



# UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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*From UBAA President Bill Moran*



**Welcome!**

Welcome to the first issue of the **UB Alumni Newsletter**. What began as occasional updates from me has grown into a quarterly publication created by our new Newsletter Committee of the Alumni Association Board. Together, we'll highlight UB's transformation, share opportunities, and celebrate the spirit of our community.

No matter how you experienced UB—student-athlete, commuter, resident, online, domestic, or international—you're part of a proud network of nearly 80,000 graduates and almost a

## *October 2025 Edition*

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### **Association Mission**

century of University of Bridgeport history.

### Alumni Spotlight and Events

Each issue will feature alumni spotlights, success stories, upcoming networking and university events, plus a touch of nostalgia from different eras.

### Get Involved

We'd love your feedback and ideas for future issues. And as always, we invite you to get involved: attend local or regional events, volunteer, mentor students, speak as a guest lecturer, or support UB as a donor. There's real need, countless ways to contribute, and great personal fulfillment in staying connected.

Thank you for being an essential part of UB's story.

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## Alumni Spotlight

### Kenneth Graham, Esq. '71

Ken is a proud UB alumnus with a B.A. in History, Class of 1971. A decorated U.S. Army veteran (1970–1973), he was honored with the Citation for Meritorious Service and the Joint Service Commendation Medal. He holds an M.A. in History (Northeastern) and a J.D. cum laude (Suffolk).



The Association unites University of Bridgeport alumni to support the University's mission, strengthen alumni connections, and engage current students and graduates as the next generation of alumni.

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*From UBAA Vice President Gordon Stier*

## Networking Events

### UB Alumni Association Annual Board Meeting

October 28, 2025, at 6 p.m. on the 8th floor of Wahlstrom Library at 126 Park Ave. Guest speaker will be Dr. Kierstyn Hunter, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Chief Academic Officer.

### UB Basketball Game Kickoff

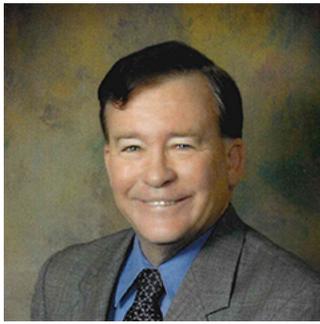
November 16, 2025, 2:40 p.m. in Hubbell Gymnasium at 120 Waldemere Ave.

### Year-End Appeal

December 2, 2025, as part of Giving Tuesday. The phonathon kicks off on December 1 and is a volunteer opportunity for any alumni interested in making calls. We will be in Bates Hall, at 135 Park Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please contact Yvrose Romulus: [yromulus@bridgeport.edu](mailto:yromulus@bridgeport.edu)

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## Do You Remember?



Ken served 25 years in Connecticut's executive branch, arguing two cases before the U.S. Supreme Court with distinction. Since 2003, he has been appointed nine times as a Superior Court Trial Referee and Arbitrator/Factfinder. As an educator, he was a history professor at Sacred Heart University. A longtime UBAA leader, Ken has been a Board member, Board President, and for the past 15 years the spirited host of the annual Mardi Gras celebration. Recognized as UB Distinguished Alumnus of the Year and UB Golden Knight (2021), he is now proudly aiming for 25 years of service in the judicial branch by 2028.

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## Recent Events

**Annual UB Golf Tournament**, held this year at Racebrook Country Club – September 29, 2025 (Approximately 60K raised in donations and sponsorships)

**“Best Hour with Alumni – How to Land a Job in the Age of AI”** Lecture and discussion held on October 1, 2025

**Homecoming and related events** – a series of events to celebrate the UB community, including our NCAA athletes, held on October 2-4, 2025:



What year did this UB icon wash ashore? The UB submersible *Explorer*—originally built and owned by Alan Winick and completed in 1999—will offer students hands-on learning in engineering, marine science, and biology. UB acquired *Explorer* in 2016 on a lease basis and then purchased it in 2018. It is pictured here on display at UB Homecoming 2016. *Explorer* is currently stationed at the UB School of Engineering's Extreme Environments Lab (EEL). *Explorer* is currently piloted by a certified diver, but through a grant from the Department of the Navy under the guidance of Prof. Jani Macari Pallis, PhD and Alan Winick, students are modifying the submersible to be operated remotely from the shore or a boat without the need for an onboard human pilot. In preparation for *Explorer's* return to water operation next spring, *Explorer* has gone through component maintenance, refurbishment, and the addition of more advanced technology, such as new thrusters, power systems and controls.

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## Get Connected

- **University of Bridgeport Alumni Association**  
[bridgeport.edu/alumni/alumni-association](https://bridgeport.edu/alumni/alumni-association)
- **Donate!** [give.bridgeport.edu/](https://give.bridgeport.edu/)
- **Connect with UB alumni**

- New Arnold Bernhard Arts Center Art Gallery (ABC Building) ribbon-cutting – October 2
- New Engineering Lab ribbon-cutting and tours – October 2
- Pep Rally – October 3
- Timely update by UB leadership – October 4  
Including President Danielle Wilken, Vice President Elena Cahill, Dean Khalid Elleithy (College of Engineering, Business and Education), Dean Amy Nawrocki (College of Science and Society), and Dean Michael Ciolfi (College of Health Sciences)
- Sporting events and barbecue – October 4
- Industrial Design and Graphic Design Alumni Gathering – October 4
- Awards Gala – October 4.  
Special thanks to the 10 UBAA board members in attendance (More than 20K raised in donations)

## **businesses!**

[bridgeport.edu/alumni/business-directory](http://bridgeport.edu/alumni/business-directory)



*UBAA Board members pictured at the October 4 Awards Gala included: Gordon Stier, EJ Cohen, Dolly Balaji, Victoria Loe, Bill Moran, Lorraine Taylor, Ajay Shrestha, Michael Schneider, and Yvrose Romulus, UB Development Officer of Advancement.*