

Cambridge College Community News Blast (1/10/08)

Dear Colleagues:

Here is the latest installment of the Cambridge College Community News Blast. This email blast will be sent out every other week, documenting the people, programs and e-vents of the College. Please inform me of your news by **5 p.m. on Monday, January 21st** in order to be considered for the next installment.

Thank you and enjoy!

Leadership Transition

- On December 13th, the Cambridge College Board of Trustees placed Mahesh Sharma on a leave of absence, which ultimately resulted in the Board terminating him as the College's president on January 4th. During the institution's time of transition, the Board named Chancellor and Founder Eileen Moran Brown as the College's interim President.

The Cambridge College Senate welcomed Chancellor Brown to their January 8th meeting. There were nearly 150 faculty, staff and senior team members gathered in Rooms 206-207 to discuss the recent leadership changes. The energy in the room was intense, as the large crowd listened intently and embraced their roles as part of the Cambridge College team. Many members posed questions to the Chancellor regarding her future plans, structural changes and the need for the College to move on and improve the current morale. "I did not have a complete sense of how difficult this stretch has been for the community and I deeply apologize. There will be behavioral and structural changes," said Chancellor Brown in an emphatic tone.

The group was elated by the announcement that there will be a new college president in place hopefully by September 2008 and that the Chancellor's goal will be to focus on enhancing the College's current academics and academic support services. She added that the current programs, regional centers and College departments would receive the support they need during this transition time and that business would go on as usual.

"Cambridge College is so important to each of us and to the students and to the communities we serve. Each one of us needs to be constructive and positive as we work to move forward. We must all ask ourselves what we can do to make Cambridge College the dream it was meant to be, and if we can all do that, we will be what we once were. We have to be the change we want to see. Each of us now has a role to play and I am totally committed to mine," said Chancellor Brown. The heartfelt round of applause that followed these statements was all anyone needed to know that Cambridge College is as strong as ever.



Chancellor Brown addresses the Cambridge College community.

Chancellor's Office

- The Development Department and the Chancellor's Office staff have merged their fundraising efforts and will now report to Judy Groleau, Acting Vice-President of Development. The fundraising team consists of Cheryl Bowe, Manager, Donor Relations; Karin Turer, Development Communications and Events. Christina Gajewski has left her position at the College and has joined the Boston Urban Youth Foundation as the Director of Development & Marketing. Eddie Randolph has joined Boston Architecture College as their new Director of Alumni Giving. Catherine Dimechkie will be leaving in mid-January to pursue a career goal at Boston Children's Hospital. We will miss Christina, Eddie and Catherine but wish them the best of luck in their new endeavors.

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- On Thursday, December 21st the Cambridge College community got into the holiday spirit and mingled at the annual Holiday Party. Employees enjoyed festive food, music and drinks (like the traditional holiday eggnog), as well as the raffle, in which 20 lucky individuals took home exciting gifts. During the gathering, the College honored its employees celebrating five year, 10 year, 15 year, 20 year, 25 year, and 30 year milestones with the annual Service Awards. Dr. John Grassi was especially honored for his 35 years with the College.



Dr. Grassi addresses the crowd after being recognized for his service to the College.

- Cambridge College would like to thank everyone who generously contributed donations to the December Food Drive and to the Transition House holiday collection. Both the Salvation Army Cambridge Corp. and the Transition House were extremely grateful for the Cambridge College community's tremendous support.

Lawrence Regional Center

- Sandy Blanes was selected as a 2008 Massachusetts Literacy Champion in the sixth annual Literacy Champions Awards program sponsored by the Massachusetts Literacy Foundation and the Verizon Foundation. Ms. Blanes is one of ten finalists chosen to receive this award across Massachusetts. As a Massachusetts Literacy Champion, she is eligible for a \$3,500 grant, which can be used on a program and part on professional development. With this money, Ms. Blanes plans to add resources to her consulting business, Sandy Blanes Languages, and to take a technology course to further her own skills. She will receive this honorary award on January 30th at the Verizon Boston headquarters.
- On December 21st, the Lawrence Regional Center received the "Community Partner of the Year" award for its constant contributions and donations to the Arlington Community Trabajando (ACT) CDC. The announcement was made at the ACT Annual Meeting where over 300 people gathered at the Malden Mills store on Broadway Street in Lawrence. ACT is a regular community partner of the Lawrence Regional Center. Enrollment Representative Guillermo Ortiz and Cambridge College student Evelyn St. Hilaire joined the ACT Board of Trustees this year. Since 1996 ACT has taken the mission to empower residents and stakeholders through initiatives in Affordable Housing Projects, Business, Workforce and Youth Development, Green Spaces, Public Safety and other activities of community building.

