

Cambridge College Community News Blast (3/27/08)

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, April 7th** in order to be considered for the next installment.

Thank you and enjoy!

College Affairs

- On Thursday, April 17th from 6-8 p.m., the Rev. Dr. Gloria E. White-Hammond will speak to Cambridge College students about her experience in Darfur. Dr. White-Hammond's humanitarian work has had a global impact. In February 2005, she traveled into Darfur, western Sudan to listen and learn from female victims of genocide in Internally Displaced Persons camps. Liz Walker Journey Productions turned Dr. White-Hammond's trip into a documentary entitled "A Glory From the God." The documentary, as told by WBZ-TV personality Liz Walker, tells the story of Dr. White-Hammond's trip and the organization Dr. White-Hammond co-founded in 2002, *My Sister's Keeper*. To view a description and trailer of the documentary, visit <http://www.lizwalkerjourneyproductions.org>.



(Left) Dr. White-Hammond and (right) an image of her documentary "A Glory From the God."

- At the February 15th Scholarship Committee Meeting, the College awarded \$105,073 in scholarships to 44 students: 19 graduate students received a combined \$44,000 while 25 undergraduate students received a collective \$61,073 in scholarship awards.
- Cambridge College sponsored two tables at the annual Unity Dinner hosted by the Central Square Business Association (CSBA). Guests indulged in international cuisines from restaurants around Central Square and watched as the CSBA honored four of the community's outstanding citizens. During the dinner, CSBA held elections for their Board. Cambridge College's Associate Dean of the School of Management Bill Hancock was one of the individuals selected to the CSBA Board.

School of Education

- John Moschella, a doctoral candidate in Cohort 2, was recently hired as a program evaluator for the American Council on Education (ACE). ACE is the major coordinating body for the nation's higher education institutions. It seeks to provide leadership and a unifying voice on key higher education issues. Mr. Moschella will be responsible for evaluating and accrediting undergraduate or graduate fire studies programs being proposed by universities and organizations.
- Dr. Steven Cushing, Senior Instructor in the Mathematics Institute, presented a paper at the 2008 Winter Chaos Conference held at Wesleyan University in February. The annual meeting brings together experts from different disciplines to explore how the mathematical approach embodied in chaos theory can be fruitfully applied to solving theoretical and real-world problems. Dr. Cushing's paper, "Miscommunication-caused Aircraft Accidents: Seeking a Dynamical Systems Solution," built on his research into aircraft accidents and incidents that can be attributed to misunderstandings between pilots and air-traffic controllers or within crews, such as those reported in his book, Fatal Words: Communication Clashes and Aircraft Crashes (University of Chicago Press).

Undergraduate Program

- The Human Services Major in the Undergraduate Program at Cambridge College in collaboration with the Department of Transitional Assistance is currently offering an educational program at the College that will allow participants in the program the opportunity to earn up to nine credits while they gain necessary skills that will aid in their job search. This effort is the result of outreach made to the Commissioner of Transitional Assistance, Julia Kehoe and Director of Cash Assistance and Full Engagement, Thomas Santry, from Human Services Director, Barbara Reid. Ongoing involvement with several other key DTA personnel and Human Service Faculty brought this effort to life. The program is designed to provide courses and additional support that will offer students an opportunity to better understand their own strengths, build their confidence, while gaining concrete skills that will increase their employability. To ensure that we are meeting the goals we hope to achieve and that we have evidence of the actual outcomes of this effort, we have also built in an evaluation component to add to this initiative. This may prove particularly useful in informing future policies with regard to educational initiatives.

School of Psychology and Counseling

- The free workshops held by the SOPC on March 15th were well received. A number of participants were able to earn PDPs and CEUs for only \$10 per workshop. These workshops are a great way for participants to earn CEU/PDPs while learning some fascinating material and learning more about SOPC's extensive graduate programming at both the Master and CAGS levels. The next free workshop sessions will take place on Saturday, April 26th from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 1000 Massachusetts Ave. in Cambridge. All are welcome and encouraged to bring guests. The list of workshops can be found on the College's website: <http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/academics/workshops>.
- SOPC is increasing the school's visibility by participating in many community events. The College had a presence at the March 20th Unity Dinner in Central Square and at the Morgan Memorial Job Fair in Boston on March 25th. SOPC will also take part in the Massachusetts School Counselor Association (MASCA) Conference in Hyannis from April 9-12th, the Women for Hire Career Fair in Boston on April 15th, and is planning to work with

Dimock Mental Health Center, the Center of Community Health in Roxbury and North Suffolk Mental Health Center. These venues allow the School to reach out to professionals working in the field of mental health. These individuals provide a unique ability for our students to learn from one another.

Springfield Regional Center

- Cambridge College is sponsoring the 14th annual Table Top Expo & Business Networking Event at the Log Cabin in Holyoke on March 26th. The event features over 175 exhibitors and more than 700 visitors from the greater Springfield region.
- In addition, the Springfield Regional Center sponsored the Preschool Enrichment Team's annual conference which was held on March 20th at the MassMutual Center in downtown Springfield. This event brought together early childhood educators from all over Western Massachusetts and Connecticut with various levels of education. As a sponsor, Cambridge College is one of a handful of colleges who had a table at the event.
- The Center hosted a Cambridge College Springfield night at the Springfield Falcons Hockey Game on March 19th. The game, which was broadcast on several local radio stations, featured Cambridge College signage, logos, and on-air mentions. The College also had an information table at the event.
- Springfield Regional Center employees will attend the Expo of Black Businesses on Saturday, March 29th at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford. This event helps remind the community of the College's mission and will be a key event for the admissions team this term.

