

## Cambridge College Community News Blast (11/20/07)

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, December 10<sup>th</sup>** in order to be considered for the next installment.

Thank you and enjoy!

### Office of the President

- President Mahesh Sharma's interview with WBUR aired on NPR on Thursday, November 15th in the fourth part of WBUR's series, "Counting on Immigration." The piece focused on the new trend in education called "transnationalism" and its impact on Massachusetts. President Sharma discussed the translation of intellect and Cambridge College's work with Brazilian students. To read the transcript of the story, click here [http://www.wbur.org/news/2007/72388\\_20071115.asp](http://www.wbur.org/news/2007/72388_20071115.asp).

### Chancellor's Office

- On November 7th, Cambridge College celebrated Chancellor Eileen Moran Brown's 70th birthday with a bash at the Fogg Art Museum in Cambridge. One hundred and ten old and new friends joined Chancellor Brown as she blew out a birthday candle and listened as her former student and singing sensation Patti LaBelle surprised Eileen with her rendition of "Happy Birthday." The College also surprised Chancellor Brown by raising more than half a million dollars which will go towards the Eileen Moran Brown Endowed Scholarship Fund.

### School of Management

- Cambridge College celebrated Veteran's Day by discussing a very important issue facing Massachusetts healthcare. On Monday, November 12th, the Cambridge College School of Management and Healthcare Management Program presented its annual Healthcare Panel. This year's theme was "Diversity and Disparity in Massachusetts Healthcare." Over 400 Cambridge College students, faculty and administration as well as distinguished members of the Massachusetts healthcare community gathered to listen as the dynamic panel discussed many of the barriers that block equal access to health care and the ways in which these Commonwealth health care leaders are trying to eliminate these barriers. The panel, which was moderated by President of the Oral Health Foundation Ralph Fuccillo, included the new Massachusetts Secretary of Health and Human Services Dr. JudyAnn Bigby, the new President of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation Jarrett Barrios, the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Health and State Representative Peter Koutoujian, and the new Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Social Services Dr. Angelo McLain. While all four panelists made compelling points in an effort to bring healthcare disparities to the forefront, Mr. Barrios made the clearest. "We are taught in the Pledge of Allegiance that there is 'liberty and justice for all.' There is a promise that all of us can have what only most of us have,"

Barrios said. What angers Mr. Barrios most about healthcare is that it is a luxury not all people can afford. Mr. Barrios added that Massachusetts is making progress after passing the state reform bill which requires everyone to have health insurance, but added the state still has a long way to go. "We have to remove the barriers if we are going to close the disparities gap... We are all trying to make that promise mean something," he said. The Healthcare Panel video will be posted under the Media section of the Cambridge College website and will also air on Cambridge Community TV (CCTV). Please stay tuned for details.



Moderator Ralph Fuccillo (center) stands with the panel (from left to right): Dr. Angelo McClain, Dr. JudyAnn Bigby, Jarrett Barrios and Representative Peter Koutoujian.

- Dr. Nish Sonwalkar, Vice President and Associate Dean of the Cambridge College Center for Adaptive Learning and Programs, represented the College at the prestigious 13th Sloan-C International Conference on Online Learning. The conference, titled "The Power of Online Learning: Making a Difference," took place from November 7-9<sup>th</sup> in Orlando, Florida. Dr. Sonwalkar presented a paper titled "The Adaptive Individualization: The Next Generation of Online Learning."
- Dr. Sonwalkar is also representing the College as WRKO's Educational Expert during Tom Finneran's show, Finneran's Forum. Dr. Sonwalkar will help listeners with several online learning related topics, including How to Select an Online Learning Program; The Good, Bad and Ugly of Online Education; Learning Outcome Assessment; and Controlling the Cost of Higher Education. Finneran's Forum can be heard on WRKO Monday- Friday from 6-10 a.m. For more information, log on to <http://wrko.com/pages/1049164.php>.

### School of Education

- Dr. Sandra Bridwell presented a research paper at the Seventh International Conference of Transformative Learning in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This year's conference theme was Transformative Learning: Issues of Difference and Diversity. Dr. Bridwell's paper was titled *Transformative Learning and Constructive-Developmental Theory Intersections: Expanding Diversity beyond Race, Class and Gender to Cultures of Mind*. The paper is published in the conference proceedings.
- Dr. Shirley Handler has been honored by her colleagues in the field of education. Dr. Handler received the Fifth Annual Lifetime Achievement Award from the Coalition Organized for Health Education in Schools (COHES) for her contribution to the field of Comprehensive Health Education at their Annual Conference on October 30<sup>th</sup>. She is the

Program Coordinator for the Health, Family and Consumer Sciences Program (licensure) in the School of Education.

