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Cambridge College Community News Blast (12/18/08)

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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, January 5<sup>th</sup>** in order to be considered for the next installment.

Thank you and enjoy!

## Cambridge College Community News

- Cambridge College hosted its annual staff and faculty Holiday Party on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. While the party was meant to spread the joy of the holiday season amongst the Cambridge College community, the event also featured a showcase for employees and alumni to share their crafty hobby or talent with colleagues. Displays included painting, photography, writing and jewelry making. The entertainment was provided by Multimedia Manager for Development and DJ Wendell Seale and Graphic Designer Peter Wetherbee and Dean of the Undergraduate Program James Lee both played guitar and sang. The festive atmosphere was complete with a holiday dinner buffet and Holiday Cheer gift basket raffles. Proceeds raised from the alumni gift basket went directly to the Cambridge College Alumni Fund. The College would like to thank Josie Duran for her hard work in organizing the event and the following companies who donated items: Whole Foods, Liberty Mutual, Central Square Florist and Au Bon Pain.



(Left) James Lee, Peter Wetherbee and Gloria Davila collaborate on a version of "Feliz Navidad." (Right) Colleagues congratulate Sal Testaverde who won a basket of goodies in the Holiday Cheer raffle. All proceeds raised from the raffle will support the Alumni Fund.

## School of Education

- Dr. Dan W. Butin, Assistant Dean in the School of Education, was invited to join the "Engaged Scholarship Think Tank" sponsored by the New England Resource Center for Higher Education (NERCHE) at UMass-Boston. He will be joining approximately a dozen other scholars around the New England region for a yearlong discussion of and research about academic issues surrounding the "scholarship of engagement," which attempts to redefine faculty scholarly work from application of academic expertise to community-engaged and interdisciplinary scholarship through reciprocal partnerships with the community, and which integrates faculty roles of teaching, research, and service.
- On Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, doctoral candidate Betty Wilson successfully defended her dissertation, entitled *Career Decisions: The Impact of Mentoring on Novice Teachers*. The dissertation committee was chaired by Dr. Dan Butin, Assistant Dean in the School of Education.
- The M.Ed. in School Nursing Program would like to share the following news:
  - Dr. Patricia Johnson, Program Coordinator for the M.Ed. in School Nursing Program, has been invited back to present at St. Anselm's College at their annual School Nursing Conference in New Hampshire. She will hold an all day workshop for school nurses surrounding issues related to sitting successfully for the National School Nursing Certification Examination. Dr. Johnson held this all day workshop last year and it was well received, with 35 attendees from across the New England states. Most of last year's school nurses have now taken the exam and earned their NCSN credential.
  - School Nurse Diane McGinnis, who attended 2008 NITE and will soon be an alumna of the M.Ed. in School Nurse Education Program (anticipated graduation of January '09), will be presenting in Boston in June 2009 at the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) National Conference. Ms. McGinnis's topic will be an extension of her ILP project: "The Portfolio of the School Nurse: Evaluation and Exploration of their Expanding Role." Diane had used her own, self-designed school nurse portfolio in her annual school employee evaluation and hopes, through her presentation, to encourage other school nurses to do the same.

## School of Psychology and Counseling (SOPC)

- The SOPC Workshops held in November were very well attended and Workshop Coordinator Professor Judy Bralove was pleased with the outcome of the day. Everything went smoothly and workshop attendees indicated that the workshops were both informative and pleasurable. Attendees' evaluation forms are closely reviewed after each session so as to inform Professor Bralove of students' preferences. Workshops will again be offered in the spring semester and additional information regarding these workshops will be released soon. The workshops provide enjoyable, interesting and cost effective ways to earn PDPs and CEUs.
- In keeping with the spirit of economy, the SOPC faculty will celebrated the holiday season with a pot luck gathering on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Faculty member contributed a multicultural array of home cooking to celebrate the holidays and the accomplishments of the year.

