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Cambridge College Awarded \$20,000 from Tufts Health Plan Foundation

CAMBRIDGE, MA— Cambridge College has been awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Tufts Health Plan Foundation to help fund the College's Medical Interpreter Training Program (MITP). The overall goal of MITP is to decrease English language-related disparities in healthcare delivery in Greater Boston. This grant will fund scholarships for MITP students and will help Cambridge College maintain and increase enrollment in the program. In turn, graduates will help improve access to healthcare for patients with limited English skills.

Healthcare education is one of the fastest growing areas at Cambridge College. The Cambridge College Medical Interpreter Training Program was launched in 2000 as one of the first college-based medical interpreting programs in the United States. Its objective is to help Boston-area hospitals better care for non-English speaking patients while providing a professional career opportunity to bilingual College students. In 2005-06, the College added two advanced courses in Mental Health Interpreting to its curriculum. In 2006-07, medical interpreting in American Sign Language was added. Over 400 students, native speakers of 14 different languages, have graduated as certified medical interpreters.

Founded in 1971, Cambridge College is a private, non-profit institution dedicated to providing academically excellent, time-efficient, and cost-effective higher education for a diverse population of working adults for whom those opportunities may have been limited or denied. Cambridge College has sites in Cambridge, Springfield, and Lawrence, MA; Memphis, TN, Chesapeake, VA; Augusta, GA; Ontario, CA; and San Juan, Puerto Rico. ###