

## Cambridge College Community News Blast (2/22/08)

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, March 10th** in order to be considered for the next installment.

Thank you and enjoy!

### Cambridge College Commencement in Savannah, GA

- Cambridge College graduated 450 students at its annual Commencement on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Johnny Mercer Theater in the Savannah Civic Center. The ceremony showcased several graduates who delivered messages of encouragement and inspiration to their fellow classmates. **To read the entire article, please see attached.**



Three graduates help each other look their best before the ceremony (left) while several take the time to visit with their former classmates and fellow graduates.

- On Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> Cambridge College alumni and graduates gathered to celebrate Commencement weekend in Savannah, GA. Over 200 alumni, graduates and family members ate, drank and danced up a storm at the party which was hosted by Cambridge College at the Hilton Savannah DeSoto Hotel. The event was a great opportunity for Cambridge College students of the past, present and perhaps the future to mingle and exchange stories and experiences about the College. After brief welcome remarks from several College administrators and a raffle, the alumni were ready to celebrate. The evening was an excellent way to welcome the new graduates to the community and to celebrate those who have stayed connected to the College.



Cambridge College graduates and alumni took to the dance floor during the Alumni Reception.

### Cambridge College Senate

- The Cambridge College Senate, co-chaired by Dr. Joseph Reed and Ms. Ludmilla Lewis, is moving towards achieving its goal of increasing participation of Regional Centers in Senate meetings and Standing Committees. The Senate has charged Director of IT Gloria Davila to research and explore the use of state-of-the-art software which will provide video conferencing for attendees at remote locations. At the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Senators deliberated on matters presented by its Standing Committees including the need for input from the Student Advisory Council on specific areas where Student Services could be improved; the theme for the next Faculty Forum; the Senate's involvement in the hiring of the new College president; and the "Cambridge College Blended Learning" Program.

The College Senate is the only governance body where there is representation of all constituencies of the College, including faculty, staff and students. The purpose of the Senate is to provide a forum for meaningful advice, consultation and collaboration in the decision-making processes of the College. Meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month and the entire College community is encouraged to attend. All College Senate agenda, minutes and other documents can be found in the Public Folders in Outlook in the Office of Academic folder.

### School of Education

- The School of Education will hold the spring Convocation on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6- 9 p.m. This semester's speaker will be Andrew J. Rotherham, the co-founder and co-director of Education Sector, an independent national education policy think tank. Mr. Rotherham's lecture will focus on education policy in the 2008 presidential election. He is one of the nation's leading education policy analysts, is a member of the Virginia State Board of Education, author of the blog Eduwonk.com and a senior fellow at the Progressive Policy Institute. Mr. Rotherham previously served at the White House as Special Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy.
- Sheila Spaulding-Wingard, a doctoral student in the second cohort of the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership degree program and Principal of Southside Performance Learning Center, an alternative school in the Georgia Public Schools System, has been selected as one of the four winners of the High Flying Schools Award. The award will be presented at the National Youth-At-Risk Conference during March 2-5<sup>th</sup> in Savannah, GA. The award honors those schools that meet six criteria—high performance,

high minority, high poverty, community involvement, citizenship, and democratic values. Each recipient will be recognized at the opening session of the conference on Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> and will share their school successes in a panel discussion and poster session on the same day. Click here for the conference site: <http://www.nationalyouthatrisk.com>.

### **School of Psychology and Counseling**

- The School of Psychology and Counseling is once again presenting free workshops to the Cambridge College community and beyond. The upcoming workshops will be offered on March 15<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1000 Massachusetts Ave. Workshops begin at 9 a.m. and last about two hours. Seating is first-come, first-seated so please arrive early. Sample topics include Art Therapy, Stress Management, Pathological Gambling, Grief Loss & Transition, Sex Therapy and many more. These interesting and informative workshops can also be used to earn PDPs and CEUs for only \$10.00, a fraction of the cost elsewhere. For questions, contact Judy Bralove, Workshop Coordinator at 617-873-0201 or 978-342-9290.
- On Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> Coordinator of the CAGS Program of the School of Psychology and Counseling Dr. Paul Gerson conducted an afternoon workshop for about 30 members of the Counseling Staff at Weymouth Middle Schools and High School. The topic of the workshop was "Cognitive Behavior Therapy: Applications to the School Environment." According to Dr. Gerson, there was an enthusiastic response from the individuals in attendance. Examples of the feedback included: "This was the best workshop I've attended in years!"; "Can he return? I'd come to any workshop where he is the speaker"; and "Not only was the workshop informative, but I can apply what I've learned directly to the students I'm working with now."

