



Cambridge College Community News Blast (7/30/09)

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Dear Colleagues:

Here is the latest installment of the Cambridge College Community News Blast.

This edition will be the last Community News Blast until further notice, as I am leaving Cambridge College to pursue a Master's degree in journalism in Chicago, IL. I hope the News Blast will continue to thrive under the leadership of the next person, as it has been a pleasure to watch this newsletter grow since its inception nearly three years ago. This has been a rewarding and fulfilling experience and I appreciate your support of and contributions to the Cambridge College Community News Blast during my tenure.

Thank you and enjoy!

Cambridge College Community News

- Cambridge College held its 38th Commencement on Sunday, June 7th at the Bank of America Pavilion on Boston's Waterfront. Dr. Diana Chapman Walsh, President *emerita* of Wellesley College, served as the ceremony's keynote speaker and congratulated the graduates on their achievement. "You refused to be a victim," said Dr. Walsh, in reference to the obstacles and challenges that prevented the adult graduates from getting an education earlier in their lives. "You sensed an education could set you free. You found the courage to try." Dr. Walsh added that she accepted the speaking invitation from and on behalf of close friend and Cambridge College President Dr. Tito Guerrero, but upon hearing stories from seven graduating students prior to the ceremony, "it turns out, the pleasure is all mine," she said.

One of the students Dr. Walsh met with was Emma Brown, who graduated with a B.S. in Management Studies, and shared her story with fellow graduates. "We are marked as champions," said Ms. Brown. "And champions never quit!"

Timothy Dunn, a Master of Management graduate, also spoke at the commencement ceremony, informing his peers that the people we learn from and are influenced by are each other, and that Cambridge College "embraced the human element of learning."

During the ceremony, Cambridge College awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters to Dr. Walsh and Callie Crossley, a media commentator and public speaker who frequently appears on National Public Radio, CNN, and C-SPAN, as well as WGBH-TV's *Beat the Press*. "Unlike the wide-eyed graduates entering the real world, you adult graduates come from real life with a clear eye on the challenges and obstacles you will face," said Ms. Crossley.

Dean of the Cambridge College School of Psychology and Counseling Dr. Niti Seth delivered the Charge to the Graduates: "Now you are stepping forth to achieve the dreams that brought you here," she said.



(Left) Memphis, TN Regional Center Director Lee Jones poses with graduates before commencement.
(Right) A management student celebrates the moment.



- In June, President Guerrero announced changes in leadership at two regional centers:
 - Dr. Ella Benson was appointed as the Director of the Chesapeake Regional Center. Dr. Benson has served as the Assistant Director for the Center since 2005, and previously served as the Education Coordinator and as a Senior Instructor. She was also the Center Director for the South Boston, VA Regional Center.
 - Chris Sawyer was appointed as the Director of the Lawrence Regional Center. Mr. Sawyer has served as the Director of the Chesapeake Regional Center, Interim Director at the Ontario Regional Center, and as the Director of the Memphis Regional Center. Chris has also served as the Assistant Director at the Augusta Regional Center, prior to opening the Memphis Regional Center.

Both Ella and Chris have valuable regional center leadership experience that they bring to their new positions with Cambridge College. Please wish them well in their center director positions!



(Left) Chris Sawyer and (right) Ella Benson.

- Cambridge College has been named one of the America's Top 100 Graduate Degree Producers by *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* magazine. The College ranked 13th and 58th in conferring the most master's degrees in the academic year 2007-2008 to African American and Hispanic students respectively. "Cambridge College is proud of its commitment to serving the needs of students of color for whom higher education opportunities have been traditionally limited or denied and we are honored to be named one of America's Top 100 Graduate Degree Producers," said Joe A. Lee, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Cambridge College.

