COLIN "BEN" GUNN ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

FALL 2013

FROM THE DIRECTOR

To new students

The first order of business is to make sure you know who we are. The ARC offers free writing assistance and tutoring in a variety of subjects to all undergraduate students. In addition, if you need to expand your arsenal of study strategies, we offer workshops and individual appointments to help you. We are open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays. Walk-ins are certainly welcome, but we advise you to make an appointment to ensure there is someone available.

Come in and get to know us. Within the next couple of weeks you should be able to see the tutor schedule—and pictures—on the ARC portal page.

Can't get an appointment at the ARC?
Try online tutoring at www.etutoring.org.
Available September 3, 2013 to December 13, 2013
See instructions on page 4.

TO PROFESSORS

We didn't forget you. Do you have a place for us in your classes? Can we be a resource for some of your more involved assignments? Make sure you meet with the director to see what we can do to help your students. You also might want to send us a copy of your syllabus and assignments.

To returning students

So, how did you fare last semester? Did you earn the grades you wanted? Do you feel you got the most out of your classes? Did you use our services? Partner with us to make sure you stay on the right track.

We held over 1300 appointments last semester, and saw over 350 students. Of those students, over 91% earned a 2.0 or better, and over 50% earned a 3.0 or better. We like to believe we had some small part in those students' success.

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Call 203 576-4290 for Appointments

NEW TUTORS

My name is **Jonathan Samuel**, and I am a sophomore here at UB. I am majoring in health science/exercise and fitness and will be tutoring Biology 100, 102 and Psychology 103.

Hello! My name is **Tiffany Zapata**, and I am a sophomore here at UB. I am a pre-med student majoring in biology with a concentration in chemistry and a minor in psychology and mathematics. Since my concentration is in chemistry, I will be tutoring Chemistry 113, 114, and 103. I will also be able to tutor Math 100 and Math 105. The best piece of advice I can give to you is to always believe in yourself. Nobody said that school was easy; they just promised that it would be worth it.

Hi, my name is **Raju Thonupunuri** , and I am a graduate student at UB. I completed my undergraduate degree in India with a major in pharmaceutical sciences. Now I am pursuing my masters with major in biomedical engineering.
It's my pleasure to meet the students and exchange the communication related to sciences. I always like to be cool and understand the concept in subjects, which is the way to achieve the success in career. My hobbies are playing cricket and doing meditation.

Now I am tutoring in chemistry and math at ARC. Chemistry is the science of the composition, structure, properties, and reactions of matter, especially of atomic and molecular systems. And I feel solving mathematical calculations step by step, very interesting. I look forward to working with you.

My name is **Benjamin Dilg**, I am a junior here at UB, and my major is accounting/finance. I will be tutoring math and several business courses. I hope I am able to help anyone that comes to me. What helps me in school is being clear with what the teachers want and do exactly that. I look forward to seeing you on the 5th floor.

My name is **Mirandy Kim** and I am a sophomore majoring in finance. This fall semester I will be tutoring English 101 and English 202 (advanced exposition for business students). Also, I am available to tutor in business and math courses such as accounting 101/102, economics, statistics, and math 100/105/109. Other than tutoring, I participate in Student Government as the Administrative Secretary, volunteer with Student Support Services as a peer mentor, and work at the School of Business office as an office assistant. I am excited to be part of the ARC and to give UB students an outlet to receive help. I firmly believe asking for help is a sign of strength and commend students who do so.

Hi, I'm **Precious Humphrey**! I am formerly an engineering major who is currently studying fashion merchandising (big switch, I know). One thing that I'm really good at and what led me to engineering at first is my skills in math. So in addition to pursuing fashion, I want to help you all with math! I'll be tutoring Math 100, 105, 109, and 110. Feel free to make an appointment at the ARC with me!

THE ARC IS STILL LOOKING FOR WRITING TUTORS. APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT A WRITING SAMPLE AND A RECOMMENDATION.

MAKING THE BEST OF YOUR VISIT TO THE ARC

A standard individual appointment at the ARC is one hour. Sometimes an hour is not enough time to review all you need. Rather than rushing through the appointment, here are some pointers for maximizing your time with your tutor.

