

Cambridge College hosts Education Symposium in Savannah, GA

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In conjunction with the Cambridge College Commencement in Savannah, Dr. Ken Boatner held a symposium on Saturday, February 10th titled “Quality Education for Children and Youth: Effective Application of Differentiated Instruction.” The symposium featured presentations on the topics of literacy and numeracy concerning adolescents, African-American males, mathematics achievement, and preparing students for their education. The symposium was a great success and demonstrated that Cambridge College has a lot to offer the community when it comes to some of the most important issues in education.

“The speakers were great, the audience was fabulous, the arrangements were impeccable,” wrote Cambridge College President Mahesh C. Sharma. “The symposium showed that Cambridge College cares for its communities, that Cambridge College is interested in the issues in our schools and our communities, and that Cambridge College has something to offer to our schools. It also proved to our students, graduates and neighbors that we are working with them to help solve some of the most pressing problems facing schools and communities.”

Savannah Mayor Dr. Otis Johnson, who delivered the City’s Welcoming Remarks at the Commencement, presented on the “City Government’s Role in the Education of All Children.” Dr. Virginia L. Hardy, a professor in the Cambridge College National Institute for Teaching Excellence (NITE) program who delivered the charge to the graduates the next day at the Commencement ceremonies, presented “A Framework for Adolescent Literacy in the 21st Century,” which explained the need to improve literacy in middle and high school students and included the nine steps for literacy leaders to help fix this problem.

The sessions featured presentations by President Sharma, who delivered a session on “Improving Mathematics Instruction for All,” which dissected the problems in Math learning and how to address these issues. Several other NITE professors also gave presentations at the Symposium. Dr. Jeanne Adair spoke on “African-American Male Academic Achievement and the Role and Influence of Family, Racial Identity, Culture and Environment, and School Engagement,” Dr. Harold Johnson spoke on “Increasing African-American Graduation Rates,” Dr. Maurice Pope presented “Implementing Instructional Strategies to Enhance the Literacy of Middle and High School Students,” and Dr. Deborah Saldana addressed the question “Are Adolescents Being Shortchanged?.”

Dorothy Height, Founder and President of the National Council for Negro Women, also made a presentation at the Symposium entitled “A Framework for Teaching Reading in the 21st Century.” Ms. Height urged that we have to improve life for everyone, especially

those who have been denied opportunities. The Symposium was a perfect prelude to Sunday's Commencement, in which 700 graduates celebrated their accomplishments and Cambridge College degrees.

You can view some of the presentations that were given that day as well as photos of the event on the Savannah section of the Commencement website.