Office of the President

- The Board of Trustees of Cambridge College installed Dr. Tito Guerrero, III as the third President of Cambridge College on Friday, May 29th at the main campus at 1000 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA. Nearly 150

guests attended the event including delegates of Institutions of Higher Learning from local and out-of-state colleges. "Today proclaims loudly that the mission of serving the educational needs of adult learners is still a fundamental and compelling agenda to which Cambridge College is committed," said Dr. Guerrero. "I am pleased and honored to have been chosen to lead such an important institution with such an ambitious mission."

Jonathan Larsen, Chair of the Cambridge College Board of Trustees, introduced Dr. Guerrero and briefly explained the journey that has ultimately led him to Cambridge College. Dr. Guerrero grew up as a Mexican-American in Texas during the Jim Crow era. And while his parents had no high school education, he has become a nationally recognized leader of education. "We already know him as a person of patience, vision and moral courage," Mr. Larsen said.

Several of Dr. Guerrero's colleagues spoke on his behalf at the ceremony. Each individual shared their firsthand experiences of Dr. Guerrero as a visionary leader who is well respected in the higher education community. All of the speakers unanimously stated that Cambridge College is fortunate to have him at the helm. One of Dr. Guerrero's former students, Caroline Scott, presented Dr. Guerrero with a gift: "Tito instilled in me a love of learning I had never before experienced and haven't since. This is a compass so that you can continue to guide the lives of others the way you have guided mine," she said. "I still pinch myself to make sure this is not an incredible dream from which I do not want to wake up," said Dr. Guerrero. "I know that by working with individuals who care so deeply about this school that the future of Cambridge College is a bright and secure one."



President Guerrero is installed by Board of Trustees Chair Jonathan Larsen.

- On Saturday, June 13th President Guerrero served as one of the keynote speaker for Cal State L.A.'s 62nd graduating class. CSLA held two commencements, one on Friday and the other on Saturday morning. Tito addressed the audience during the Saturday morning ceremony, which consisted of students from the College of Arts and Letters, College of Business and Economics, and College of Natural and Social Sciences. CSLA's other 2009 commencement speaker was James A. Bell, corporate president, chief financial officer and executive vice president of The Boeing Company.

Augusta, GA Regional Center

- Dr. Charlotte Evans, Director of the Augusta, GA Regional Center has been identified by the Augusta Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACVB) as a 2008 Augusta Champion. The ACVB held a celebration lunch in her honor on May 20th at the Partridge Inn. Dr. Evans was recognized for her significant contributions to the vitality and prestige of Augusta. The Mayor of Augusta and the Augusta Commissioners were among the many community leaders who joined the ACVB in honoring Dr. Evans at this event. She has been the director for the Augusta, GA Regional

Center since its inception in 2004 and has facilitated tremendous growth in programs and students over the years. She is a champion for Cambridge College and the city of Augusta.

Chesapeake, VA Regional Center

- On June 5th, Chloe' E. Jones, Admissions Counselor at the Chesapeake Regional Center, participated in G.W. Carver Intermediate School's Annual Career Day. The students and faculty were most interested in the fact that Ms. Jones was a member of the last graduating class of Carver in 1969! They were invited to view her picture hanging in the hallway with other classmates. Ms. Jones spoke to the students about the importance of receiving an education, being the best citizens and students they could be, and encouraging them to tell family members and friends about Cambridge College. She also pointed out that several teachers at the school are either students or graduates of Cambridge College. This Career Day is one of several community service events Ms. Jones has recently participated in representing Cambridge College.



Ms. Jones speaks to the students about Cambridge College at their Career Day.

