

## Cambridge College Community News Blast (3/13/08)

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

Thank you and enjoy!

### Cambridge College Affairs

- In January, it was announced that Cambridge College ranked 27<sup>th</sup> among the Area's Largest Colleges & Universities in the *Boston Business Journals 2008 Book of Lists*. **However, in a few short months, the College has risen to 21<sup>st</sup> on the list!** The magazine released the updated listings on March 6<sup>th</sup>, which reflected the College's improved position.

### School of Education

- The school of education hosted its annual colloquium for all education students on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Over 250 Masters, CAGS, and Doctoral students, faculty, and administrators came together to hear Andrew Rotherham speak on the topic of "Education, Politics, and American Society." Mr. Rotherham is the co-founder and co-director of Education Sector, a national education policy think tank and writes the award-winning blog Eduwonk.com. Mr. Rotherham spoke and led a lively question and answer discussion on topics of charter schools, teacher pay, No Child Left Behind, and the state of educational policy in the current election year. This is the fourth annual colloquium in the school of education focused on strengthening students' cohort experiences and providing an opportunity to hear nationally-known figures within the field of education.
- Lillian Norris-Holmes, a doctoral candidate in the first cohort of the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership degree program, was recently appointed to the position of Supervisor in the Office of Enrichment and Specialty Programs in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and the Division of Academics for the Prince George's County Public Schools System. The office is responsible for operations and monitoring of the Contextual Learning Environment Programs which provide a wide range of special and unique subjects, activities and learning opportunities as an enhancement to the school district's curriculum. The programs include, Creative and Performing Arts, Visual and Performing Arts, French Immersion, Montessori, Music and Technology, Talented and Gifted, Biotechnology, and the International Baccalaureate Program.
- Dr. Sandra D. Bridwell, Professor and Founding Faculty of the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership, served as an evaluator for the Education and Training policy area of the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government 2008 Ash Institute Innovations in American Government Awards.
- The schedule for the NITE Colloquia has been announced. Colloquia sessions will be held at 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday from June 25<sup>th</sup>-July 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Miller Gymnasium at Curry College. See below for details:

- 6/25- Harvard Law Professor Dr. Charles Ogletree, "Are We There Yet? Pathways Home and Reducing the Achievement Gap."
- 7/2- Rabbi Dr. Earl Grollman, "Supporting Schools During Crisis & Trauma."
- 7/9- Simmons College Professor Dr. Theresa Perry, "Promoting High Achievement for African American Students What We Know, What We Can Do."
- 7/16- Harvard Medical School Professor Dr. Jane Darwin, "Children of Soldiers, the Undocumented Casualties: How Educators Can Help."
- 7/23- Executive Director of the National School Boards Association Dr. Anne Bryant, "Creating Schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Learners and Leaders."

### School of Psychology and Counseling

- Steve Merther, Coordinator of the LMHC and Marriage and Family Programs of the School of Psychology and Counseling, conducted an afternoon workshop for the primary, middle and high school adjustment counselors in the town of Weymouth at their monthly Job-Alike meeting on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. The topic of the workshop was "Solution Focused Therapy: Applications to the School Environment." This workshop was well received by the counselors. Some of the feedback included: "The discussions at this workshop really sparked my interest"; "I'd like to be able to have more discussions around this topic"; "I'd like to learn more about Solution Focused Therapy"; and "Steve's passion for the field of psychology and counseling and working with families was contagious." Once again, the Cambridge College Faculty has enhanced the image of Cambridge College and the School Of Psychology and Counseling in the community.
- SOPC Workshops scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> will be held at 80 Prospect Street, rather than the previously planned location of 1000 Mass. Ave. These workshops are an excellent way to expand knowledge for free and to earn CEUs or PDPs for only \$10.00 per workshop. Topics include: Parenting and Teaching Issues, HIV/AIDS, Art Therapy, Pathological Gambling, Suicide/Crisis Intervention, Stress Management, Descriptive Statistics and Research Design for IRPs and many more. Remember, all are welcome so this is a great way to introduce Cambridge College to colleagues and friends who may be considering a graduate degree. Workshop Coordinator Professor Judy Bralove has posted the workshop offerings and more information on the College website at <http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/academics/workshops/>.
- The SOPC Faculty Retreat will be held on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Habitat, Mass Audubon Society in Belmont. The theme of this year's retreat is cultural competence across the curriculum. More information will be provided as the Retreat approaches.
- The annual Supervisors' Luncheon will be held on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1-4:00 p.m. in Room 152 at 1000 Mass. Ave. Comedian, Dick Doherty will be the featured presenter and Cambridge College Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Joseph Reed will attend to welcome guests. The event will also feature good food, elegant ambiance and the drawing of door prizes. Any questions should be addressed to Dr. Paul Gerson at [paul.gerson@cambridgecollege.edu](mailto:paul.gerson@cambridgecollege.edu).

### School of Management

- Carl F. Barron, the 91 year old entrepreneur and "Mayor of Central Square," continues to work closely with students in the Masters of Management program. He is currently

working with five different Professional Seminar groups by hosting an informal “brown bag dinner” at his Central Square office each term. Not only do students learn from Mr. Barron’s 65+ years of business wisdom, but he also invites special guests to assist him in the classes. For example, President and CEO of Cambridge Trust Bank Joe Roller spoke with students about the financial side of management. Many of the students have formed close bonds with Mr. Barron, and he holds “office hours” to mentor them in their educational journey.

