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Cambridge College's Joel Nitzberg elected President of NCEA

CAMBRIDGE— Joel Nitzberg, Director of Cambridge College's Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building has been elected as the President of the National Community Education Association (NCEA). He will serve as President-elect for 2008 and will move into the President chair for 2009.

"It is truly an honor to be elected by colleagues across the country for this position, and I look forward to bringing the voice of community building to this higher level of NCEA," said Mr. Nitzberg. "It is also an honor to represent Cambridge College in the community education world, and have the opportunity to disseminate knowledge of what this institution is doing to impact the academic, social and economic conditions of the communities we serve. I have been very fortunate to have the support of Cambridge College and to work with gifted staff to develop the Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building, which is all about community education."

NCEA is a nonprofit membership association founded in 1996 in Flint, Michigan and now headquartered in the Washington, DC area. Community Education advocates for the creation of multiple educational services and programs to support community members. An essential part of the process is involving people at the local level: residents, workers and students act as partners addressing educational, economic and other community needs. Mr. Nitzberg writes about this concept in a recent article, "A New Day is Dawning for Community Education" published in the Spring edition of the Community Education Journal and on the College's website, which can be found at:

<http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/community/conference.cfm>.

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Mr. Nitzberg has been working in the field of Community Education in a variety of roles for over 20 years. He has been a director of after school and youth programs, a private sector consultant for workers and their spouses concerned about their children's education, the director of the Massachusetts Parent Involvement Project, a Board member and director of the Northeast region of NCEA, and Director of the Institute of Lifelong Learning and Community Building at Cambridge College. He has degrees in both Education and Social Work and is active at the local, state, regional, national and international levels involved in community education.

Cambridge College's Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building follows the tradition of community education, as its mission is to provide a wide range of educational services that respond to the lifelong learning needs of adults of all ages. Programs are designed together with partnering organizations to help people develop the skills and credentials they need for the changing workplace and for enriching daily life.

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 regional centers in Cambridge, Springfield, and Lawrence, MA; Chesapeake and South Boston, VA; Augusta, GA; Ontario, CA; Memphis, TN; and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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