

Cambridge College Community News Blast (1/31/08)

Dear Colleagues:

Here is the latest installment of the Cambridge College Community News Blast. This email blast will be sent out every three weeks, documenting the people, programs and events of the College. Please inform me of your news by **5 p.m. on Monday, February 18th** in order to be considered for the next installment.

Thank you and enjoy!

Cambridge College Commencement

- Cambridge College will hold its Commencement in Savannah, GA on Sunday, February 10th at 12 noon at the Johnny Mercer Civic Center and the ceremony will showcase several graduates and their messages of encouragement and inspiration for their fellow classmates.

Cambridge College is taking a new approach to their 2008 Commencement ceremonies in Savannah, GA. "Rather than having a traditional keynote speaker, this year's commencement ceremony was designed to focus on an exchange of ideas from the students," said Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Joseph C. Reed. "The words of our graduates serve to challenge us, inspire us and provoke us to take renewed action. Their words embody the visions and dreams that we all share for the success of each member of this graduating class." Dr. Reed added that the graduate remarks will come from students representing each of the Cambridge College degree programs. Utaff W. Gordon and L. Kraig Hawkins will represent the Master of Education degree program; Cassandra Gordon-Scott will speak on behalf of the Bachelor of Arts program; and Timeka Lamback Cline will represent the Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies graduates. Savannah Mayor Otis Johnson will deliver the City's official welcome to the graduates.

- The Cambridge College Commencement will take place at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 8th at the Bank of America Pavilion in Boston. The College is happy to announce that the Commonwealth's First Lady Diane Patrick has agreed to serve as the Commencement speaker and will be awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. More details will follow as the planning continues for this exciting event!

Cambridge College Affairs

- On January 24th, the Boston Business Journal hosted their annual event in which they unveiled the 2008 Book of Lists. Cambridge College was ranked in three important categories. Over the last year, the Commonwealth has seen tremendous growth in its college enrollment numbers. While Cambridge College has enjoyed an increase in student enrollments, several other area institutions like Simmons, Suffolk and Fitchburg State experienced significant increases as well. While Cambridge College ranked 25th in 2007, this year the College placed 27th in the **Area's Largest Colleges and Universities** category. Cambridge College was once again ranked 9th among the **Area's Largest Graduate Schools**. This year, Cambridge College's Management program advanced to 8th place in the category of the **Area's Largest Management Programs**, from 10th place

in 2007. Congratulations to all. You should be proud of your contributions which have led to the College's accomplishments!

School of Education

- Ms. Amanda Jones, a Cambridge College Science M.Ed. graduate, has been awarded the Teacher of Promise Award by the Georgia Department of Education. Ms. Jones exemplifies the high qualities of the dedicated science teachers at Cambridge College.
- On January 29th, *The Berkshire Eagle* printed an article, "Math teachers to add up," regarding Cambridge College's collaboration with the Reading Institute in Williamstown, MA to help fill the mathematics education gap. Dean of the School of Education Dr. Anthony DeMatteo is quoted in the article as saying that the program is designed according to the state standards for instructing math at the elementary, middle and high school levels, and will offer both workshops and a Master's degree program. In the two days since the article was published, 23 new students have registered for the program and more calls keep coming in. You can read the article online by clicking here: http://www.berkshireagle.com/search/cj_8108711?IADID=Search-www.berkshireagle.com-www.berkshireagle.com.

School of Management

- On January 16th, Health Care Management graduate student Doris Bobryk had an article she wrote published in the *Haverhill Gazette*. Ms. Bobryk's article, "For your well-being: 'Super bug' prevention" was about how to prevent staph bacterial infections. Click here to read the article: http://www.hgazette.com/archivesearch/local_story_016093318.html.
- On January 16th, Worcester Polytechnic Institute announced that, following a national search, Stephen J. Lemire has been hired as the first executive director of the National Professional Science Master's Association (NPSMA). Mr. Lemire is currently a senior instructor in the Health Care Management program. NPSMA, which will be headquartered at WPI in Worcester, promotes and supports professional science master's degree programs at universities across the nation. To view the press release, click here: <http://www.wpi.edu/News/Releases/20078/npsmadirector.html>.

Springfield Regional Center

- The Springfield Regional Center held its first student orientation and registration on Saturday, January 26th. The Center welcomed 44 new students who were in attendance in anticipation of beginning their educational endeavors. Registrar Kathy Curtin and staff assistant Tina Johnson traveled from the Cambridge campus to help make the event a success. The Springfield Regional Center will be holding their last registration on Tuesday, January 29th at 6 p.m.
- Assistant Director of Enrollment of the Springfield Regional Center Meaghan Prendergast and Tanya Wdowiak recently attended the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce networking breakfast and were introduced as new members to the organization. Ms Prendergast and Ms. Wdowiak spent the morning networking with many local businesses as well as the Mayor of Chicopee. Similarly, Yvonne Barnes and Mary Nelen attended events with the Chicopee Chamber, the Greater Holyoke Chamber and the Hartford Chambers of Commerce in the last few weeks. The Center is certainly working hard at helping make Cambridge College better known in the community.

- Associate Dean of the Undergraduate Program Professor James Lee recently traveled to the Springfield Regional Center to train the staff on undergraduate portfolios and to lend his support in undergraduate recruitment. The meeting was informative and inspirational and the Center is pleased to be working closely with Professor Lee in the coming months.

International Programs Office

- The first of a four part series of career-oriented seminars for international students hosted by the International Students Office took place on Tuesday, January 29th. Students participated in a workshop that focused on resume-writing, conducting informational interviews, and other relevant topics having to do with entrance into the U.S. work-force. Upcoming workshops will take place on February 28th, March 26th and April 29th. For more information, please contact International Program Associate Susan Connors at x1417 or susan.connors@cambridgecollege.edu.

Human Resources and Administration News

- The Office of Human Resources would like to announce Cambridge College's newest employees:
 - Diah Maria Schur has joined the College as the new Web Master for the IT department.
 - Claude Martinez has been hired as a Health Care Enrollment Representative for the Ontario Regional Center.
 - Kyle Gilbert has joined the College as an Audit Refund Coordinator in the business office.

**To report your department or school news, events, and happenings, please contact Kimberly Dunbar at X1228 or Kimberly.Dunbar@cambridgecollege.edu **