School of Education

- Dr. Sandra Bridwell, Professor and Founding Faculty of the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership, presented a book talk of her chapter entitled "Parallels in the Marginalization of ABE Women Educators and Women Literacy Learners" which appears in the new book [Empowering Women Through Literacy: Views from Experience](#). The book talk was part of Feminism and Literacy: Bridging the Gap Between Feminist Organizations and Feminist Literacy Workers at the Center for New Words in Cambridge, MA.
- Dr. Dan W. Butin, Assistant Dean in the School of Education, facilitated and spoke at a session at The University of New Hampshire's [conference](#) on *The Democracy Imperative: Mobilizing Higher Education for Deliberative Democracy* on July 9th. The session, *Close the Gap! Leveraging Colleges and Communities for Student Success*, looked at promising collaborations between postsecondary institutions and their local communities to support success in higher education for traditionally marginalized student populations.
- Dr. Butin will present a paper at the 2009 International Research Conference on Service-Learning and Community Engagement, October 9-12, 2009 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. His presentation, "Rethinking Service-Learning: Embracing the Scholarship of Engagement" is based on his forthcoming book, *Service-Learning in Theory and Practice*, which is to be published by Palgrave in early 2010.
- Dr. Butin has published a [new book](#), *The Education Dissertation: A Guide for Practitioner-Scholars*. The book is meant for K-12 educators at any stage of the doctoral process, and provides the "big picture" framework as well as the nitty-gritty details for successfully completing their dissertation.

- The School of Education regrettably announces the departure of Shannon Houston, administrative director of the department of educational leadership. Shannon has accepted another position to be the coordinator of policy and planning for the Higher Colleges of Technology in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. We wish her and her husband well in their journey ahead.
- Dr. Kemoh Salia-Bao, Associate Professor in the Doctoral Program, has published new editions of four books, now available through Copley Custom Textbooks. They are: [Curriculum Development: The Implications of the American Social Studies Program on Africa](#); [Introduction to Curriculum Studies: Its Relevance to Africa](#); [Studies in Comparative Education: A case study of the Namibian Educational System under South African Rule](#); and [Curriculum Theory, Research and Development: Implications for African Development](#).
- Doctoral student Kristina Kyles, who currently serves the Marblehead schools as director of the local METCO program, will soon become Marblehead High School's new assistant principal in charge of curriculum and instruction. [Click here for the full article](#).
- On May 15th, doctoral candidate Sally Orme successfully defended her dissertation, entitled *When School Reform Fails: The Hidden Dynamics of Power, Culture and Leadership*. The dissertation committee was chaired by Dr. Stephen Maio, Associate Professor in the School of Education.
- On Thursday, July 23rd, cohort 3 doctoral candidate Michael Conner defended his dissertation, entitled [Beyond "Acting White": The Impact of Culturally Relevant Pedagogy within a Culture of Accountability](#). His dissertation committee was chaired by Dr. Dan Butin, Assistant Dean in the School of Education.

School of Psychology and Counseling (SOPC)

- *The Bay State Banner* (May 21st edition) featured an article about Cambridge College SOPC professor Jeanne E. Richardson. Professor Richardson recently received the Distinguished Drinking Water Public Involvement Award from the New England Water Works Association (NEWWA) which is the region's largest and oldest nonprofit organization of water works professionals. The award "recognizes Jeanne's outstanding achievements, leadership, commitment and support of professional, proactive public relations," said NEWWA Executive Director Raymond J. Raposa. In addition to her work for Cambridge College, Professor Richardson is manager of communications for the Boston Water and Sewer Commission where she handles media relations and publications and is responsible for developing and managing public education and outreach programs. Professor Richardson is a member of the public education committee of the New England Water Environment Association and an executive committee member of the Water Supply Citizens Advisory Council. She also serves on committees for the Newmarket Business Association and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Professor Richardson is also a founding member and second vice president of the Kenya Sistahs, a humanitarian organization that sponsors educational programs and provides financial support to children and families in Kenya. She has traveled to Kenya on several occasions to carry out this mission.

