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### **Julius Chambers to Speak at Cambridge College Commencement**

**CAMBRIDGE**— Cambridge College graduates will get more than a degree at their Commencement ceremony. The students will have the honor of listening to Attorney Julius Chambers, who will serve as the keynote speaker at the Cambridge College Commencement on **May 20<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in the Chesapeake Conference Center in Chesapeake, Virginia.**

Mr. Chambers has had an outstanding career in the diverse arenas of law, education and social justice. Presently practicing law at Ferguson, Stein, Chambers, Gresham & Sumter in Charlotte, North Carolina, Mr. Chambers is the former Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund in New York City and Chancellor of North Carolina Central University. In 1971, Mr. Chambers was one of the lawyers who successfully argued the now famous *Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Board of Education* busing case. In 1995, he was also one of three lawyers who argued the landmark legislative redistricting case *Shaw v. Hunt* before the Supreme Court.

This will be the first Cambridge College Commencement held at the Chesapeake Regional Center. Since it's opening in 2002, the Chesapeake Regional Center has quickly grown into the College's largest, serving over 700 students. This unique ceremony will acknowledge all students who have attended the Chesapeake Regional Center since 2002, and invite them to celebrate their past accomplishments with the current graduates.

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Mr. Chambers will join the ranks of many distinguished Cambridge College Commencement speakers and honorary degree recipients, including former Vice President Al Gore, NBA legend Bill Russell, Congressman John Lewis, National Urban League President Hugh B. Price, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, founder of Black Enterprise Magazine Earl G. Graves, Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, Co-founder of Black Entertainment Television Sheila Crump Johnson, and Savannah Mayor Dr. Otis Johnson.

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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