- Dr. Dan W. Butin, Assistant Dean of the School of Education, published an article, "Focusing Our Aim: Strengthening Faculty Commitment to Community Engagement" in the November/December issue of the higher education magazine *Change*. One of his books, Teaching Social Foundations of Education, was recently reviewed in the *Journal of Philosophy of Education* and another, Service-Learning in Higher Education, was recently the featured book of the Canadian Alliance for Community Service Learning, the national organization that supports community service learning in Canada.
- Dean of the School of Education Dr. Anthony DeMatteo recently hosted a welcome dinner for the newest Cambridge College CAGS cohort. Dr. DeMatteo welcomed the students to the program and provided them with a brief history and the vision of the School of Education and the CAGS program. The event was organized by Dr. Dan Butin and Shannon Houston, Director of the Office of CAGS and Doctoral Studies.
- School of Education Professor David Irving is involved in an historic find in his community. When the First National Bank of Ipswich closed a branch office in Rowley, MA several months ago, staff members found a money bag dating back to 1966. In the bag were \$1,000 in dimes and the lost records of the First Congregational Church of Rowley dating to the mid-1600s. The book had been missing for decades. Professor Jeff Cooper of Oklahoma State University and Professor Kenneth Minkema of Yale were called in to identify the records, as were David and Donna Irving, the church's clerk and historian, respectively. The *Boston Sunday Globe* featured the Cambridge College professor and the historic findings in a July 22nd article titled "Historic Delight." To read the article, click here: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/07/22/historical\\_delight/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/07/22/historical_delight/).

### School of Psychology and Counseling

- The free workshops offered by the School of Psychology and Counseling in October were well attended and received great reviews. These workshops offer a wonderful opportunity for the College community to gain new knowledge and skills in a focused counseling area. The workshops will be offered again on **November 17<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at 1000 Massachusetts Ave** in Cambridge. Attendees can earn Continuing Education Units for only \$10 per workshop. The November workshop offerings include Diagnostic and Statistical Manual; Treatment Planning; Battered Women Who Have Killed; Art as a Tool in Counseling; Crisis Intervention; Research Design and Analysis of Data; Descriptive Statistics; Dialectical Behavior Treatment; Refugee Mental Health; Role Play/Puppet Play in Counseling; Systematic Desensitization; Understanding and Treating Separation Anxiety, School Phobia and Truancy; Piaget: Cognitive Contributions to Teaching and Learning; and Stress Management. Please contact [judy.bralove@cambridgecollege.edu](mailto:judy.bralove@cambridgecollege.edu) for more information.
- Dr. Elena Cherepanov has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Association of Traumatic Stress Specialists (ATSS). ATSS is a membership association which develops standards of service and education for those who provide critical emotional care to trauma victims and survivors. ATSS has always endeavored to recognize and support both service providers and the consumers affected by all aspects of trauma in the international setting. ATSS is dedicated to excellence in training, education and experience to ensure that victims of crime, abuse, war, terrorism and disasters receive the most compassionate and

effective care as possible. ATSS's Board of Directors is comprised of elected members who volunteer their time, professional expertise and dedication to helping individuals in crisis. The Board represents experienced leadership in the expanding field Traumatic Stress. Professor Cherepanov will serve on the Certification Committee.

### Springfield, MA Regional Center

- On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Springfield Regional Center participated in the 2007 Commerce Expo at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield. Springfield Regional Center Acting Director Dr. Rick Turner gave a workshop on stress management while the admissions team made many great connections with local schools, colleges, agencies, and businesses. They even attracted a few new students! The team gave away Stress Stars at the event to compliment Dr. Turner's workshop.



Dr. Turner spreads the Cambridge College word at the Commerce Expo.

### Lawrence, MA Regional Center

- On October 17<sup>th</sup>, forty students received their Internet and Computing Core Certification (IC3) certificate in a ceremony at the Cambridge College Lawrence Regional Center. These students represent adults and young adults from the Merrimack Valley region that underwent a three-week intensive program to learn about IC3 and a week of practice and preparation for their test. Eighty percent of the students tested with high results. There were five different cohorts of students in the program, which ran from June to September. Cambridge College received state funds from the Workforce Training Funds to train 400 students in the four month period. Congratulations to the graduates! For more information on the IC3 Training Program, please contact Dr. Nish Sonwalkar, Vice President of Information Systems and Distance Learning and Associate Dean of School of Management at [Nishikant.sonwalkar@cambridgecollege.edu](mailto:Nishikant.sonwalkar@cambridgecollege.edu).