Medical Interpreter Training Program (MITP)

- The Medical Interpreter Training Program graduated 65 students on June 17th. The graduation featured a speech by Ms. Carolyn Ingles, Director of Staff Development Training at the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital. Graduates Rosalinda Midence, Yoly Reyes-Campbell and Louisiana Cenat spoke about their triumphs and tribulations as students in the program as well as shared their excitement of having completed the program and their being ready to be professional medical interpreters. Their speeches were inspiring for all and can be viewed on the College's YouTube and Facebook fan pages. The MITP would like to acknowledge that this year's graduation was sponsored in part by the Development Department who recorded videos, took pictures of all graduates, and provided graduation caps and gowns.



A group of MITP graduates celebrate after the ceremony.

Development Office

- Judy Groleau, Vice President for Development, has been appointed the new Director of Development of the Boston-based non-profit organization Second Nature. Second Nature's mission is to accelerate movement toward a sustainable future by serving and supporting senior college and university leaders in making healthy, just, and sustainable living the foundation of all learning and practice in higher education. Judy has worked in various capacities at the College, beginning in the 80's as an entry level staff person, gradually moving her way up the ranks to Executive Assistant to the Founder and President. In 1994, she earned her Master's in Education from Cambridge College. She served as the College's first Capital Campaign Director and was promoted to Vice President for Development in February 2009 after 18 months as Acting Vice President. She has served alongside three presidents and worked with the Board of Trustees her entire career. Judy plans to stay connected to Cambridge College through the Alumni Association. Her last day at the College will be August 10th. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.
- Please join us in wishing Kim Dunbar a fond farewell in her move to Chicago where she will attend DePaul University to earn a Master's degree in Journalism. Kim came to Cambridge College in 2006 and created the first ever communications office at the College. Kim has successfully pitched the College's stories to outside publications and has achieved much success in her short time here, including the creation of the Community News Blast. A few years back, the community learned from a New Sector study that the News Blast boasts a 90% readership. This news came as a surprise and delight to the internal community so much so that the College decided to replace the external communications effort with the News Blast. The Development Office is proud to share that not only was the News Blast instrumental in helping the College to go green, but in setting the example, other departments soon followed.



Kim and Judy—with a member of The Blue Man Group—represented Cambridge College at a networking event in Boston hosted by Liberty Mutual, celebrating the company's alumni partnership program.

- Please become a fan of Cambridge College on Facebook! Visit the page at <http://www.facebook.com/cambridgecollege> and become a fan in order to have access to videos, news updates and much more!
- Cambridge College has received the following grants:
 - The Dorot Foundation funded \$40,000 which will be used for scholarship for needy students.
 - The United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley gave the College \$19,285 which will be used for the Ladder to Language program.

Faculty News

- On June 25th, management professor Catherine Seo gave a presentation as part of the Thursday Night Speaker Series at Your Best Life Resource Center in Boston. Professor Seo's presentation, entitled "DSL, Digital as a Second Language," focused on Social Networking for "Digital Immigrants," anyone who grew up before the digital age (more than 28 years old). Professor Seo aimed to help those lost in the hype around online social media like Facebook, MySpace, Twitter and LinkedIn, and advised how to use these technologies to help one achieve his or her best life.

Cambridge College Alumni News

- Mark Speller, a seminar leader in the Cambridge College School of Management, would like to present an opportunity for Cambridge College alumni. Mr. Speller will be participating in a bike ride fund raiser called "The Rodman Ride for Kids," a casual ride for people of all skill levels and helps to raise money for Massachusetts kids and their families who need help. Mr. Speller would like alumni to join him in this race! Mr. Speller will captain the team and be the point of contact for planning, registering and coordination. All alumni would be responsible for having fun! If you are interested in joining the team or have questions, contact Mr. Speller at 603-674-0952.
- Dr. Julio C. de Carvalho (Ed.D. '08) has been a regular contributor writer (in Portuguese) in *Liberal*, an online publication of his native country, the Cape-Verdean Islands. He writes about education, politics, poetry, and multidisciplinary issues. Dr. de Carvalho has also been an active writer of "letters to the editor" to his local newspaper in the city of Lowell, MA.
- Cynthia Dawn Abbott (M.Ed. in School Nurse Education Program, '08), was not only chosen to participate in the National Board for Certification of School Nurses panel to develop national examination question options, but she was also recently invited to present as a speaker at the 2010 Ohio Association of School Nurses Annual Conference. At this conference, Ms. Abbott will be presenting her Independent Learning Project research on her quick neurological assessment tool for school nurses. She was also asked to present this work at the South Western Ohio School Nurse Association this coming fall. Ms. Abbott is finding that there is indeed a vigorous life

