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**Cambridge College Presents *Fresh Voices in Education: The New
Massachusetts Leadership Forum***

CAMBRIDGE— Cambridge College is bringing together several of the most prominent academic leaders in Massachusetts for an educational forum entitled “Fresh Voices in Education: The New Massachusetts Leadership,” on **March 26, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the Boston Cambridge Marriott, 2 Cambridge Center, Kendall Square in Cambridge.** This forum will feature a keynote presentation by Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, Special Adviser for Education under Governor Deval Patrick and President of Bridgewater State College.

Dr. Mohler-Faria, who is committed to access and equity in education, will the address challenges and goals for education in Massachusetts in his presentation. A panel of educational leaders will respond to Dr. Mohler-Faria’s comments, including **Headmaster of Boston Latin School Cornelia Kelley,** who will also serve as the Moderator, **President of Cambridge College Mahesh C. Sharma,** **Superintendent of Cambridge Public Schools Dr. Thomas Fowler-Finn,** **Superintendent of Springfield Public Schools Dr. Joseph P. Burke,** and **Superintendent of Lawrence Schools Dr. Wilfredo T. Laboy.**

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“This event is a reflection of the mission and purpose of Cambridge College,” said President Sharma. “Leaders with expertise in issues in education reform from across the state are joining us to suggest ideas to improve our schools, our communities and our education system. This is at the core of creating an equitable society and strengthens our democratic process. As a matter of fact, the future prosperity and well-being of our society is dependent on bringing a fresh outlook and voice to the conversation.”

The combination of a thought-provoking keynote speech and panel response will serve as a dynamic reflection of Cambridge College’s unique teaching and learning model. Audience members will gain a full understanding of the current educational landscape in Massachusetts and the ways in which educators and community members can work together to promote positive change in their classrooms and communities.

The forum will also serve as a celebration and introduction of the Doctor of Education program in Educational Leadership at Cambridge College, which is the first terminal degree to be offered in the College’s 35-year history. The Ed.D. program at Cambridge College offers an interdisciplinary, collaborative, research-based learning environment dedicated to fostering leadership for change in our schools; creating opportunities for professional and personal growth for educators; promoting systemic change in educational organizations; and producing a positive impact on the community. This program, in its design, its core values, and its content, holds the promise of preparing a new generation of school leaders who are able to work collaboratively on the myriad challenges facing public schools.

The event is free and open to the public, but space is limited. For more information and to reserve your place by March 21st, please contact Karin Turer at Karin.Turer@cambridgecollege.edu or 617-873-0179. The reception will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the program starting at 6:15 p.m.

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; Chesapeake, VA; Augusta, GA; Ontario, CA; and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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