

Cambridge College Community News Blast (12/13/07)

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 Friday, December 28th** in order to be considered for the next installment.

Thank you and enjoy!

Office of the President

- President Mahesh Sharma was interviewed in the November 14th Educational Advantage section of *Boston Now*. In the article, the President discusses Cambridge College and some of the issues the College faces. Scroll to the last page of this link to read the article: http://www.bostonnow.com/files/special/educationadvantage/pdf/edadvantage_14november.pdf

Chancellor's Office: Capital Campaign News

- The Capital Campaign has reached the \$37 Million mark toward its \$50 Million Goal. 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; Catherine Dimechkie, Corporate and Foundation Relations; Christina Gajewski, Alumni Affairs; Karin Turer, Development Communications and Events.
- The Rowland Foundation has approved another grant of \$150,000 for Annual Scholarship support for Cambridge College students: undergraduates who are paraprofessionals in the Boston Public Schools seeking to become teachers or graduate students who are teaching in the Boston Public Schools and are earning their graduate degree. The funds will come to the College early in 2008. If anyone knows of students who fit these criteria, please encourage them to apply for a scholarship and submit the application to Tina Johnson in the Financial Aid Office.
- The College has received another generous contribution from Mr. Robert Munnely for The Carol Munnely Research Scholarship for Faculty at Cambridge College. To date, we have raised \$26,000 toward the \$100,000 goal for the endowed fund. We hope that each member of the faculty at the College will consider making a contribution to this fund. Robert Munnely has contributed \$10,000 to be used for an Annual Scholarships in Carol's name. The scholarships will be awarded to faculty for the next two years while we work to raise the funds necessary to kick off the endowed scholarship. These funds will be awarded according to the criteria in place for the endowed scholarship fund. It is important to note that the first Munnely scholarship recipients will be appointed by the President of the College and will work to develop a five year research plan in conjunction with the Office of Policy, Planning, Research and Evaluation.
- Susan Ifill (M.M. 1997) generously donated \$10,000 to the Cambridge College Alumni Fund. The College has used her donation as a challenge to increase alumni giving in this year's appeal. The Annual Appeal arrived in alumni mailboxes at the end of last week.

We hope that Ms. Ifill's generous contribution and her reminder to alumni that Cambridge College changed her life and equipped her with the necessary confidence and knowledge to move her into the next career level will increase alumni participation. If you would like to donate to the Alumni Fund, please contact Christina Gajewski by email at christina.gajewski@cambridgecollege.edu.

Cambridge College Life Trustee

- On November 8th, one of the founders of the original Family & Community Systems Concentration within the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology program at Cambridge College was honored for her extraordinary vision and dedication. **Anne Peretz**, the founder of the Family Center in Somerville, collaborator and contributor to the original Family & Community Systems program (currently the Bachelor of Science in Human Services) and a Cambridge College Life Trustee, was honored for her remarkable contributions to the field of Family Therapy and working to empower families and their communities. Ms. Peretz's core beliefs remain to this day, that if you "treat families like they matter, then they will begin to thrive; give front-line social service workers accessible and hands-on-tools and they will help families thrive." Many members of the Cambridge College community were in attendance to honor her, including founder and Chancellor Eileen Moran Brown, President Sharma, Director of the Human Services Undergraduate Program, Barbara Koffske Reid, Dean for the School of Counseling & Psychology Niti Seth.

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- **The annual Cambridge College Holiday Party will be held today at 3 p.m. in Room 152.** Please join the College community as we celebrate the holiday season. There will be food, music and fun! The Cambridge College community is invited to assist the Transition House at the Holiday Party the season. The College will be collecting donations for the Transition House, a Cambridge-based organization that shelters and helps abused women and their children get back on their feet and raises awareness of this type of violence in Greater Boston and throughout the country. The Transition House has requested items such as gift cards for select stores, T-passes and various immediate essentials, i.e. toothpaste, shampoo and towels. For questions, please contact Josie Duran at ext. 1136 or Kim Dunbar at ext. 1228.
- Help the hungry this holiday season! The Cambridge College Food Drive is currently going on and will end on Friday, December 21st. Please drop off canned and non-perishable foods to Room 238 or in the boxes in the lobby at 1000 Massachusetts Ave., 315 Broadway, 80 Prospect Street or 17 Monsignor O' Brien. All food will be donated to the Salvation Army Cambridge Corp. Food Bank. If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly.dunbar@cambridgecollege.edu.

School of Management

- The Cambridge College Health Care Management Program is opening a site at the Goddard Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Stoughton, MA, which is owned and operated by Kindred Health Care, Inc., based out of Louisville, KY.
- Jennifer A. McDowell, a student in the Cambridge College Health Care Management program, was awarded second place for her scientific presentation at the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS) 2007 Annual Conference held in Las Vegas, NV.

The conference was the largest ever held by SDMS with more than 2,000 participants. Each year, a number of competitions are held at the SDMS Annual Conference, and Ms. McDowell and her colleague, Javier Romero, were recognized in the Scientific competition category. Ms. McDowell is scheduled to graduate in the spring of 2008.