"after the ILP," especially if you worked hard and accomplished the professional graduate level document that she did. She is now applying for a local adjunct faculty position.

- Barbara Baker (M.Ed., '94), has been very active since her graduation from Cambridge College. Ms. Baker's Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) invited her to be an activist for the Union; she is currently serving her third term as a retired Union Delegate with CTU. She is also preparing for her second conference with the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions, an organization she discovered while studying at Cambridge College. During the last Council for a Parliament of World's Religions, Ms. Baker gave a well-received presentation and film on Domestic Violence in Capetown, South Africa in 1999. This year, the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions will convene December 2nd-9th in Melbourne, Australia. Ms. Baker's plans to present a workshop on "seeking justice and sustainable living as we listen to each other & dialog at the Table of Justice."
- Mark Wigfall (M.M., '08), is currently hard at work in his dream job. Mr. Wigfall is the Director for Business Development at Bunker Hill Community College, in which he is responsible for providing marketing and sales, new business development and community outreach for Workforce Development programs for the college.
- Melanie McCaul Arsenaut (M.M., '07) was recently sworn in to the Board of Directors for the Greater Boston Chapter of the American Society of Training and Development (ASTD) for '09-'10.
- Dr. Larry J. Linden (M.Ed., '95) co-authored the recently published book Discover Your Inner Strength. Dr. Linden, who is also the author of The Career Game Championships...and How to Win, credits Cambridge College for his current successes: "The adult learning model was well structured for a person like me and provided an environment more oriented toward achieving my intended goals and reaching my full potential rather than sinking back into the mire to which I was so accustomed," he wrote.

Student News

- Karen Bruynell, a student in the Health Care Management program, was recently the recipient of the 2009 L. James Wiczai Award at Harvard Medical School. The award is given annually to a staff member of a Harvard-affiliated hospital who fosters innovation and excellence in medical education and promotes collaboration between Harvard Medical School and the Harvard-affiliated teaching hospitals. Ms. Bruynell was nominated by Dr. Stephen Calderwood and numerous faculty members who worked with her on the Principal Clinical Experience and Patient-Doctor courses. The nominations lauded her organizational skills, her investment in the medical students, her knowledge of medical education, her creativity, and her "inspiringly positive attitude." Jim Wiczai was a longtime senior figure at Brigham & Women's Hospital who strived to develop and maintain strong relationships between the hospitals and Harvard Medical School. In order to continue his efforts after his death, his widow, Karen Kirby, established this memorial in his honor. Each year since 2000, when the award was established, hospital leaders and HMS clerkship and course directors are asked to nominate a member of their staff who fulfills the criteria for the award.
- Gwen Nauls, a School of Psychology and Counseling graduate student, has been chosen to serve on a Peace Committee for the Brockton Public Schools. As part of her work with the Peace Crusaders, Ms. Nauls and several others approached the committee in regard to implementing a peace curriculum. The formation of a committee was a direct result of that contact. Ms. Nauls's Individual Research Project focused on peace curricula such as that which will be implemented in Brockton.
- Nebi Demirsoy, a Cambridge College M.Ed. student, was recently featured in an article in the *New Haven Register*. Mr. Demirsoy, who has a degree in international business from his university studies in Turkey, came to Connecticut in 2004 to work at the Putnam Science Academy, a private boarding school for boys, that is run by the Wellspring Foundation, a Turkish nonprofit organization. The article focused on Mr. Demirsoy and his Turkish Cultural Center, which he started in order to offer intercultural activities to help the local community and the Turkish people understand each other and grow in friendship. To read the full article, click [here](#).

