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**Ralph Fuccillo to Receive Community Medal at
Cambridge College Commencement**

CAMBRIDGE— Cambridge College continues its tradition of recognizing individuals for the outstanding work they perform in their communities. This year, the College will honor Ralph Fuccillo, along with three other honorees, at the Commencement ceremony on **June 10th at 11 a.m. at the Bank of America Pavilion in Boston.**

Mr. Fuccillo, a longtime leader in health services, will receive the Community Medal. The Cambridge College medal is awarded on behalf of the Board of Trustees, in recognition of outstanding service to the community that demonstrates a commitment to the tenets of the Cambridge College mission: *innovation, diversity, access and excellence.*

Mr. Fuccillo, President of the Oral Health Foundation, will be honored for his pioneering leadership on reducing health disparities in emerging populations, leading the fight for smoke free workplaces and providing young adults with the leadership tools needed to teach AIDS prevention. As the head of the Oral Health Foundation, Mr. Fuccillo is committed to improving the oral health of every underserved resident in the state of Massachusetts.

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“Ralph has been a leading champion of improving access to health care,” said Dr. Kathleen O’Loughlin, President and CEO of Delta Dental of Massachusetts. “In his current role with the Oral Health Foundation, he is changing the landscape of oral health care and increasing access for underserved children and families across the state.”

During his tenure at the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation, Mr. Fuccillo introduced the new Institute for Linguistic and Cultural Skills, an initiative aimed at eliminating disparities in health care. He was also instrumental in developing “Community Connections,” a volunteer program that encourages Harvard Pilgrim employees to volunteer in the community.

Mr. Fuccillo currently serves on several nonprofit boards, including Funders Concerned About AIDS, the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, Elderhostel, the Massachusetts Dental Society Foundation and Neighborhood Health Plan. He is the president of the Massachusetts Health Council Board of Directors, and past President of the AIDS Action Committee’s Board of Directors.

Cambridge College will award three other Medals at the Commencement ceremony. Recipients include School of Psychology and Counseling Professor Leroy Kelly (Faculty Medal), Assistant Clerk Magistrate for the Roxbury Courthouse Kevin Russell (Alumni Medal) and deceased Cambridge College professor Carol Munnely (posthumous Faculty Medal).

The Oral Health Foundation was established in 2000 by Dental Service of Massachusetts to improve the oral health of underserved communities in Massachusetts through programs that increase access to high quality preventive oral health services. The Foundation reaches vulnerable populations through its grants to community-based organizations that provide preventive oral health services and promote the importance of preventive oral health through collaborative, community-wide awareness programs, such as the Watch Your Mouth Campaign.

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

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