

## Cambridge College Community News Blast (11/19/08)

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 events of the College. Please inform me of your news by 5 p.m. on **Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** in order to be considered for the next installment.

Thank you and enjoy!

### School of Education

- Dr. Sandra Bridwell, Professor and Founding Faculty of the Cambridge College Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership, served as Qualitative Research Special Interest Group proposal reviewer for the 2009 Annual Conference of the American Educational Research Association (AERA).

### Undergraduate Program

- In early October, AIDS advocate, author and entrepreneur Getrude Matshe shared her inspiring story of success with a crowd of nearly 100 Cambridge College students and guests. The event, which was part of the Strategies for Success class in the Cambridge College undergraduate program, was so inspiring for undergrad student Alexandra Vanegas that she decided to take action. "Her lecture was amazing and I felt personally moved and inspired by her journey," said Ms. Vanegas. She told Ms. Matshe that she wanted to help her Africa Alive Foundation and the school Ms. Matshe was involved with in Zimbabwe. "The school is run down and has books dating back to the 1950s. So I told Getrude that I wanted to collect 500 books to send to the students in Zimbabwe," Ms. Vanegas added. Vanegas is in the process of spreading the word about Africa 500, the name she has dubbed the project, and is trying to collect books. Her Africa 500 blog can be found at <http://africa500.blogspot.com>.

### Lawrence, MA Regional Center

- Author J.P. Foncea presented his newly released book Ivan of Aldenuri: The Forest of the Taurocs, (originally published in Spanish) at the Cambridge College Lawrence Regional Center on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Ivan of Aldenuri is the first of a three-book series to be published in two languages with a third translation on the way. This fantasy series has been a phenomenal success in Spain and readers are anxiously awaiting publication of the third book. The series has acquired such a broad appeal to people of all ages and backgrounds (on a par with that of Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings) that the author is currently in negotiations with KV Entertainment to make a movie based on the series. Over 60 community guests and students from the Ladder to Language Program attended the event. Thirty percent of the sales of the book were donated to the Cambridge College Lawrence Regional Center to start a local scholarship fund for one Lawrence student. Anyone interested in purchasing the book should contact Dolores Calaf at x1471, who will then connect individuals to the publishing company.



J.P. Foneca presents to an audience at the Cambridge College Lawrence Regional Center.

### Development

- Cambridge College was awarded a \$20,000 grant from Tufts Health Plan Foundation. The monies will be used to provide scholarships for students in the Medical Interpreter Training Program.
- The College also received a grant of \$50,000 from the Durant Family Foundation. The award is for general operating support.

### Cambridge College Alumni Updates

- Cecelia Estrada Vaughan (B.A., '03) recently completed a six week volunteer tutor program in Jamaica Plain to assist in adult literacy classes. She will volunteer as a tutor in a basic adult literacy class for speakers who are not literate in their first language, learning English. In the eight years since she graduated, Ms. Vaughan has worked for a major global conservation organization; began a small crafts venture; traveled to Canada; and has performed at pow wows and social events as a former (original) singer of five years with the *Wolf Cry Singers* women's hand-drum group from Massachusetts. She is also a poet, writer, urban gardener, and craftsperson.
- James L. Cox III (M.Ed., '07) is the author of the recently released book, Confronting Obstacles to Full Salvation on God's Terms (Xulon Press). In his book, Cox discusses the importance of scriptural authenticity and the integrity of the original biblical text. The book can be purchased at the Harvard Book Store or by visiting [www.harvard.com](http://www.harvard.com).
- Robert D. Mercer (M.M., '03) is a recent graduate of the Suffolk University Sawyer School of Business, in which he received his MBA in Finance. Mr. Mercer graduated with a GPA of 3.77 and received the Suffolk University Boardroom Global Business Leadership Scholar Award (along with 19 other of his colleague applicants). Mercer writes: "I reflect on my experience with Cambridge College and cannot be more proud of how much the Cambridge College experience had prepared me to reach my goal of becoming an MBA. The adult learning program, working in teams, emotional intelligence, and active learning continue to inspire me."

### Information Technology (IT) Department

- As of December 1<sup>st</sup> the IT department will charge all students at Massachusetts campuses 10 cents per page to print in the computer lab. This will be charged to their students accounts at the

end of every semester. Every time a student prints, a message will pop up telling them how much the current print will cost, and how much they have spent so far during the semester. This new system will save the College money, and lessen the environmental impact of excessive printing. Students will have incentive not to make superfluous prints such as entire websites or personal emails. With this system in place at the NITE program, toner and paper usage went down by over 75%. The IT department has already successfully implemented this system at the School of Management. If you have any questions about this please contact the IT Department.

### Cambridge College Academic Technology

- The Cambridge College Academic Technology committee urges you to do more with MyCC! MyCC pages are not just for courses: create an informational webpage for your department, campus site, subject area, and more! The College Senate Academic Technology Committee invites faculty and staff to attend a training session by Professors Bill McMican and Joe Miglio on their innovative uses for MyCC, such as creating pages of information for the Chesapeake campus site and the Cambridge College Online Library page (both will be live on MyCC soon). Learn to create your own page and have a more convenient presence on MyCC. The training will be online via WebEx for everyone to attend, or join a live group to watch the WebEx session and learn together at the 1000 Massachusetts Avenue building (RBTA). This will be Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more details and an invitation to the WebEx session and/or the room number, email [maida.tilchen@cambridgecollege.edu](mailto:maida.tilchen@cambridgecollege.edu)
- What's the theory behind distance learning? Professor Peter Ash, who has taken special training in this topic, will give a presentation at the next meeting of the College Senate Academic Technology Committee. Join the committee Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30 p.m., live at 1000 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge (Room TBA) or listen and watch from anywhere via WebEx. For more details and an invitation to the Webex meeting, email [maida.tilchen@cambridgecollege.edu](mailto:maida.tilchen@cambridgecollege.edu)

### Human Resources and Administration News

- The Office of Human Resources has a partnership with Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, MA to provide employee assistance counseling to all Cambridge College employees and their households. The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) forwarded the attached holiday stress buster tips that may be helpful during the upcoming holiday season. **Please read the attached document for ways to ease the stress this holiday season.**
- The Office of Human Resources would like to announce the College's newest employees:
  - Joyce Buckley has joined the College as the new Financial Aid Administrator.
  - Maura DeJesus, a former Cambridge College employee, is returning to the College as a NITE Enrollment Counselor.

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