Students who aren’t in these Pro-Sem groups can get a taste of Mr. Barron’s business advice by purchasing his book, [Do It Now! ...But Read This Book First – A Lifetime in Business](#). It costs \$10 and all proceeds go to the Carl F. Barron Endowed Chair Fund. It is available at the School of Management building, 17 Monsignor O’Brien Highway.

- On February 29<sup>th</sup>, *Mass High Tech* featured an article on Stephen J. Lemire, the first executive director of the National Professional Science Master’s Association (NPSMA). Lemire is also a professor in the Cambridge College Health Care Management Program. The article includes an interview with Lemire regarding his January 16<sup>th</sup> appointment of NPSMA and his plans for the program. You can read the article here: <http://masshightech.bizjournals.com/masshightech/stories/2008/03/03/newscolumn1.html>

### Springfield Regional Center

- Cambridge College has created a window display at the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce, an organization the College recently joined. The window display will be up for the next two weeks and is in a very visible location in Chicopee, MA.



The Cambridge College window display in Chicopee, MA.

- The Springfield Regional Center recently participated in the Springfield National College Fair. The Center’s Admissions Counselors worked the booth where they received many inquiries and met lots of great contacts. The Springfield National College Fair was a two-day event held at the Big-E fairgrounds in West Springfield.



Admissions Counselors Terrie Forte and Yvonne Barnes man the Cambridge College booth.

### Memphis, TN Regional Center

- The Memphis Regional Center has partnered with the Memphis Redbirds (AAA baseball affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals) and the Susan G. Komen Foundation to sponsor Breast Cancer Awareness Day on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The College will not only be supporting a great cause but will have an opportunity to have an information booth at the stadium, video commercials during the game, our logo on the score board, a radio interview with the play-by-play announcers, and one of the College's staff members will throw out the first pitch!
- Dr. Cynthia Gentry has been named the Memphis Regional Center's new Academic Coordinator. Dr. Gentry is a former Superintendent and spent 25 years as a Principal in the Memphis City School System. She is currently the Director of the Minority Teacher Education Program and has just received a \$100,000 grant from the State of Tennessee to be applied toward the program. The Center is excited that Dr. Gentry has decided to join the Cambridge College community!

### South Boston, VA Regional Center

- On March 6<sup>th</sup>, the South Boston Regional Center held a two year anniversary celebration at the Higher Education Center (HEC) in South Boston, VA. Approximately 30 people came out to celebrate and remember the beginning of the College's programs in the South Boston area. Guests included members of the school and business communities, including Dr. Paula Crawford, who is the new Academic Advisor at the South Boston Regional Center.

### Development Office

- The College has received a \$100,000 grant from the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA). The grant enables the College to offer classes to DTA clients, helping them fulfill their education requirements as well as get them ready for further education

and on the road to a degree. The DTA program, which is headed by Human Services Professor Barbara Reid, held its orientation on Monday and Tuesday (March 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>) and classes began on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

- The College requested a \$10,000 grant from Citizens Bank to support an expansion into legal interpreting for the MITP. English language fluency continues to be a major barrier to equality for this nation's immigrants, and in few places is this hurdle more imposing than in the legal system. With the new coursework to be adapted and/or created by this program, the bilingual MITP alumni and new students can turn their language skills into better jobs while filling an important community need.
- The Development Office has recently undergone some personnel changes.
  - The College would like to wish former Development Associate Karin Turer the best of luck with her new job working in development for the American Youth Hostel.
  - We would also like to welcome Joan Trapnell, who previously worked in the College's Business Office, and has joined the Office as the Corporate and Foundations Relations Manager.

### Core Faculty

- In its January 2008 issue, *Multicultural Perspectives* ran an article group-authored by one of our core faculty members, Dr. Ethlyn Davis Fuller. The article, 'Drawing Parallels in Search of Educational Equity: A Multicultural Education Delegation to China Looks Outside to See Within,' is about Dr. Davis-Fuller's and her delegation's 2004 trip to the People's Republic of China. The delegation, sponsored by the People to People Ambassador Programs, observed numerous parallels to the American system of education, including the challenge of providing equity for students of minority cultures, especially those in poor rural areas, and the conflict between modernization and preservation of cultural heritage. To read the article on [informaworld.com](http://www.informaworld.com) (membership required), please click here: <http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/content~content=a790729988~db=all~order=page>.

### International Student Office

- The International Student Office has moved back to 1000 Mass Ave. and is now located in Room 220. Phone numbers remain the same: to reach the main office, dial 617-873-0142, and to reach the office Associates, Susan Connors and Anna Evans, dial x1417 and x1169, respectively.

### Information Technology Department

- The IT Department would like to refresh the College community on how to use their voicemail. **Please see the attached form** for instructions.

### Library Services

- Library Services would like to remind Faculty members that they were sent an updated "Faculty Library Handbook" by email on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you didn't get the email, please contact [maida.tilchen@cambridgecollege.edu](mailto:maida.tilchen@cambridgecollege.edu).
- EBSCOhost, the provider of the College's online research database, will provide a live, online training session for Cambridge College users at 7 p.m. on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Users will be able to ask any EBSCO questions and get live answers and demonstrations by the EBSCO trainer. All students, faculty, and employees are welcome to attend from any

internet computer anywhere. For instructions to attend, please send an email to [maida.tilchen@cambridgecollege.edu](mailto:maida.tilchen@cambridgecollege.edu).

#### **Human Resources and Administration News**

- The Office of Human Resources would like to announce Cambridge College's newest employees:
  - Paula Crawford has joined the College as the Academic Advisor and Center Manager for the South Boston Virginia Regional Center.
  - Mary McDonough, Database Management and Applications Specialist, has been promoted to Director of Data and Information Systems.

\*\*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) \*\*