School of Education

- Two students in the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership have had their work accepted at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) annual meeting, the premier venue for educational researchers. Dr. Brenda Grimes co-authored a conference presentation entitled "Filling the 'Holes' in Holistic Education: Towards a Comprehensive Research Base for Holistic Education" with Dr. Dan W. Butin, assistant dean in the school of Education. Dr. Tammy Graham co-authored a conference presentation entitled "Race and Referrals: Teacher Attitudes, Culturally Relevant Teaching, and the Special Education Referrals of African American Males" with Dr. Sandra Bridwell. Both presentations were based on the students' dissertation research, with Drs. Butin and Bridwell serving as the dissertation chairs of each student's committee.
- Dr. Butin will be presenting an additional paper at AERA entitled "Justice in Doubt: Disturbing Service-Learning to Reclaim Justice-Oriented Education."

School of Psychology and Counseling

- School of Psychology and Counseling (SOPC) students are very pleased with the new Certificate Program in Substance Abuse, which is coordinated by Professor Leroy Kelly. The first cohort of students will complete their first term in Cambridge on December 15th and in Worcester on December 22nd. Celebrations will be held in both locations on those dates and all are welcome to attend. Classes for the new term will begin on January 19, 2008 although field placements may begin earlier. There are openings for new students to enroll in this valuable program, in which students will improve their skills and increase their value to employers by earning this certificate.
- Dr. Massomeh Namavar has been invited to give a presentation on the topic of *Suicide Intervention: Large-Scale Debriefing in High School in Iran*. Her presentation will be given at the American Group Psychotherapy Association's (APA) annual convention in Washington D.C., February 18-23, 2008. This is a very specialized section of the APA, exclusive for clinicians whose focus is in group therapy. Dr. Namavar's presentation is based on her clinical experience while on sabbatical in Iran. During that sabbatical she was a volunteer teacher and lecturer on group therapy for school guidance counselors, psychiatric residents, social workers and other counselors.
- The SOPC holiday party will be held on Wednesday, December 19th at 80 Prospect St., Cambridge. Catered food will be supplemented by contributions from faculty. This promises to be a festive event and the SOPC offers wishes for a Happy Holiday to all!

Undergraduate Program

- Dr. James Lee, Associate Dean of the Undergraduate Program of Cambridge College is pleased to announce the Undergraduate Lecture Series. The Series will consist of two evenings of lectures and discussions led by Dr. Clark Abt, Distinguished Professor of Management at Cambridge College and an Associate of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University. Dr. Abt's lectures will pay particular

attention to the interests of students engaged in the study of Education, Counseling, Management, and the Humanities. The first, "Entrepreneurship: A Brief Introduction," will take place on Friday, December 14th and the second, "War and Peace: Causes and Consequences in the Nuclear Age," will take place on Tuesday, December 18th. Both lectures will begin at 6 p.m. in Room 152, 1000 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. They are open to all who would like to attend.

- This fall, Human Services Director Barbara Koffske Reid had the opportunity to attend the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg's School of Public Health Fall Institute at Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona where she met with Professor Michael Marmot, Secretariat General for the World Health's Commission on the Social Determinants of Health. Professor Marmot is also the Director for the International Centre for Health and Society at the University College of London and has spent the majority of his career studying inequalities and social determinants of health. Professor Reid's doctoral work at the Heller School of Social Policy at Brandeis and her work at the College has focused in large part on the training and education of providers in the field of Health and Human Services, and on integrating approaches that will purposefully and intentionally work to reduce disparities in care.



Barbara Reid and Professor Michael Marmot.

- The Bachelor of Science in Human Services has been working on the development of a concentration in Aging which is scheduled to debut in the Spring of 2008. This concentration has been a result of ongoing efforts to understand the needs of the changing demographics and the sheer numbers of those entering their senior years. This, coupled with the demands of the Baby Boomer generation, will demand that the way we have previously worked with the "chronologically enhanced," may be very different from how we have traditionally worked with elders. The need in the field is very real and the Human Service Major with its emphasis on taking a systemic perspective, building on strengths, and integrating the role of culture in working with individuals, families and communities, is perfectly poised to help fill the need. According to Barbara Reid, the College has been fortunate to gain input from a variety of experts in the field of aging, gerontology, population health and healthy aging in developing this concentration. Recent numbers show that despite the increased and projected long term need in this area, more traditional student populations have not opted for studies related to working with aging populations. This does not appear to be the case with Cambridge College students, who have been requesting more classes in this area. Ms. Reid anticipates that with the College's current focus on integrating a systemic, strengths-based, culturally relevant approach, many students and providers will find this curriculum to be very appealing in preparing students

to work more effectively in providing quality care to the changing needs of a more diverse population of elders.