### **School of Management**

- John Bove, Associate Dean & Director of the Health Care Management program, is being honored by the Taunton State Hospital (TSH) Board of Trustees. TSH is recognizing Mr. Bove's longtime service to the hospital by dedicating the TSH Chambers Auditorium in his name. Mr. Bove served on the TSH Board of Trustees for 22 years and as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for 20 years (1987-2007). He retired from his post in December 2007. "This is a great honor," said Mr. Bove. "The Board members have supported me through my years of service. This was not an individual effort, it has been a team effort and I appreciate it. This is the biggest honor of my life, next to marrying my wife." Mr. Bove was appointed to the Board of Trustees by then Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis to help clean up the hospital. He has been continuously appointed by all the governors as they succeed each other. During his service, Mr. Bove accomplished many significant things, including helping to secure \$17.9 million to build a new power plant and gymnasium and to refurbish one of the hospital dormitories. When he left, TSH was in line to receive another \$10 million from the legislature for renovations and upgrades of existing buildings. The dedication ceremony will take place in April. Additional details will be announced when they are released.

### **Undergraduate Program**

- Tina M. Ramme, a biology professor in the Undergraduate Program, was featured in a *Discovery Channel* and *Animal Planet* documentary on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Professor Ramme's collaborative research project in East Africa served as the pilot of the channel's new series "Investigation Earth." The episode examined how humans and wildlife are being impacted by global warming in the face of climate change. The *Animal Planet's* Jeff Corwin followed Professor Ramme on her journey to save the world's last remaining wild population African lions in northern Kenya. Professor Ramme's project will also be featured in a separate, unrelated article by award-winning journalist and author Paul Raffaele in the April or May issue of *Smithsonian Magazine*.

### Memphis Regional Center

- This past weekend, the first cohort of School Guidance Counselor students began classes at the Memphis Regional Center. The cohort consists of 15 students.



The first cohort of School Guidance Counselor students at the Memphis Regional Center.

### Springfield Regional Center

- On Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> Yvonne Barnes and Mary Nelen attended the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce awards breakfast to network with other local companies and colleges in the area. The event was a success and both returned having made great contacts for future collaborations.
- Center Director Rick Turner, Assistant Director Tanya Wdowiak, and Assistant Director of Enrollment Meaghan Prendergast sat on the Preschool Enrichment Team's roundtable board. On Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> they met to discuss a possible collaboration between the agency and the Cambridge College Undergraduate Program.

### Office of College Affairs

- Jeff Wetherhold, who worked as a Senior Project Manager in the Office of College Affairs and as the TEAC Project Manager in the School of Education, accepted a position at Jobs for the Future. We wish Jeff the best of luck in his future career endeavors.

### Business Office

- On Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Tonneson, Vice President of Finance, Administration and Student Services, delivered Cambridge College's Town Gown Report to the community during the city-wide meeting. To view the video of Ms. Tonneson's report, click here: <http://9neighbors.com/url/61cb7198ab3227cca43a156ad8154be2>.

## Development Office

- Cambridge College and Mother Caroline Academy have created a partnership that is strengthening community. The College received a five year grant for \$375,000 from the Tudor Foundation which is being used to offer constituents of Mother Caroline Academy's Adult Education Center courses and scholarships which will ultimately help them earn a Bachelor's degree from Cambridge College. The project's goal is to bring families together through education by drawing on the resources of two non-profit community initiatives whose missions are not only complemented by one another but enhanced by this partnership. The first cohort of 24 Mother Caroline adults started their coursework on February 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Cambridge College received a grant from the Frederick E. Weber Charities Corporation. The College was given \$10,000 in scholarship money which will be awarded to qualifying students in need of financial assistance.
- At State Street's request, Cambridge College has submitted a proposal to be considered as an educational partner. State Street is committed to diversity among its employees. Our hope is to create a pipeline of Cambridge College graduates through our Year Up partnership as well as develop programs for current employees who wish to obtain a Bachelor or Master of Management degree.
- The Development Office is working hard to bring visibility to the College by participating in several community initiatives. The College has purchased two tables at the sold out Unity Dinner in March which benefits the Central Square Business Association. The College will also be present at the Crittenton Women's Union 2008 Amelia Earhart Award Luncheon on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Finally, Cambridge College is one of the main sponsors of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce networking breakfasts. These popular quarterly events are a great way for workers in the City of Cambridge to make important connections and to learn more of what is going on. If you would like more information on how to get involved, please call Judy Groleau at x1278.

