



Cambridge College Community News Blast (3/19/09)

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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, April 6th** in order to be considered for the next installment.

Thank you and enjoy!

Lawrence, MA Regional Center

- Dr. Nan Hocking-McDonough recently provided an opportunity for the 19 students enrolled in the Images of Women course at the Lawrence Regional Center to research and portray women in history up to the present. One of the women, undergraduate student Barbara San Antonio, chose Amelia Earhart for her research. Complete with goggles, scarf, and an airplane constructed at home she told the story of Amelia and her ground breaking adventures. The creativity and excellent research done by the students made for a very informative and exciting format in which to learn and acknowledge great women and their accomplishments.
- On March 15th, Dr. John Christoforo invited a musical ensemble to conclude the ART appreciation course at the Lawrence Regional Center. ART 211, Experiencing the Visual and Performing Arts, is a course Dr. Christoforo redesigned at the main campus the first year he began teaching for Cambridge College. During the visual art phase of the course, which consists of art beginning with the caves of Europe and North Africa continuing to the present, Dr. Christoforo brings in an artist and has students try their hands at painting or drawing. The performing arts portion of the course includes the development of music, theater, opera, dance and 20th century film, radio TV and American jazz. As part of a hands on experience, Dr. Christoforo brought in a jazz group, The Ralph Pepe Trio, to play while he explained the evolution of jazz from its New Orleans origins to the speakeasies of the Roaring 20s, to the big bands of the 30s, the Bebop era of the 40s and the modern forms of jazz from the 50s on, which have paved the way for Rock and Roll, Hip Hop and rap. As an attempt to continue the interactive part of the course, Dr. Christoforo invited any student who wanted to join in and play an instrument, sing or dance. Having been a professional musician for 50 years, Dr. Christoforo often "sits in" with the group himself.



The Ralph Pepe Trio performs for students at the Lawrence Regional Center.

- Recently, a group of students from the CELLSS (the Center for English Language Learners Support Services) program at the Lawrence Regional Center visited the nearby New Balance Shoe Factory. The College has several New Balance Factory employees enrolled in the Ladder to Language (L2L) program, others who have graduated from the L2L program, some who are now registered in degree programs at Cambridge College and others currently studying in the English in 24 Hours - Basic ESL program at the center. Sandy Blanes, Director of CELLSS, as well as assistant Fanny Feliz and Lawrence Regional Center Dolores Calaf were invited to a meeting at the New Balance facilities to discuss a partnership to enable many more employees to come and participate in the ESL programs at the Center. The result: any employees who want to continue their studies will receive a scholarship from New Balance to participate in Cambridge College programs. Yokasta Almonte, one of the College's L2L students, was recently promoted to Team Supervisor after she completed her Ladder certificate and is now enrolled at the College.



(Left) Ms. Almonte and Director Dolores Calaf. (Right) Dolores Calaf, Sandy Blanes and Fanny Feliz tour the factory.

Springfield Regional Center

- For the past year, Springfield Regional Center enrollment workers Terrie Forte and Meaghan Prendergast have been attending "Connections" events on Thursday mornings at the Hampden County Sheriff's Department. "Connections" brings together community agencies and partners to network and also to help criminal offenders reintegrate back into the community. The Springfield Regional Center has enrolled many caseworkers and employees of other agencies by participating in this activity. The Springfield Center has now partnered with the Hampden County Sheriff's office to offer a one-credit school collaborative class as well.



Terri (left) and Meaghan (right) spread the word about Cambridge College at a "Connections" event.

School of Psychology and Counseling (SOPC)

- This is the last reminder that SOPC will be offering a comprehensive set of FREE workshops at 80 Prospect Street on Saturday, March 21st. Workshops are open to all and are a great way to introduce friends and colleagues to Cambridge College. Workshop offerings include topics relevant to education, counseling and life in general. Professor Judy Bralove, who coordinates the workshops, works with faculty and students to ensure that topics are fresh and appealing. Attendees can also earn PDPs or CEUs for only \$10.00 per two hours (some workshops last two, four and six hours). This is a wonderful bargain, especially in light of the quality of these workshops. Listings are available on the Cambridge College [website](#) and no pre-registration is required. Most workshops are two hours long and the day begins at 9 a.m. Simply show up ready to learn!