Dolores Calaf and the IC3 graduates.

- On Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cambridge College graduated the fourth cohort of students from the English in 24 Hours program. The students received their certificate of accomplishment in a ceremony that was held at Lazarus House in Lawrence. Cambridge College and Lazarus House Ministries have a partnership to run five cohorts comprised of individuals who are participating in the employment training program that are in need of learning English as a second language (ESL). The program has been very fruitful and students are moving on to learn more intermediate levels of English, which will help them with their job training and future employment.
- On Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. the Lawrence Regional Center is hosting Lydia Stack, the award-winning writer and curricula developer of ESL programs under auspices of the publishing company Course Crafters. For more information on this event, contact Joy King at 978-738-0502 x1475 or email [joy.king@cambridgecollege.edu](mailto:joy.king@cambridgecollege.edu).
- The Lawrence Regional Center will hold several information sessions in anticipation of the spring term which begins February 2, 2008. The sessions will be held at 6 p.m. at 60 Island St. in Lawrence on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>; December 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>; and January 10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Memphis, TN Regional Center**

- On Oct 27<sup>th</sup> the Memphis Regional Center held its first Open House. Teachers from Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas attended the event and learned more about the programs Cambridge College has to offer. Of those who attended, 15 completed applications for the Fall term, which began Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, and five others applied for Spring admission. According to Center Director Chris Sawyer, the event was very successful and the Center looks forward to serving the Mid-South community.

#### **Puerto Rico Regional Center**

- As part of its year long study of immigrant and migrant children and families, the Schott Fellowship program sponsored a study tour to the Puerto Rico Regional Center from October 13-18<sup>th</sup>. Director of the Puerto Rico Regional Center and Director of the Puerto Rico Teachers Association Reyes Rodriquez hosted the 13 travelers from Massachusetts. The Schott Fellows partook in many educational activities during their stay, including an educational forum held at the Regional Center. The rest of the week was spent conducting

comprehensive visits with various programs on the island including debriefings and dialog with staff.



The Schott Fellows: Barbara Black, Hanna Gebretensae, Marcia Farris, Winnie Hagan, Emily Koester, Barbara Kozma, Carol Nolan, Jeri Robinson, Lourdes Sariol, and Nida Wright.

### Development & Alumni Affairs

- Cambridge College's Alumni Association will host the first annual Holiday Bash. The celebration will be held December 1<sup>st</sup> from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Dante Alighieri Cultural Center at 41 Hampshire Street in Cambridge. There will be complimentary appetizers, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverages with a cash bar. The cost is \$30/person. If you would like to attend, please contact Christina Gajewski at 617-873-0430 or [christina.gajewski@cambridgecollege.edu](mailto:christina.gajewski@cambridgecollege.edu).
- The Cambridge Alumni Chapter's weekly book sale has been a huge success for the Alumni Association. In the first three weeks, Lillian Travaglini has helped raise \$160 thanks to her dedication at the table and the generosity of several other individuals who have donated books. The Cambridge Alumni Chapter will continue to sponsor the book sale every Wednesday in the lobby of the building at 1000 Massachusetts Ave in Cambridge. Hardcover books will be sold for two dollars and paperback books will be sold for one dollar. Book donations are welcome. On Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, there will also be a bake sale in addition to the books. Please stop by and support the alumni at the book sale and grab some baked goodies just in time for Thanksgiving!
- If you have any questions or ideas about alumni chapter development, please contact Christina Gajewski by email at [christina.gajewski@cambridgecollege.edu](mailto:christina.gajewski@cambridgecollege.edu) or by phone at 617.873.0430.

### Office of Student Services

- The Office of Student Services is hosting an open house for all students in an effort to reach out and help them move forward and get ready for the spring semester registration. The Student Services team will be available from Monday through Thursday the week of November 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 p.m. welcoming the students and answering any questions in their first floor offices at 1000 Massachusetts Ave. Student Services is also going to have small mini teams visit the Lawrence and Springfield Regional Centers on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information or additional questions, contact Assistant Vice President of Student Services Cecelia Cull at [Cecelia.cull@cambridgecollege.edu](mailto:Cecelia.cull@cambridgecollege.edu).

### International Office

- Please join the International Student and Programs Office for an International Student Reception followed by a workshop featuring Richard Ioandoli, a premier Boston immigration attorney who will discuss matters of immigration and H1B visas. The reception will take place on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:50 p.m. in Room 301-302 at the School of Management building, 17 Monsignor O'Brien Highway in Cambridge. A delicious dinner and beverages will be provided. Please RSVP with Anna Evans at 617-873-0142 or [anna.evans@cambridgecollege.edu](mailto:anna.evans@cambridgecollege.edu).