In Memoriam

- Cambridge College would like to take a moment to remember a very courageous graduate. On June 15th, Debra L. Crawford Simmons passed away after a hard fought battle with cancer. Just before her untimely passing, Ms.

Crawford was able to achieve her goal of completing her Bachelor's degree. On May 12th, members of the Cambridge College administration presented Ms. Crawford at the hospital with the very first degree of 2009. The staff as well as members of Ms. Crawford's family gathered in her hospital room for a brief ceremony in which she was presented her degree from Undergraduate Dean James Lee and faculty member Carol Pepi.

In an interview this past February, Ms. Crawford expressed her excitement for a future in psychology and counseling in order to help others get through the same life troubles she had also experienced. Ms. Crawford, who entered Cambridge College with zero credits and graduated despite fighting through bouts of cancer and other life obstacles, found a second home at Cambridge College. "I have seen myself change," she said. "The biggest lesson I learned during my time at Cambridge College was that I could do it. My mother taught me that if you can get over your fears, you can get to the other side," she added. Ms. Crawford enrolled in Cambridge College as a 50-year-old secretary, holding onto the dream that she could still make her mark and help people as a therapist. "This was something I had to do," she said. "I have been through a lot in my life, but it seems like I haven't accomplished anything. This degree will set me on top of the world. I have worked so hard and no one can take this away from me." Ms. Crawford will always stand a shining example of what Cambridge College is about, and she will truly be missed by all.



Deb Crawford, center, is surrounded by family, friends and the CC staff after being presented her degree.

Information Technology Department News Blast Tips

- Would you like to try Google Apps? The IT Department is considering offering email, documents, websites, and other great online tools available through the college version of Google Apps. We need people to try a beta test. All students, staff, and faculty are welcome: please send an email asking to be a Google Apps beta tester to Gloria.davila@cambridgecollege.edu.

Cambridge College Library Services

- All Cambridge College employees are welcome to use the Cambridge College Online Library. The CCOL can be accessed through your MyCC portal account. **See the attached files for current news and the "How to Use CCOL Handbook" of instructions.**
- "*Spanish Language Resources on the Web*" and "*EFL Tutorials, Dictionaries, and Translation Tools in CCOL and Online including Dictionaries of Medical Terminology*" are two instructional handouts for our EFL students. Both can be found by going to the "Writing Research Papers" section of [the website](#).
- Did you know that the Cambridge College Ebrary Electronic Books collection now reads aloud? Did you know that it lets you write electronic "sticky notes" right on the page? Did you know that it lets you highlight on the page in three different colors? Did you know that it has more than 42,000 recent academic books in full-text? For instructions for using all the new features of our Ebrary Electronic Books collection, go to [the College's website](#) and click the link "Using Ebrary Electronic Books."

Human Resources and Administration News

- The Office of Human Resources would like to announce the College's newest employees:
 - Cynthia Lingley has joined the School of Management as an Administrative Manager. Cynthia comes with experience in the education, healthcare, pharmaceutical research and publishing industries including positions at Harvard Student Agencies, Fast Company Magazine and United Health Group/Ingenix.
 - Stephen Houlihan joined the College in June as the Assistant Controller for the Business Office.
 - Dr. Joe Lee was hired as the Interim Provost/VP of Academic Affairs. Dr. Lee brings a wealth of experience to the role of Chief Academic Officer as he has served as the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Talladega College and he has led responses to reaccreditation concerns on three different campuses.
 - John Chenier has joined the College as an Enrollment Counselor for the School of Management.
 - Leonid Eskin has been promoted and now serves as the National Marketing Ad Coordinator.

Past issues of the Cambridge College Community News Blast can be found on the College's website at
http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/about/news_blasts.cfm