Faculty News

- Lyda Peters, a Professor of Education at Cambridge College, has been invited to present a paper at Boston University College of Arts & Sciences African American Studies Program Symposium titled "African Americans in Boston: From Slavery to Today," on April 24th-26th. The symposium is co-sponsored by Boston University Humanities Foundation, the African Studies Center, the Department of Sociology, the Department of History, and the African Presidential Archive & Research Center and is in honor of Adelaide Cromwell and the 40th anniversary of the founding of African American Studies at BU. The title of Professor Peters' presentation is *Emancipatory Education on the Streets of Roxbury: The Transformative Nature of Boston's Black Community, 1960-1980*. For more information regarding the event, please visit www.bu.edu/afam.
- Dr. Jim Horn, a core faculty member in the School of Education, recently had a review essay published in the peer-reviewed section of *Education Review: A Journal of Book Reviews*. For more information or to access the review, please click [here](#).
- Dr. Sandra Bridwell, core faculty in the School of Education, presented at a roundtable entitled *Empowering Women through Literacy* at the 6th Women Expanding Literacy Education Action Resource Network Conference- Stronger Leadership and Literacy: Empowering Women to Action held at the University of Rhode Island in Providence, RI. Dr. Bridwell was also a panelist for the Town Hall Meeting *Leadership in Women's Literacy: Our Journey and Our Next Steps* at the same conference.
- Shirley Harrell, Associate Professor of Management, will present her case paper titled "The World Turned Upside Down, Ben Sliney at the FAA on Sept 11, 2001" at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Academy of the Management. The conference theme is *Facing the Future with Heart and Mind* and will be held in Hartford, CT, May 13-16th. The paper was prepared as an instructional case for MMG 512, Organizational Environments, a core course in the Master of Management degree program. The case develops students' skills in self awareness, critical thinking, ethical decision making, crisis management, leadership and diversity.

- The Massachusetts and Rhode Island Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors (MARIACHES) has chosen Professor Judith Bralove as a co-presenter for the April meeting. Professor Bralove will be presenting with Midge Williams, LMHC and Executive Director of the Massachusetts Mental Health Counselors Association. The Presentation is entitled Facebook, Technology and the Therapeutic Relationship. It will address how Facebook and other e-technologies can impact what clients and clinicians know and learn about each other.

Cambridge College Alumni News

- Kimberly Smith-Cofield (M.Ed., '92) is the new executive director of the Community Action Agency of Somerville. She began work on January 5th for the city's anti-poverty agency to raise more money for the agency, gain visibility, and increase the size and quality of the agency's programs. Ms. Smith-Cofield and her work was recently profiled in the Somerville Journal, to read the full article please click [here](#).
- Antionette Hughes (BA, '06), a former One Family Scholar, is working towards her Master's in Social Work while working as a Social Worker with the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance. She is also working part-time at Rosie's Place helping other women in need.
- Nancy Merz Nordstrom (M.Ed., '94) recently published a book, Learning Later, Living Greater: The Secret for Making the Most of Your After-50 Years. For more information about her book, please visit www.learninglater.com, or, read her "Computer Savvy Seniors" Blog [here](#). Ms. Nordstrom serves as the Director of the Elderhostel Institute Network, North America's largest educational network for older adults and as the Director for the Lifelong Learning Campus, a computer school for seniors.
- Catherine Wang Hsu (MM, '99) has published a poetry collection entitled Shadows and Light. For more information, please visit the [website](#).
- Since graduating from Cambridge College, Howland Bickerstaff (M.Ed., '95) has earned several advanced certifications and credentials including Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, Licensed Alcohol & Drug Counselor, Certified Clinical Supervisor, and Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist. Mr. Bickerstaff is currently anchoring one of two sections of Day Intensive Outpatient at Mercy Recovery Center in Westbrook, ME, now known as one of the foremost treatment centers for alcohol & drug addiction in the nation. He has been at the Recovery Center for almost 14 years.

Information Technology Department

- The IT Department tip of the week highlights how to change your Cambridge College Email Password. For detailed instructions, please see the **attached document**. Or, to view a demonstration video on how to change your password, please go [here](#).

In Memoriam

- Angela Denise Ferree Blake (M.Ed., '07) passed away in June 2007 from liver cancer. She was an elementary school teacher in Savannah, GA.

Human Resources and Administration News

- The Office of Human Resources would like to announce the College's newest employees:
 - The School of Education is pleased to announce that Dr. George Guasconi has joined the College as the Program Coordinator for Professional Development. In this capacity, Dr. Guasconi will be coordinating school collaborative/ professional development courses that Cambridge College is offering to students in cooperation with school districts and other outside agencies. Dr. Guasconi will be coordinating existing courses being offered, as well as developing new partnerships as the College seeks to expand school collaborative/ professional development offerings.
 - Dr. Tito Guerrero III began his tenure as the third president of Cambridge College on March 2nd.

**To report your department or school news, events, and happenings, please contact Kimberly Dunbar at x1228 or Kimberly.Dunbar@cambridgecollege.edu **