### Admissions and Enrollment

- From November 1-4<sup>th</sup> Cambridge College Enrollment Representatives gathered in Virginia Beach, VA for an Enrollment Summit. The group spent their time getting to know each other as well as coordinating and consulting in regards to College enrollment.



The Cambridge College Enrollment group.

### Institute of Lifelong Learning and Community Building

- The Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building is co-sponsoring a program which will be useful for those who lead meetings on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the old Kendall Boiler & Tank company, 275 Third St. in Cambridge. The program, titled "The Art of Facilitation," will cover how to design and lead effective meetings, conversations and planning sessions. For more information, contact Rebecca Gallo at [Rebecca@eastendhouse.org](mailto:Rebecca@eastendhouse.org) or by calling 617-876-4444.

### Carl F. Barron Endowed Lecture Series

- If you missed Haifa University Chancellor Eliezer Rafaeli's October 23<sup>rd</sup> lecture, you're in luck. Chancellor Rafaeli's lecture, "A University in the Eye of Storms," which was part of the Carl F. Barron Endowed Chair Lecture Series, can now be seen online. To view the video, log on to the Cambridge College Pressroom Media page and click on "Carl Barron Lecture" via [http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/about/press\\_media.cfm](http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/about/press_media.cfm).
- Carl F. Barron, entrepreneur and special lecturer at Cambridge College, has a new book. "Do It Now! ...But Read This Book First" is the latest bestseller at the School of

Management. Mr. Barron shares his 91 years of business experience in the book, which was originally written for his son and grandson. Mr. Barron has chosen to share it with Cambridge College as well, and has requested that all proceeds from the book are directed to the School of Management. The book can be purchased for \$10 from Karin Turer in Room 238 at 1000 Massachusetts Ave. Mr. Barron is happy to meet with students to autograph their copies of the book.

### **Human Resources and Administration News**

- The Office of Human Resources would like to announce Cambridge College's newest employees:
  - Anne Steinbock has been hired as an Administrative Assistant to the Associate Dean of the Undergraduate Program.
  - Ruben Nieves has joined the College as an Enrollment Coordinator for the Lawrence Regional Center.
  - Catherine Geyre Dimechkie is the new Foundation and Corporate Relations Officer in the Development Department.
  - Rosalina Burgos-Gil has been hired as an Academic Coordinator for the Puerto Rico Regional Center.
  - Eugene Krofah has joined the College as an Admissions Counselor for the Enrollment Department.
  - Jennifer Greene has been hired as an Assistant to the President.
  - Bonnie Brashares is the College's new Marketing and Advertising Coordinator.
  - Brian Corbett has been hired as the Associate Director in the Financial Aid Department.
  - MJ Toohey has joined the College as a part-time Admissions Counselor.
  - Saul Horowitz is the new Office Manager for the IT department.
  - Andy Joseph has been hired as an Academic Advisor for the Undergraduate program.
  - Tahia M. Bell-Sykes has joined the college as an Admissions Counselor.
  - Anne Hennessey has been hired as a Staff Assistant in the Office of Student Records and Data Management.
  - Leonid Eskin has joined the College as an Admissions Counselor.
  - Edward Getchell has been hired as the Inventory Control Coordinator in the IT department.
  - Carmen Mendez is the new Office Manager for the Puerto Rico Regional Center.
  - Wilma Hernandez has been hired as an Administrative Assistant for the Puerto Rico Regional Center.
- Robert Boyd has been promoted to Manager of Facilities for Cambridge College. Bob was previously serving as the Coordinator of Facilities, under the supervision of Bruce Grigsby. His office is located at 1000 Massachusetts Avenue and his extension is 1242. In addition to this location, Mr. Boyd oversees facilities operations at 80 Prospect Street, 315 Broadway, and 17 Monsignor O'Brien Highway (the new School of Management).
- The Office of Human Resources has announced that Cambridge College will sponsor the 2nd Annual Free Flu Shot Clinic for you and your household of up to 3 persons on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Room 246. To determine the amount of vaccine doses to order, the Office requests interested parties to sign up in

advance by replying to Becky Flores at [becsaida.flores@cambridgecollege.edu](mailto:becsaida.flores@cambridgecollege.edu) with the number from your household who will be participating.

\*\*To report your department or school news, events, and happenings, please contact Kimberly Dunbar at X1228 or [Kimberly.Dunbar@cambridgecollege.edu](mailto:Kimberly.Dunbar@cambridgecollege.edu) \*\*