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Dr. Richard Turner named Director of Cambridge College Springfield Regional Center

SPRINGFIELD— Cambridge College has begun a new era in Springfield. **Dr. Richard E. Turner, of Williamsburg, has been appointed as the Director of the Springfield Regional Center, effective immediately.**

Dr. Turner has been a Professor of Management at Cambridge College since 1976 and has been the Coordinator of the Springfield Regional Center’s academic technology since 1999. During his time in Springfield, Dr. Turner has been instrumental in launching the AdaptNet program—the College’s adaptive blended learning model which combines online coursework and monthly in-seat instruction—at the Cambridge College Springfield Regional Center by training College staff as well as current students and organizing and implementing the program and its components. He also successfully recruited a cohort of students for the College’s IC3 computer training course this summer, a funded program offered to unemployed or under-employed members of the community in an effort to help them improve computer skills. As well, under Dr. Turner’s leadership, Cambridge College was able to offer 21 Square One employees a course in early childhood care.

“I am honored and delighted by this appointment,” said Dr. Turner. “I feel that Cambridge College is in a very strong place in Springfield and I welcome the opportunity to assist the growth of this center and its mission.”

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Cambridge College Dean of the School of Education and Vice President of Regional Centers Dr. Anthony J. DeMatteo has had the opportunity to work with Dr. Turner for the last five years. “During this time, I have found him to be highly skilled in coordinating staff, faculty, and administrators, as well as an outstanding instructor in the Management Department,” he said. “I feel confident that Dr. Turner will continue to develop and grow the Springfield Regional Center into an institution for adult education in western Massachusetts and the Connecticut Valley.”

Dr. Turner earned a doctorate degree from Nova Southeast University in *Computer Technology in Education: Training and Learning Specialization*. He currently resides in Williamsburg with his wife, Ann, and their two children, Ben and Charlotte.

The Cambridge College Springfield Regional Center opened in 1972. It is the oldest of the College’s eight regional centers and currently serves over 600 graduate and undergraduate students. 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. In addition to Springfield, Cambridge College has centers in Cambridge and Lawrence, MA; Chesapeake and South Boston, VA; Augusta, GA; Ontario, CA; Memphis, TN; and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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