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Cambridge College Announces Longer Life Scholarship Opportunity

SPRINGFIELD— Cambridge College believes that education can improve a life, and is offering a merit-based scholarship for students applying for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Degree summer program. The winner of the Long Life Scholarship will receive free tuition for a three-credit course, valued at over \$1,000.00.

Applicants for the Long Life Scholarship are asked to write a ten page (minimum, double spaced) essay in response to a statistic noted by the former Assistant Attorney General Dr. Douglas Kamerow. Last year Dr. Kamerow cited on NPR that although heart disease, cancer, stroke and chronic lung disease are the four leading causes of death for Americans, the single factor that promotes longevity is education. According to experts all over the world, he said, education is the best way to extend life. During his NPR segment, Dr. Kamerow added: “This is true around the world in rich and poor countries alike. For every year spent in school, life expectancy is extended by 18 months. It's not the economy stupid, it is education. That should be on the top of our agenda for 2008.”

The deadline for contest submission is May 9th. Students currently enrolled in community colleges throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut are invited to participate. They can apply through transfer counselors at their schools. Winners will be announced May 23rd and notified individually.

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Essays will be judged by Cambridge College Springfield Regional Center Director Richard Turner and the Center's Coordinator of Writing Support Services Professor Abby Dolinger. Dr. Turner—who was named Center Director in late 2007—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. Professor Dolinger has taught at the Cambridge College Springfield Regional Center for over 15 years and currently teaches writing in both the College's undergraduate and graduate programs. A Smith College graduate, Professor Dolinger is a recipient of the Rosemary Thomas Poetry Prize and has taught at Cambridge College in Springfield for fifteen years.

For more information about the Longer Life Scholarship, please contact Mary A. Nelen at 800-829-4723 ext. 6617. For more research supporting education's affect on the longevity of life, read the March 12th *ScienceDaily* article: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/03/080311081149.htm>.

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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