## Undergraduate Program

- Last newsletter we shared the story of undergraduate student Alexandra Vanegas, who after hearing a lecture by AIDS advocate, author and entrepreneur Getrude Matshe, was inspired to take action and help the children in Africa. "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>. Thus far, Africa 500 has collected about 250 books, which includes textbooks, story books and some non-fiction books.



Fellow student Jessie Bartlett helps collect books for Africa 500 at the Cambridge College Holiday Party.

### Chesapeake, VA Regional Center

- Cambridge College, in collaboration with the Young Filipino-American Professionals in Hampton Roads and SunTrust Bank, held its first Career Night at Cambridge College on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The public event was free and featured 26 vendors from the Hampton Roads area. Cambridge College students and other attendees received guidance and were able to talk directly to hiring personnel who were on hand at the event. The night was truly a success in establishing important connections for all involved.



Attendees of the Cambridge College Career Night were able to interact with many local organizations and companies.

### Lawrence, MA Regional Center

- Delmy Rosales, graduate of the Summer 2008 Ladder to Language (L2L) Certificate Program, received the Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education (MCAE) Student of the Year award.

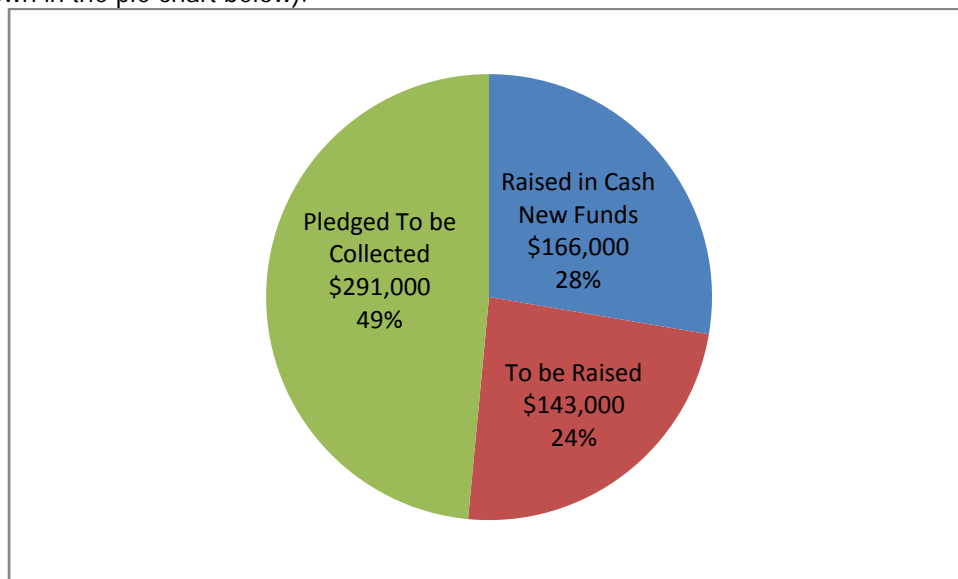
Ladder to Language Director Sandy Blanes and Fanny Feliz, Administrative Assistant, L2L graduate and Cambridge College business degree student, attended the luncheon where Ms. Rosales received her award from State Senator Elizabeth Malia and the Administration at MCAE. Ms. Rosales works at Lawrence Community Works, a community empowerment organization which works closely with Cambridge College and the English Language Learners Support Center/Ladder Program. The College is proud of Ms. Rosales and many other L2L students who are involved in the community, have better jobs and are attending higher education because of the Ladder to Language program, which has begun its 5th year and has over 200 graduates.



(Left to right) Delmy Rosales, Sandy Blanes and Fanny Feliz at the award luncheon.

