Networking can be just as important as grades and resumes when it comes to finding a job. But it’s a skill that cannot be learned in the classroom. SavorUB* is a program designed to give our students an opportunity to exercise their interpersonal skills with a UB alumnus expert in their prospective field.

In four years, SavorUB has coordinated more than 60 meetings in which students and alumni mentors are matched by their majors and professions and receive a gift card to a local restaurant. The pair then decides when to meet.

In addition to offering the students the ability to interact in a professional situation, these one-on-one interactions give students the chance to ask someone in the workforce what to expect after graduation. Alumni often enjoy the opportunity to give back to the current generation of students.

At its core, SavorUB is all about helping students make connections and strengthening the UB alumni network, one meal at a time.

Interested in participating or want to know more? Go to www.ubalt.edu/volunteer.

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Merrick School of Business

In mid-November, UB will host its very own version of the television program “Shark Tank” with the second annual Altman Competitive Business Prize. The competition, established in 2011 by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Attman, provides business venture seed money for the winning student or UB graduate. It is the highlight of global Entrepreneurship Week hosted by the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. In the Altman Competition, the six selected finalists will compete for $16,000 in cash and in-kind services (such as office space, office furniture and phone equipment). Students from all four colleges, and UB grads from the last five years, are eligible and invited to apply to participate.

Last year’s winner, Chris Wilson, a student enrolled in the Entrepreneurship Fellows program, pitched one of his three businesses, The Barclay Investment Corporation. This Baltimore-based business is a social enterprise specializing in residential and commercial contracting work.

College of Public Affairs

This fall, UB’s School of Public Policy and International Affairs is offering a unique course in sustainable communities. The course, supported by the Fund for Excellence, and led by Professor Christopher Croft, is a partnership with Boone Street Farm, an urban farm located one mile from UB’s campus. The farm, established five years ago, is partnering with Boone Street Farm’s existing programs, UB students will utilize their research and problem-solving skills as well as receive practical, hands-on experience working with a non-profit organization and those who benefit from their services.

School of Law

Professor Dick Bourne taught courses in subjects such as civil procedure, conflicts of law and remedies during his 34-year tenure at the School of Law. Following his passing in July of 2014, UB received numerous donations from alumni and friends in remembrance of Professor Bourne, and in recognition of his teaching career. All of the gifts received in his memory will underwrite scholarships for deserving law students; in addition, a space in the John and Frances Angelos Law Center is named in his honor. The Law Forum Office in Memory of Professor Richard W. Bourne is located in the Law Journal suite.

#BowOnPoe

After you’ve digested your Thanksgiving turkey and shopped ’til you dropped on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, why not take a moment to give back?

On December 1, UB will participate in its second Giving Tuesday. Giving Tuesday is an annual global social networking event created to kick off the end of year charitable season, when many people focus on holiday giving.

To illustrate the generosity of the UB community, for each gift received on Giving Tuesday, regardless of the amount, a bow will be placed on the Edgar Allan Poe statue on Gordon Plaza. Donors can select which of the four colleges their bow should represent. The schools are in competition with each other to garner the most gifts and win the soon-to-be coveted “Bowphy.”

Mark your calendar for December 1, go to www.ubalt.edu/BowOnPoe, and make as many gifts as you wish in support of your favorite college/school. And don’t forget to spread the word on social media using #GivingTuesday and #BowOnPoe.

160 bright-blue bows covered UB’s Edgar Allen Poe Statue last year for #GivingTuesday; each bow signified a donation during our #BowOnPoe campaign.

Contributions received by UB as a result of Giving Tuesday efforts provide much needed support to each of the four schools, giving each dean the resources they need to address their most immediate needs.

A Celebration of Service

More than 50 volunteers gathered in the candlelit Bogomolny Room on Wednesday, October 7, for A Celebration of Service. The reception honored the more than 380 graduates who gave their time to UB as volunteers in the past year and recognized the positive effect that their volunteerism makes on the university and the surrounding community.

Do you want to get involved? Join us as we make phone calls for Alumni Appreciation Calling Night or participate as a Social Media Ambassador to spread awareness about all things UB. Find out about other ways to share your experiences with students and fellow alumni by visiting www.ubalt.edu/volunteer for these opportunities and more.

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One highlight is Boots to Books, a joint venture with the Hoffberger Center for Professional Ethics. Fred Guy, Director of the Hoffberger Center, led a panel discussion focused on the particular issues that veterans and military members face as they transition to student life at UB.

The Veterans Center hosted an open house on Wednesday, Nov. 11. The full event schedule can be found at www.ubalt.edu/campus-life/veterans.