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Cambridge College Health Care Management Program Graduates Ten Professionals from South Shore

CAMBRIDGE, MA— Cambridge College is doing its part to help improve the health care on the South Shore of Massachusetts. At the College's 2008 Commencement on June 8th, ten health care professionals received their Master of Management with a concentration in Health Care Management degrees after completing their studies at the College's Jordan Hospital location in Plymouth.

The graduates were: Beth York of Mashpee; Alicia Santos-Silva of Raynham; Patricia Gorman of Kingston; Jane Stiles, Margaret Crowell, Sharon Hanley DeCoste of Plymouth; Joanne Kingsley, Marjorie Mayo, Barbara Peary of Duxbury; and Mary Lou Dorman of South Weymouth.

Ms. Dorman was chosen to represent the Class of 2008 and deliver a graduate reflection at the ceremony. Ms. Dorman used this opportunity to encourage her fellow classmates to use their education to make a change. She shared that she was forced to end her career as a bedside nurse when she was diagnosed with "an illness that changed her life," and said the College allowed her to accomplish a dream that she never thought was possible: to pursue a different path in the health care field. "Our degrees will allow us to walk out the door and make a difference," she said. "Cambridge College gave me an avenue to pursue my graduate degree in a field that was dear to me. Hopefully with this degree I will be able to help others with their health care issues."

Joanne Baker, of Lakeville, served as the seminar leader for this class of graduates. "Walking across the stage at commencement was a proud moment for ten well deserving students," said Baker. "These women represented various facets of the healthcare environment but something they all had in common was commitment and dedication to accomplishing the same goal. Over the last year and a half each of these women showed strength and determination in order to balance the demanding efforts of going back to school after being out of academia for many years." Baker added that, as their

seminar leader, she had great respect for each of them. “Throughout the program each of them showed evidence of personal integrity and responsibility, academic preparation and leadership potential,” she said.

Health Care Management is one of Cambridge College’s fastest growing programs. The program provides the education needed to meet current and future challenges faced by health care managers and team members. Health care is viewed from a systems perspective as a totality of structure, process and outcome, and from a multi-cultural perspective. The objectives of the program include enhancing management skills by blending theory and practice, and applying those skills with a problem solving orientation; increasing awareness of social and environmental influences on health care delivery including racial, ethnic and economic factors in health disparities; and understanding health care issues, practices and systems in historical, national and international contexts.

Cambridge College’s Master of Management in Health Care Management is specifically designed for working adults and is held in the evenings and on weekends at many hospitals throughout Massachusetts, including Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Boston Medical Center, Mass Eye and Ear Infirmary, Jordan Hospital, Newton Wellesley Hospital, Cape Cod Hospital and Falmouth Hospital. For more information on Cambridge College’s Health Care Management program, contact Leslie Pirtle at 617-873-0668 or log on to <http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/academics/hcm/>.

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