## Development Office

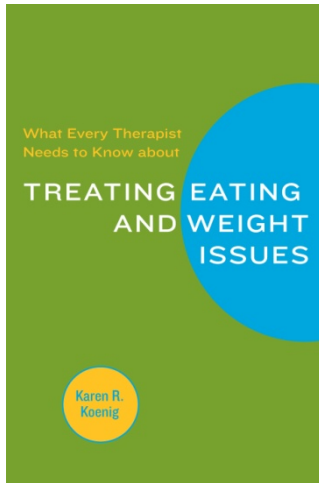
- The FY09 Annual Appeal was sent out just before Thanksgiving. The results to date include \$166,000 in new donations. This appeal will help the College raise an additional \$143,000 and collect \$291,000 in pledges in order to reach the Annual goal of \$600,000 for this fiscal year (as shown in the pie chart below).



- Gifts raised that are not part of the Annual Goal include a grant from The Virginia Wellington Cabot Foundation for \$13,500 to support MITP scholarships and a grant from the Rowland Foundation for \$125,000 to support scholarships for students who are seeking to become teachers.

### Cambridge College Alumni News

- Karen Koenig (M.Ed., '79) recently published a book entitled What Every Therapist Needs to Know about Treating Eating & Weight Issues. The book focuses on the idea that therapists often encounter clients with mild to moderate eating and weight issues, less severe than anorexia, bulimia, or binge-eating disorder. They emerge as minor themes that lurk behind major presenting problems such as anxiety, depression, low self-esteem, trauma, and marital discord; and therapists who aren't looking for them may miss opportunities. Ms. Koenig's book is written for practitioners who lack expertise in this area, and provides clinical strategies and therapeutic techniques to explore clients' feelings about food and their bodies to get at the root of these issues. It includes descriptions of how food and weight problems surface in conjunction with psychological and medical conditions, as well as how they create difficulties in various life stages and situations. Packed with insights and practical tips, this unique book teaches clinicians how to help clients make peace with food and the scale and balance nutrition and exercise in a healthy lifestyle. For more information on the book, visit Ms. Koenig's website at <http://www.eatingnormal.com/> or the Norton website at <http://www.wwnorton.com/NPB/nppsycho/070558.html>.



- Lillian Travaglini (M.Ed., '02) recently released a book Multiplication Made Easy: A Guide for Parents, Teachers, and Tutors. The book is meant to help teach children the methods of mathematics in creative ways.
- Julian Jefferson (B.S., '08) recently matriculated to the Franklin Pierce Law Center as a member of the J.D. Class of 2011.

### Admission and Enrollment Office

- There are two upcoming undergraduate admission sessions on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. and on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m., both held at 1000 Massachusetts Ave. in Cambridge. Representative Byron Rushing will make a presentation at the January 13<sup>th</sup> session regarding jobs and education. Diane Darling will make a presentation on January 10<sup>th</sup> about networking skills.

### Cambridge College Board of Trustees

- Cambridge College Trustee Charles Desmond has been elected Chairman of the Board of Higher Education. Cambridge College congratulates Mr. Desmond on this outstanding achievement.

### Faculty News

- Sam Houston, Senior Instructor in the Undergraduate Program, presented his paper, "John Locke and Justice as Right Order: Subversion or Continuation?" at the Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference in Boston on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

- On December 17<sup>th</sup>, Joel Nitzberg, Cambridge College Senior Faculty member and President of the National Community Education Association (NCEA), took part in a webinar titled "The State of Community Education & Lifelong Learning." My Nitzberg defined community education, how it connects to and potentially impacts the many aspects of community life. In addition, he shared how community education can play a significant role in the country's efforts to move out of economic and social crisis and revitalize and sustain communities.
- Last month, Professor Barbara K. Reid presented at the Children's Trust Fund annual conference. The Conference was entitled "A View From All Sides: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Parenting Education." Professor Reid's session, "Taking a Strengths-Based Holistic Approach to Working with Families," was extremely well attended. The Children's Trust Fund continues to make great strides in building, nurturing and protecting the resilience of children and their families.

### Information Technology (IT) Department

- The IT Department would like to share the holiday hours for the computer lab at 1000 Massachusetts Ave. The hours, which will be in effect between December 22<sup>nd</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>, can be found in the **attached document**.

