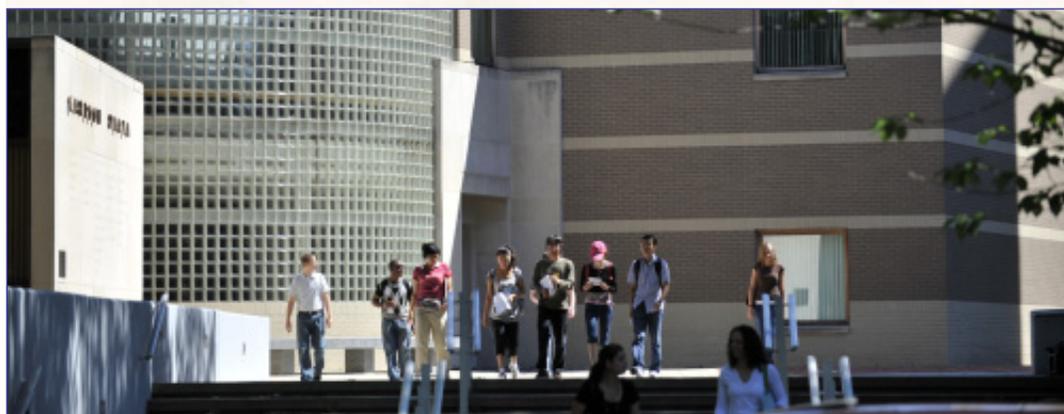
Trumbull Marriott

203-378-1400; \$129/night.

What to Pack

We want you to be comfortable in your new “home away from home.” The following is a Top Ten List of things students find helpful to bring along:

1. Clothes hangers
2. Laundry detergent and laundry bag
3. Toiletries such as shampoo, soap, deodorant, shaving cream, toothbrush, toothpaste, and a shower bucket for toting your stuff to the bathroom
4. Hair dryer, curling iron, flip flops, etc
5. Something “dressy” for special events
6. Power Strips and Surge Protectors
7. Sheets, blankets, pillows, towels and other linens
8. An alarm clock
9. Posters, calendar, wall clock, and other decorative items
10. Pictures of family and friends



Clubs

With more than 50 clubs and organizations, here is just a sample of what UB has to offer. Come and join us or develop your own:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
 African Student Association
 Biology Club
 Black Student Alliance
 Build On
 Caribbean Service Association
 Chess Club
 Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (C.A.R.P.)
 Caribbean Service Association
 Chi Upsilon Sigma Sorority
 Fencing and Archery Club
 Future Leaders of Hip-Hop (F.L.O.H.)
 Gay Straight Alliance
 Gospel Choir
 Greek Council
 Kuntao Jiu- Jitsu Club
 Lambda Sigma Upsilon
 Latin American Club
 Fashion Merchandising Club
 Muslim Student Association
 National Model U.N. Club
 National Society of Black Engineers
 Purple Knight Charity
 Spotted Stilettoes
 Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc
 Student Programming Board
 The Scribe
 UB Cheerleading
 UB Debate Society
 UB Historical Society
 UB Jewish
 UB Literature Club
 UB Martial Arts Club
 UB Student Government Association (S.G.A.)
 United We Step
 University Singers

Making the Most of Your UB Experience

Whether you are interested in writing for the school newspaper, running for class officer, learning about different cultures, choreographing dance routines, or volunteering, the University of Bridgeport has a wide variety of extracurricular activities that provide students with a chance to entertain, be entertained, learn, and mature as a person. On the left is a sample of some of the clubs and organizations that UB has to offer. We encourage you to explore all options and really take the time to get involved and find your niche. And if we do not have a club that interests you, it is easy to develop a new one! Most students would agree that some of their most meaningful and rewarding experiences at college come through participating in life outside of the classroom. Remember, the types of experiences you have are up to you, and UB is what you make of it...so make it incredible!

If you would like more information on how to start your own club or information on existing clubs and organizations, please contact the Office of Campus Activities at campusactivities@bridgeport.edu or stop by room 231 in the Student Center, Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, when you arrive on campus this fall. We look forward to meeting you!



Directions to the Student Center

By Automobile

Traveling South on I-95: Take Exit 27. At the traffic light at the bottom of the exit ramp, turn left. Take a left at the next stoplight under the I-95 overpass (make sure NOT to get back on the I-95 North entrance ramp). At the next light, turn right onto Broad Street. Continue on Broad Street until you come to Gregory Street. Turn right onto Gregory Street. Proceed down Gregory Street for one block. Turn left on Myrtle Avenue. You may park in the parking lot on the right side. The Student Center is the red brick building on the left.

Traveling North on I-95: Take Exit 27. At the bottom of the ramp, continue straight to the 3rd traffic light (make sure to bear to the right of the I-95 North entrance ramp). At the light, turn right onto Broad Street. Take your next right onto Gregory Street, proceed for one block. Turn left onto Myrtle Avenue. You may park in the parking lot on the right side. The Student Center is the red brick building on the left.

By Bus or Train

Amtrack, Metro North trains, and Peter Pan buses all make regular stops at the Bridgeport railroad and

bus stations, which are located in the Bridgeport Transportation Center. From there you can take a five-minute taxi ride to campus.

By Air

If you arrive at LaGuardia or Kennedy airports, go to the Ground Transportation Center and request a Prime Time Shuttle to Bridgeport. The Shuttle goes directly to campus and costs \$59. Prime Time can be contacted at 1-866-284-3247, option 1 or online at www.2theairport.com. If you arrive at Newark Airport, go to the Ground Transportation Center and request Connecticut Limousine. It costs \$90 (additional 5% discount if booked online) and goes to the Connecticut Limousine depot in Bridgeport. From there, take a taxi to the University. Connecticut Limousine can be contacted at 1-800-472-5466 or www.ctlimo.com. **DO NOT TAKE A TAXI FROM ANY NEW YORK OR NEW JERSEY AIRPORT TO CAMPUS.**

Helpful Contacts

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