

Cambridge College Community News Blast (2/22/07)

Dear Colleagues:

Here is the latest installment of the Cambridge College Community News Blast. Due to the positive response, this email blast will be sent out every other Wednesday, documenting the people, programs and events of the College. Please inform me of your news.

Thank you and enjoy!

Chancellor's Office

- Chancellor Eileen Moran Brown has been selected to receive the 2007 Good Scout Award by the Boston Minuteman Council and the Boy Scouts of America for her outstanding leadership across the community and the nation. The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, June 26th at noon at the Charles Hotel in Harvard Square.

Cambridge College Commencement

- The Cambridge College Commencement was held on Sunday, February 11th at the Johnny Mercer Civic Center in Savannah, Georgia where students crossed the stage to celebrate their accomplishments. Savannah Mayor Otis Johnson delivered the city's official greetings while J. Veronica Biggins served as the keynote speaker. Both Mayor Johnson and Ms. Biggins received honorary degrees of Doctor of Humane Letters. The Commencement was an emotionally charged celebration of academic excellence. The ceremony included two graduates who performed moving and inspirational songs which were greeted by standing ovations. Dante Charles, who received his Bachelor of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies, sang "Open Up Our Heart" followed by Isaac Cleveland, a CAGS graduate, who sang "The Impossible Dream." Even more moving were the success stories told through the graduate reflections delivered by CAGS graduate Idamay Denny, a native of Barbados, and M.Ed. graduate Lamita Jo Harvey.
- Dr. Ken Boatner held a symposium on Saturday, February 10th in Savannah titled "Quality Education for Children and Youth: Effective Application of Differentiated Instruction." The symposium featured presentations on the topics of literacy and numeracy concerning adolescents, African-American males, mathematics achievement, and preparing students for their education. The symposium was a great success and proved that Cambridge College has a lot to offer the community when it comes to solving some of the most important issues in education.

School of Management

- Gibbs College and Cambridge College have developed an articulation agreement to provide higher education to students. The arrangement allows qualified students the opportunity to earn a Bachelor's Degree after completing their Associate's Degree. Ralph Covino, Director of IT & Security Studies, is currently coordinating the program, meeting with students and coordinating academic plans to help students earn their Bachelor's Degree in Management at 126 Newbury Street.

School of Education

- Dr. Sandra Bridwell, founding faculty member in the College's Ed.D. Program, will be presenting at the Women Expanding Literacy Education Action Resource Network (WE LEARN) Women and Literacy Conference on March 9th at Northeastern University. Dr. Bridwell will discuss her work in the presentation "New Voices on Adult Learner Transformation from a Developmental Perspective."

Undergraduate Program

- President Mahesh Sharma and Assistant Dean of the Undergraduate Program James Lee met with UMass-Lowell Professor John Warner to discuss the future of a Green Chemistry Program at Cambridge College. Assistant Dean Lee said that the College expects to have a plan to implement the new program in the next few weeks.

Development & Alumni Affairs/

Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building

- Cambridge College has the opportunity to help hospitals communicate more effectively with their patients. Citizen's Bank and Genzyme have each awarded Cambridge College a \$10,000 grant which the College will use to begin a program in medical interpreting in American Sign Language (ASL), an extension of the Medical Interpreters Training Program.
- The Institute for Responsive Education (IRE) received a \$100,000 grant from an Anonymous donor. The grant will support IRE's efforts to reach out and provide training for Boston parents to help them recognize their powerful roles in the lives of their school-age children. IRE has conducted this training for several years in English and Spanish, but the grant will help extend the work to additional language groups.

Lawrence Regional Center

- Marta Rentas, an undergraduate degree student in Lawrence, has been selected to represent the New England District as the 2007 recipient of the Dorothy Richardson Award for Resident Leadership by the NeighborWorks of America. This award is based on the demonstrated qualities that Marta has exemplified by her leadership, hard work and ongoing commitment to the Lawrence community. Ms. Rentas, who is also a kindergarten teacher at the Lawrence Family Development Charter School and President of the Board of Trustees of the Lawrence Community Works, will receive this award at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, March 20th.
- Sandy Blanes, Coordinator of ELL Support Services & the Ladder to Language Program at the Lawrence Regional Center, and Dolores Calaf, Director of the Lawrence Regional Center, participated in a panel entitled "Next Steps for ABE Learners" at Northern Essex Community College on February 15th. Ms. Blanes and Ms. Calaf made a presentation entitled "Gateway to Higher Education at Cambridge College," which highlighted established degree programs and new programs like Ladder to Language. The panel consisted of representatives from the Career Center of Lowell; Northern Essex Community College; Job Corps, the Office of Proprietary Schools from the Massachusetts Department of Education; Education and Workforce Development Community Action, Inc. in Haverhill; and the Educational Opportunity Center in Lynn, Massachusetts.

- Dr. Paul Koppenhaver, adjunct professor at the Lawrence Regional Center, and principal of the Storrow/New Beginnings/ Rollins School in Lawrence, has announced that the Rollins School was named one of the National High Flying Schools at the National Youth at Risk Conference in Savannah, Georgia on March 5th. Dr. Koppenhaver also announced that he will be the keynote speaker at the National Symposium on Experiential Education on March 15th at Cornell University. The topic and title of his speech is "Breaking Through: Engaging Disengaged Youth."

Chesapeake Regional Center

- The last newsletter identified Kimberly O'Connor as an Assistant Office Manager for the Chesapeake Regional Center. Correction: Ms. O'Connor is an Office Manager.

Other Cambridge College News

- Cecilia Cull, Assistant Vice President of Student Records, announced that the College added hundreds more graduates to its alumni rolls in January. A total of 614 degrees were awarded to students on January 29, 2007. This included 89 students in Augusta, 42 in California, 169 in Cambridge, 88 in Chesapeake, 32 in Lawrence, 116 in the NITE Program, 32 in Puerto Rico and 42 in Springfield.
- Last month the *Boston Business Journal* announced the annual Book of Lists rankings. Cambridge College ranked 25th in the "Area's Largest Colleges and Universities," and 9th in the "Area's Largest Graduate Schools." The College moved up in both those categories since last year's report. In 2006, Cambridge College was ranked 34th in the "Area's Largest Colleges and Universities" and 14th in the "Area's Largest Graduate Schools."

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