Springfield, MA Regional Center

- Cambridge College has begun a new era in Springfield. Dr. Richard E. Turner has been appointed as the Director of the Springfield Regional Center. Dr. Turner has been a Professor of Management at Cambridge College since 1976 and has been the Coordinator of the Springfield Regional Center's academic technology since 1999. During his time in Springfield, Dr. Turner has been instrumental in launching the AdaptNet program—the College's adaptive blended learning model which combines online coursework and monthly in-seat instruction—at the Cambridge College Springfield Regional Center by training College staff as well as current students and organizing and implementing the program and its components. He also successfully recruited a cohort of students for the College's IC3 computer training course this summer, a funded program offered to unemployed or under-employed members of the community in an effort to help them improve computer skills. As well, under Dr. Turner's leadership, Cambridge College was able to offer 21 Square One employees a course in early childhood care. "I am honored and delighted by this appointment," said Dr. Turner. "I feel that Cambridge College is in a very strong place in Springfield and I welcome the opportunity to assist the growth of this center and its mission."

Memphis, TN Regional Center

- On November 30th, President Sharma conducted a math workshop, "Teaching Math in a Changing World," for the Memphis City School Math teachers at the Memphis, TN Regional Center. In addition to the teachers in attendance, three city school math administrators sat in on the workshop. The workshop allowed teachers to learn new strategies and techniques for reaching every student including how to bridge the gap between different learning styles. The city has requested that President Sharma return this summer to conduct another workshop.

International Student and Program Office

- The International Student and Programs Office (ISPO) held an International Student Reception on November 20th. The event was very successful with 75 attendees. Prominent immigration lawyers from Richard Landoli and Associates conducted a PowerPoint presentation on H1B visas and the options international students have after graduation. The ISPO received very positive feedback from the students regarding the information that was presented.

Institute of Lifelong Learning and Community Building

- Starting in January 2008, the Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building will offer a management certificate to UPS employees. Courses will be held at the UPS center in Chelmsford, MA. The Lawrence Regional Center's Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building will develop a customized program that includes providing courses and will create a pathway for employees to continue to earn a degree. Possible areas of focus include strategic planning and organizational development, using data for decision

making, critical thinking, advanced digital literacy, applied mathematics, cost analysis and business writing.

- On December 2nd, Cambridge College hosted a Green Jobs Task Force meeting, inviting those people currently engaged in developing employment opportunities in Green fields. The plan is to develop a task force linked to what is occurring at the state level. In the short term, jobs may relate to weatherization, energy efficiency and construction. The Institute anticipates that other jobs will be created and therefore academic support and coursework will be needed for employees as the industries in the state develop. The meeting specifically focused on how to engage communities of color in terms of providing leadership and making sure that people who have not been involved in environmental sustainability work are given these opportunities. Attendees discussed strategies to ensure that these communities are at the forefront of this new Green wave: solar power, hybrid technology, bio-fuels, wind turbines, tidal power, energy conservation, community health, and other employment opportunities in the Green economy.
- In addition to the Green meeting, a hearing was recently convened by Cambridge Councilors Henrietta Davis and E. Denise Simmons who spoke about the need for training and support services, and effective strategies to reach and engage underserved populations and youth. Cambridge College will remain a part of this process of educating people about environmental issues and in the development of workplace skills.
- Twenty students have completed their Early Education and Care Certificate at Project Hope through the Dudley Neighborhood Project. Some of these students will be matriculating into a degree program, which was one of the goals of this pilot project. The Institute feels that the Dudley Project has been successful and is writing proposals to be able to replicate this in other neighborhoods.

Office of Student Services

- The Office of Student Services held its first Student Services Open House from November 26-29th. For four hours every night, all administrative and academic student services offices were open and there were snacks and decorations to welcome students. The primary goal of the Open House was to resolve registration holds for graduate and undergraduate students prior to the beginning of online registration on December 1st. The Open House also served as an opportunity for students to meet the staff from the student services offices. Of the 106 students who attended, roughly 77% were undergraduate students and 20% were graduate students. The offices that received the most visitors were Financial Aid (74%), Registrar (53%), and Business Office and Transfer Credit Office (34%). In the vast majority of cases, students were able to resolve their problems and remove holds in order to register for spring term courses. The Office of Student Services intends to hold an Open House each term to facilitate the removal of holds and support the College's retention efforts.

Human Resources and Administration News

- On Wednesday, November 28th the Office of Human Resources held a free flu shot clinic offered to Cambridge College employees. Many employees took advantage of the opportunity to protect themselves from the virus this winter season.



Dr. Joseph Daisy, Vice President for Enrollment Management and College Affairs, gets his flu shot.

- The Office of Human Resources would like to announce Cambridge College's newest employees:
 - Eric Amill has been hired as an Enrollment Counselor for the Puerto Rico Regional Center.
 - Jeffrey Clayton has joined the College as an Enrollment Counselor for the Ontario, CA Regional Center.
 - Mary Nelen has been hired as an Enrollment Counselor for the Springfield Regional Center.
 - William McMican has changed positions and is responsible for overseeing the Master of Management and IT Systems at the Chesapeake, VA Regional Center.
 - Kevin Sweet has been hired as the College's new Facilities, Environmental Safety, and Crisis Management Plan Officer.
 - Mary A. McDonough has joined the College as a Database Management & Application Specialist.
 - Tracey Schrum has been hired as a Graphic Artist for the Chesapeake, VA Regional Center.

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