Chesapeake Regional Center

- The Chesapeake enrollment team is busy conducting information sessions and open houses. The Chesapeake Regional Center held eight in December and another four are scheduled for January. Additional info sessions are in the planning stages.
- The Regional Center will host a New Student Orientation on January 19th. Director of Financial Aid Pam Walker will be in Chesapeake during January 17-19th for the event.

Barbara Bailey, an enrollment counselor from the Memphis, TN Regional Center will also be in Chesapeake for the orientation. Ms. Walker and Registrar Kathy Curtin visited the Chesapeake Regional Center in September allowing many students to get their financial aid questions answered on the spot.

- The Chesapeake Regional Center held a holiday luncheon at Sterling's restaurant in December. The Center's office and marketing staff, as well as the NITE admissions reps were all in attendance for the great food and gift exchange.
- Student Services Manager Sherri Michaels has accomplished a longtime dream. She has been named the Girls Varsity Soccer Coach for Tallwood High School.
- Congratulations to Chesapeake Enrollment Counselor Lindsey Moylan who gave birth to twins on December 1st. Sydney Elizabeth and Wade Henry were both able to leave the hospital in time to spend the holidays in their new home. Both children and mother are doing well. During Moylan's absence, the Center has welcomed NITE enrollment rep Chloe Jones to help out.



Ms. Moylan and her newborn twins.

School of Education

- The Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership degree program has just completed its review of spring 2008 applications. Fifteen new students were admitted, 11 of whom are joining Cohort 3 and taking part in the research residency this summer. Cohort 3 now consists of 18 individuals with very distinctive and diverse backgrounds: the average age is 41; 50% are representative of minority populations; 72% are female; their professions include teachers, educational consultants, principals, school psychologists, a dean of education, and a higher education administrator. The next round of admissions will commence in February and end on April 15th. The number of students in the Program is expected to increase substantially before the summer term. Thanks to the entire admissions staff, and especially Robin Laskey, for their hard work!
- Dr. Dan W. Butin, Assistant Dean in the School of Education, has co-authored a book – 100 Experiential Learning Activities for Social Studies, Literature, and the Arts, Grades 5-12 – that has just been published by Corwin Press. The book focuses on using active learning to engage students in critical thinking and reflection about complex content knowledge in the humanities and the arts. More information about the book is available at <http://www.corwinpress.com/booksProdDesc.nav?prodId=Book229335>.
- John Moschella, a current student in the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership, has recently been chosen to serve on the editorial board for the *International Fire Service*

Journal of Leadership and Management. This is the only peer-refereed journal for the fire services profession.

- Michael Conner, a current student in the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership, has recently been promoted to the position of Curriculum Facilitator in the Hartford Public Schools, where he will oversee the implementation of curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

Office of Enrollment

- Chief Economist Elliot Winer of the Massachusetts Department of Work Force Development will be speaking to Cambridge College students on Thursday, January 10th from 6:15-8 p.m. Mr. Winer will speak on the future of jobs in Massachusetts within the next five years and what training people need in order to prepare for these jobs. Enrollment Counselors will also be on hand at the event to answer any questions about the College. The event will take place at the College's 80 Prospect St. location in Cambridge.

Office of Policy, Research & Communications

- The Institutional Research Office is in the process of collecting data as part of the online course evaluation for the fall of 2007. If you took any course this term please log on to your CC account and complete the evaluation for each course you took. The online course evaluation instruction and your login information have been sent to your CC email address. Student feedback is an essential component in improving Cambridge College's services for you. Your time and effort is appreciated. Please contact Ryan Lovell at ryan.lovell@cambridgecollege.edu or Wenjun Chi at Wenjun.chi@cambridgecollege.edu with any questions.

Human Resources and Administration News

- The Office of Human Resources would like to announce Cambridge College's newest employees:
 - Kyle A. Gilbert has joined the College as the Audit Refund Coordinator.
 - Claude Martinez has been hired as a Health Care Enrollment Representative for the Ontario, CA Regional Center.
 - Jeff Clayton has joined the Ontario, CA Regional Center as a member of the Enrollment team.

In Memoriam

- The College would like to take a moment to remember longtime employee and friend Kenneth Schubert and Kenneth A. Lappin, the husband of Dr. Niti Seth, Dean of the School of Psychology and Counseling.
 - Ken Schubert passed away on December 24th 2007. Ken was an Admission's Counselor at Cambridge College for many years. His guidance and patience with our students will be missed.
 - Kenneth Lappin passed away on January 1st. Our sympathy, support and love go out to Dr. Seth and her daughters Sonali Seth Lappin and Anjali Seth Lappin.

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