Be prepared for your tutoring session

Jot down any specific questions you have. This will help you remember all the points you want to cover.

Of course you will need to read the assignment or try the problems before coming for tutoring so you will know what questions you have.

Bring a copy of the assignment

Unlike you, the tutors have not been attending classes and may not know what the instructor had in mind when he/she gave you the assignment. If the assignment was written, please bring it to the appointment.

Bring your syllabus and textbook with you. Sometimes having access to these tools gives the tutor the proper context for your assignment.

Writing assignments often requires more than one appointment

Don't wait until the day your assignment is due to be handed in to see a tutor. You want to give yourself plenty of time for revisions and corrections. If major revisions have been made, you may want to return to review the newly revised paper with your tutor.

We help you help yourself

Do not expect the tutor to "correct" your paper. We don't want to be confused with a proofreading or editing service. Proofreading involves carefully reviewing your final copy to eliminate obvious errors. That is something you can and should do yourself. Our job is to help with the overall improvement of your writing. While you collaborate with your tutor to improve your paper, you will be learning important skills to help you with future assignments.

UPDATED SCHEDULED ARC WORKSHOPS AND STUDY GROUPS

Speed Learning (**in partnership with the library**)

Wahlstrom 5, Front Learning Kiosk 12:20-12:35 and 4:20-4:35

Sept. 17 & 19 UB Databases and How to Use Them

Oct. 8 & 10 Intro to Zotero

Reading/Writing Workshops ARC Suite 506

Sept. 11, 11:30-12:15 Reading to Write: Understanding What You Have Read

Sept. 18, 3:30-4:15 From Your Head to the Paper: Organizing Thoughts

Sept. 24, 11:30-12:15 Thesis Statements/Topic Sentences

Oct. 2 3:30-4:15 Main Ideas to Paragraphs: How to Amplify a Paragraph

Oct. 8 11:30-12:15 Paraphrasing/Summarizing/Direct Quotation

Oct. 9 3:30-4:15 Paraphrasing/Summarizing/Direct Quotation

Students may make an appointment at the ARC if they need additional help.

Chemistry 103 Study Groups ARC Suite 506

Mondays and Wednesdays 12:30 to 1:30

Visit us on myUB!

University of Bridgeport
Wahlstrom Library
5th Floor Suite 506
Phone: 576-4290

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Hours
Mon. - Thur. 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Fri. 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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WE HELP YOU
HELP YOURSELF!

ONLINE TUTORING www.etutoring.org

For those of you who are unfamiliar with online tutoring, it is a consortium of colleges and universities that collaborates to provide tutoring for member schools. When students submit questions or papers from UB, they may be corresponding with a tutor from any of the member schools. Like UB, these schools provide both professional and peer tutors. This arrangement increases the number of tutors to which you have access. It also extends your access hours. Although turnaround time is usually fast, during peak periods (around midterms and finals especially) students should allow sufficient time for a response.

Assistance is available in math, writing, accounting, anatomy and physiology as well as a number of other subjects. In addition to the tutoring, various resources are available on the site that can help you grow as a student.

Signing on to Online Tutoring

Online tutoring is available to all registered University of Bridgeport **undergraduate** students. An account is set up for all registered undergraduate students at the beginning of each semester. There are a few students whose account is rejected because of invalid or missing UBnet ID (the letters, usually first initial and last name, found in the UB email address before the @bridgeport.edu). Those students should send an email to arc@bridgeport.edu to have an account manually created.

To log on to etutoring, go to www.etutoring.org. On the right side of the screen is a red arrow that reads Log in Now. Click the red arrow. You are brought to a page that asks you to "Select your Consortium or Institution". Click on "Northeast eTutoring Consortium" and find University of Bridgeport in the drop-down box—it is currently the third from the bottom. This brings you to the log in screen. Type your username (your UBNet ID) and your password. Your password is your seven-digit ID number including the leading zero. From there, follow the instructions.

TEXT ALERT SYSTEM

Etutoring has a system to let students know when their submissions have received a response. Students will have the option of supplying a phone number to receive an alert regarding a writing lab or eQuestion response. Students will be able to sign up for alerts by editing their profiles when they sign on. See the eTutoring homepage.

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