## Office of Student Services

- The Office of Student Services is hosting another open house for all students in an effort to reach out and help them move forward and get organized during the spring semester and ready for the upcoming summer term. The Student Services team will be available from Monday through Wednesday on March 24-26<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 p.m. welcoming the students and answering any questions in their first floor offices at 1000 Massachusetts Ave. Student Services encourages the regional centers to adopt a similar Open House event around the same time to support their continuing students get ready for the summer term by taking care of holds, answering questions, and having the full support of staff to meet, greet and serve with our best foot forward. 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 Student Office

- The International Student Office hosted and Optional Practical Training (OPT) Workshop on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. The 62 students in attendance were provided with information regarding the option of working for 12 months after they have finished their degree program. The students were engaged, enthusiastic and asked a lot of questions. The

Office was very happy with the turnout and looks forward to hosting more programs in the future.



International Programs Associate Anna Evans interacts with the students during the workshop.

### Information Technology Department

- The IT Department is proud to announce that the entire college is now linked on the Voice Over IP network, including the new Memphis Regional Center. Please remember to use the four digit extension when dialing anyone within the Cambridge College Community. The new extensions for the Memphis Regional Center employees are attached in the Microsoft Outlook global address book.
- The IT Department will now charge **\$25.00** for the cost of replacing lost or damaged ID cards. This is to recover the cost of producing new cards. Individuals with defective cards will not be charged (this will be determined on a case by case basis). The \$25.00 replacement ID card fee can only be paid by check made out to Cambridge College. To receive a replacement ID, please create a ticket at <http://helpdesk.cambridgecollege.edu>, or call 1-800-877-4723 x1159. You will then be contacted by a member of the IT staff with a time to pick up your replacement card.
- IT will be rolling out a new plan as of March 1<sup>st</sup> to better serve the technical needs of the regional centers. The IT helpdesk staff from the Cambridge location will each be assigned to a specific regional center. This person will be the IT representative for the center and will act as their liaison to the IT department in Cambridge. The IT representative will act as an advocate for the site to make sure that the IT needs are being met, but will not be a dedicated IT technician.
- The Information Technology department has contracted with Informz for a new e-mail marketing solution. This product integrates with Jenzabar and allows us customized email marketing, newsletters, events registration, text messages for alerts and important information, and online surveys. The advantage of this product is that it can be used either college-wide or by individual departments. Please contact the IT Department with questions regarding this new service.

### Human Resources and Administration News

- The Office of Human Resources would like to announce Cambridge College's newest employees:
  - Teresa Forte has been hired as an Admissions Counselor for the Undergraduate programs at the Springfield Regional Center. The Center welcomes Ms. Forte and her significant sales and customer service experience.

- Melissa Padilla, a former employee in the Registrar's office, has returned as an Admissions Counselor at the Lawrence Regional Center.
- Bruce Holbrook has joined the College as an Admissions Counselor for the Augusta Regional Center.
- Horace Lamback has been promoted to Assistant Director for the Augusta Regional Center.



Mr. Lamback was also a proud parent at the 2008 Commencement in Savannah: His daughter, Timeka Lamback Cline, was a CAGS graduate and a student speaker.

- The College has announced the promotion of Rosa Cadena to Registrar. Ms. Cadena, who previously held the position of Assistant Registrar, will assume her official duties on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Cadena succeeds longtime Registrar Kathy Curtin, who will be retiring on February 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Bruce Grigsby will be returning to the College on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Grigsby will resume his role as Director of Facilities, NITE Logistics, and International Students. His office will be in Room 218 at 1000 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge.

\*\*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) \*\*