

Cambridge College Community News Blast (2/7/07)

Dear Colleagues:

The first installment of the Cambridge College Community News Blast was a great success. 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 Brown was honored with the Urban Empowerment Award at the annual Year Up graduation ceremonies on January 30th for the impressive work she has done and continues to do for the community. The *Cambridge Chronicle* ran an article on the Chancellor's award on February 1st ("Brown Recognized at Cambridge College") and the *Bay State Banner* ("Cambridge College Chancellor to receive Urban Empowerment Award") ran an article on January 25th.

School of Management

- Dr. Ezat Parnia has taken a job as Provost of Nichols College in Dudley, MA. Dr. Parnia has served the College for the past 18 years in many roles: as a faculty member, Director of the Springfield Center, Vice President for Marketing and Enrollment, and most recently as Executive Vice President and Dean of the School of Management. Please join the College in wishing him well on February 8th from 4-6 p.m. at the Inn at Harvard. Please RSVP to matthew.pellish@cambridgecollege.edu.
- In January President Mahesh Sharma, School of Management Associate Dean Bill Hancock, and Director of China Programs Baiqing Li traveled to Guangzhou, China, to provide faculty and student training in preparation for conducting the Cambridge College Masters of Management program for students at Jinan University, China and at Cambridge College, USA. President Sharma delivered seminars on *Problem Solving and Thinking Styles* and the Cambridge College teaching methodology for adult students. Earlier, Associate Dean Hancock was in China to select China resident faculty to teach Cambridge College courses. The students will take courses in China, taught by professors from China and the USA. Later in the year, students will come to Cambridge College to complete their studies. The students are sponsored by the Shandong Province Economic and Trade Commission Workers and Manpower Education Office.

School of Education

- Dr. Lunine Pierre-Jerome, the Coordinator for the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program at Cambridge College, was featured in the *Bay State Banner's* "In the News" section ("In the News: Dr. Lunine Pierre-Jerome") on February 1st for receiving the 13th Drylongso Award for her outstanding work with the Association of Haitian Women in Boston as an Advocate for Immigrant Women and Their Families.
- Dr. Sandra Bridwell, Professor and Founding Faculty of the Doctoral Program for Educational Leadership, served as a member of the Education and Training Review Team

for the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government's 2007 Innovations in American Government Awards Program. On January 22-23, Dr. Bridwell and her fellow reviewers--who are selected and recognized as leaders and experts in their field-- helped determine the five finalists for the Award. On the second day of the program, Dr. Bridwell served as the Education and Training Team Leader, a prestigious honor in itself.

Undergraduate Program

- The Undergraduate Program has begun collaborating with Dr. John Warner of the University of Massachusetts, Lowell to develop a new Bachelor of Science degree in Green Chemistry. This degree program will be the first of its kind in the country, and represents the cutting edge in modern materials science, pharmaceuticals production, and non-toxic and sustainable resource use.
- The Undergraduate Program is working to develop a New Media Studies concentration within the Multidisciplinary Studies program. This concentration will emphasize a wide range of digital literacy skills, including web-page development and digital filmmaking; it will be ideal for service-oriented students who are eager to reach new communities using twenty-first century tools. Questions about the concentration or about digital literacy at the Undergraduate Program should be directed to Basil Cleveland or Gitte Butin.

Development & Alumni Affairs

- The Office of Development and Alumni Affairs hosted an event for Cambridge College Alumni in the Boston/Cambridge area on Friday, February 2nd in Room 152. The event joined together over 60 alumni from the area who were looking to reconnect with the College and old classmates. Gatherings like these are being planned for the other Cambridge College Regional Centers, including a reception in Savannah on Saturday, February 10th.
- The College's Dudley Street project was featured in the *Bay State Banner* on February 1st ("Cambridge College and Project Hope team up for 'neighborhood college' in the heart of Roxbury").

Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building

- The Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Development will host a Cambridge College Community Day Workshop on Saturday, February 10th at 1000 Massachusetts Ave. The two unique sessions will focus on several different issues related to students, schools and their communities. To register, contact Stephanie Renard at x1308 or by logging on to www.cambridgecollege.edu/community/workshops.
- On Thursday, February 15th Director of the Institute for Lifelong Learning Joel Nitzberg will make a presentation at the Agassiz Neighborhood Council Time Banking event which will be held at 1000 Massachusetts Ave, Room 152. Mr. Nitzberg, Dr. Edgar Cahn and Barbara Cox will share their experiences of Time Banking, which is formed when a group of individuals agree to earn and spend their time. For more information please contact Lynn Landon at 617-349-6287 or email llandon@agassiz.org.
- The Institute for Responsive Education (IRE) is now part of the Institute of Lifelong Learning and Community Building. Headed by Dr. Jorge Cardoso, the IRE helps parents understand how to support their children's education through workshops and visit schools.