### Cambridge College Online Library

- The Cambridge College Online Library is currently considering whether to accept an upgrade to our Ebrary Electronic Books collection. The upgrade has all the current features, and it adds a quicker view of the full-text book; allows you to put notes right on the page; and has a text-to-speech tool which reads the book aloud. However, it would mean all users would have to learn the slightly different new interface and how to use the new tools. While the changes are not difficult to learn, the College would like to have a discussion before making a decision. Anyone who is interested --faculty, staff, or student—is encouraged to try the new upgrade and voice an opinion. If interested, email [maida.tilchen@cambridgecollege.edu](mailto:maida.tilchen@cambridgecollege.edu) and you will be sent instructions for trying a test version. A decision will be made by January 4<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't looked at the 36,000+ full-text recent academic books in all subject areas in the College's Ebrary Electronic Books collection, please go into the Cambridge College Online Library (CCOL) and give it a try. Start at [www.cambridgecollege.edu/library](http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library) to enter the CCOL.

### CAYL Institute at Cambridge College (Community Advocates for Young Learners)

- The Cambridge College Community is invited to the CAYL Institute's Annual Networking Reception & Celebration on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 p.m. at 1000 Massachusetts Ave in Cambridge. The CAYL Schott Fellows, CAYL Principals Fellows, Alumni and staff of the CAYL Institute welcome you to join us at our festive networking reception, celebrating five years of the CAYL Schott Fellowship in Early Care and Education. This event is free to the public. Food, fun, and entertainment will be had by all. Please RSVP to [info@cayl.org](mailto:info@cayl.org) or call 617-873-0152. For more information on the CAYL Institute, visit [www.cayl.org](http://www.cayl.org)
- The CAYL Institute announces its upcoming National Conference for Elementary School Principals, *Young Learners in America's Schools: What's in your Toolkit?* This Conference is designed to help preschool leaders and elementary-school principals nationwide strengthen their skills and create positive environments for the young children in their pre-K programs. The Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge on July 12-15, 2009. For registration and other info, please visit: <http://www.cayl.org/?q=PrincipalConference2009> or call 617-873-0678.

- The Fellowship for early care and education professionals has received funding from the Schott Foundation. The Schott Foundation for Public Education has awarded two grants to the Cambridge-based CAYL Institute for the period of November 1, 2008 – October 31, 2009:
  - **200,000 was awarded to the CAYL Schott Fellowship in Early Care and Education.** The CAYL Schott Fellowship in Early Care and Education is an innovative leadership program that identifies and supports mid-career early childhood leaders in Massachusetts who demonstrate both commitment and experience working within communities of color and/or economically under-served communities. Since 2004, there have been 53 CAYL Schott Fellows. The 2009 CAYL Schott Fellows will be introduced in January.
  - **\$25,000 was awarded to the CAYL Schott Alumni Network.** In February of 2005, the Schott Fellowship Alumni Network (now the CAYL Schott Fellowship Alumni Network) was launched so that CAYL Schott Fellows could maintain and strengthen the networking and policy skills they had developed during the Fellowship year. As part of the CAYL Network, Fellows engage in ongoing impact evaluation for the CAYL Institute and the CAYL Schott Fellowship in Early Care and Education.

#### Human Resources and Administration News

- The Office of Human Resources would like to announce the College's newest employees:
  - Jomary Marrero has been hired as an Enrollment Counselor for the Puerto Rico Regional Center.
  - Katherine Clemons has joined the college as an Enrollment Counselor for the Chesapeake, VA Regional Center.
  - Carjamin Walton has been hired as an Enrollment Counselor for the Memphis, TN Regional Center.
  - Francis Lauder has joined the College as the new Director of Financial Aid. Mr. Lauder comes to the College with many years of experience in the financial aid field, most recently as Director of Financial Aid at Fisher College.

\*\*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) \*\*