Augusta Regional Center

- The Cambridge College Commencement will be held on Sunday, February 11th at the Johnny Mercer Civic Center in Savannah, GA. Savannah Mayor Otis Johnson will deliver the city's greeting while J. Veronica Biggins will serve as the keynote speaker. Both Mayor Johnson and Ms. Biggins will receive an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.
- The Augusta Regional Center is rapidly growing and expanding, and in the summer of 2007 will add a full schedule for the National Institute of Teacher Excellence. Graduate students can earn 15 credit hours toward an advanced degree.

Chesapeake Regional Center

- On Saturday, January 20th, the College's newest location in South Boston, VA, held its first graduation celebration. Superintendent of Halifax County Public Schools Paul Stapleton delivered the Commencement address. Tracey L. Thompson, Assistant Vice President for Development & Alumni Affairs, also spoke to the graduates about Cambridge College.
- The Chesapeake Regional Center is working on plans for their first Commencement. The Regional Center plans to host 800 graduates, family and friends on Sunday, May 20th at the Chesapeake Convention Center.
- Two Chesapeake Regional Center employees have completed their Master's of Management degrees. Kevin Fleming, an Admissions Counselor, earned his degree in January 2006 while Kimberly O'Connor, an Assistant Office Manager, finished her degree last month.

Springfield Regional Center

- The Springfield Regional Center is the lead sponsor of the Girl Scouts Pioneer Valley's 2007 Women of Distinction dinner on March 8th at The Log Cabin in Holyoke. Dr. Cellastine Bailey, a professor of Education at the Springfield Regional Center, is being honored by the Girl Scouts as a Woman of Distinction for her accomplishments in the field of Education. Regional Center Director Patricia Crutchfield will be serving as the Mistress of Ceremonies.
- On Saturday February 3rd the Springfield Regional Center opened a pilot program for early care providers and child care workers who are in their pursuit of higher education. The group of 15 students will earn a certificate at the end of the program, which has been made possible by a grant from the Anne E. Casey Foundation.

Office of Human Resources

- The Office of Human Resources has announced that Mount Auburn Hospital and Cambridge College now offer a free Employee Assistance Program to employees as part of the benefits package. For more information, please contact Trudy Reddicks at x1287 or at trudy.reddicks@cambridgecollege.edu.
- Miledi Saldateira assumed her new role as a full time Administrative Assistant at the Ontario, CA site. Ms. Saldatiera has already played a role in the growth and organization of the Regional Center, and her years of experience in a college environment will help make the Center even stronger.
- Cheryl Herbert has joined the Admissions team at the Ontario, CA Regional Center. Ms. Herbert brings with her several years of school admissions and supervisory experience and is sure to be a tremendous asset to the Center.

- The Springfield Regional Center added two new Admissions Counselors to their team. Jennifer Feldman and Leonard Underwood will work with Patricia Crutchfield, Director of the Springfield Regional Center.
- Maria M. Berrios has joined the Puerto Rico Regional Center as an Admissions Counselor. Ms. Berrios will work with Dr. Pedro Schuck, Director of the Puerto Rico Regional Center.
- Kelleigh Mahoney was hired as an Admissions Counselor for the Chesapeake Regional Center. Ms. Mahoney will work with Jim Waldman, Director of the Chesapeake Regional Center.

Other Cambridge College News

- The new National Institute for Teaching Excellence (NITE) website is now live and can be accessed from www.cambridgecollege.edu/nite or from www.ccnite.com.
- In light of Dr. Ezat Parnia's departure, a number of Cambridge College administrators will assume new and expanded duties. Jennifer Tonneson, Vice President for Finance, Administration and Student Services, and Dr. Joseph Daisy, Vice President for College Affairs will assume responsibility for finances, and the administration and operation of the College. The publications department will report to Dr. Daisy.
- Jim Waldman, Director of the Chesapeake Regional Center and the Assistant Vice President for Sites Administration, will now serve as the Associate Vice President for Marketing and Enrollment.
- Farah Ravanbakhsh, Senior Director for Admission and Enrollment will now lead the College's enrollment efforts as Assistant Vice President for Enrollment.
- Dr. Nish Sonwalkar, Vice President for the Center for Adaptive Learning (CALP) will be responsible for Information Technology (Academic and Administrative) and in collaboration with Gloria Davila, Director of Information Technology, will provide leadership for IT both tactically and strategically to ensure the College's technology needs are met and its long range plans are effectively implemented.
- Josie Duran has been appointed as Director of Logistics and will be responsible for events, logistics/housing, and travel for the College.
- Basil Cleveland has been given added responsibility for new program development as a Special Assistant to the President.

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