Lawrence Regional Center

- On Friday, March 21st, the Little Sprouts-STRIVE graduation was held at the Lawrence Regional Center. The Little Sprouts-STRIVE collaboration is a GED preparation course that several young women completed at Cambridge College. This is the first year that the program was hosted entirely at Cambridge College's Lawrence Regional Center. The women attended the College every day to take their GED classes as well as a child development course and a basic computer course as part of their requirements to complete their GED program.



The Little Sprouts-STRIVE graduates celebrate their achievements at the Lawrence Regional Center.

- Dr. Nan Hocking-McDonough, an Undergraduate faculty member and Academic Coordinator at the Lawrence Regional Center (and a 1989 graduate of Cambridge College), will present her film, "Mother's Day," at the Stoneham Alliance Against Violence program. The program, titled "Breaking the Silence of Domestic Violence-- a Daughter's Voice," will take place on Thursday, March 27th from 7-9 p.m. at Stoneham Middle School in Stoneham.
- Dr. Paul Koppenhaver, an adjunct faculty member at the Lawrence Regional Center, has been selected as the Northeast region's representative for Foster Parent of the Year. Dr. Koppenhaver has been a foster parent with the Department of Social Services for the past 14 years. He currently has five adopted or foster children living with him, four of who are special needs. The Foster Parent of the Year is selected from the regional finalists.

Ontario, CA Regional Center

- Ontario Regional Center Director Greg White, along with Dean of the School of Education Dr. Tony DeMatteo, Vice President of College Affairs Dr. Joseph Daisy, and Academic Coordinator for the Center Ellie Kaucher will be hosting a reception at the Annual California Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC) conference in Long Beach, CA. The reception is slated for Friday, April 4th from 6-8 p.m. in the Westin Hotel, Melbourne room. Cambridge College will also have an exhibitor booth hosted by Center employees Teresa Testani, Jeff Clayton and Claude Martinez.
- On Sunday, April 6th from 1-3 p.m., the Ontario Regional Center will be hosting a faculty and staff luncheon with Dr. DeMatteo and Dr. Daisy in attendance. All faculty members are encouraged to attend.
- Teresa Testani has been appointed Chairman of the Board in charge of memberships for the Arrowhead Association for the Education of Young Children (AAEYC) for San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.
- Mark Smiley, Cambridge College faculty member and President of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, will be hosting an info session for all local business owners and company CEOs in early April at the Ontario Regional Center. The purpose of the meeting will be to encourage international trade between the inland empire and China and to discuss the CEO group's June business trip to China.

Development Office

- The College is pleased to announce that the Mabel Louise Riley Foundation has approved a one-year grant of \$50,000 in support of the expansion of the Neighborhood College demonstration program, which offers educational opportunities to the residents of the Dudley neighborhood.

Information Technology Department

- The Cambridge College computer labs will start charging students a nominal fee to print and copy. The IT department estimates that the College will consume almost 100,000 less pieces of paper per year with the new charge system. This will lessen our environmental impact by encouraging students to use less paper, and it will also encourage greater use of online systems such as the MyCC portal.

- The IT department will update all computers with Microsoft Office 2007 this summer. There will be training available for all staff and faculty to help with the adjustment to the new program. Staff and faculty will be contacted once the schedule for the migration is set.
- The IT department encourages the College community to take advantage of the e-Helpdesk Services. For the fastest service, please create a ticket in the e-Helpdesk system. The e-Helpdesk is a comprehensive system that provides Helpdesk technicians and IT managers, an integrated console to monitor and maintain all IT requests generated from the users at Cambridge College. Log on to the e-Helpdesk at <http://Helpdesk.cambridgecollege.edu>, type in your username and password (the same username and password used to log on to the network and email) and follow the directions to submit a new ticket request.
- On Tuesday, March 25th, the College's Academic Technology Committee held a small gathering in honor of the IT Department. The IT Appreciation event was organized by faculty member Catherine Seo and Project Manager for Library Services Maida Tilchen. Ms. Seo and Ms. Tilchen handed out certificates to thank the IT members. "This is the most important certificate I have ever received," said IT Director Gloria Davila. "Everything we have done is worth it because of this." After the presentations, the IT team along with some College faculty and staff celebrated with cake and other snacks.



Several members of the IT Department pose with Ms. Tilchen and Ms. Seo (far left) and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Joseph Reed (far right).

Student Services

- The Office of Student Services is hosting their open house this week 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 24-26th from 4-8 p.m. welcoming the students and answering any questions in their first floor offices at 1000 Massachusetts Ave. All service departments are looking forward to seeing as many students as possible who may need assistance to better prepare for the upcoming April 1st start of the summer term Web Registration.

Office of Environmental Safety and Crisis Management

- The Cambridge College Office of Environmental Safety and Crisis Management, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), will be hosting the training event "Homeland Security Planning for Campus Executives." The

training will be held on April 17th at 1000 Massachusetts Avenue, Room 152. The instructor for this training is from the VMC/Homeland Security Program at West Virginia University. The training is intended for an audience of campus Presidents, Vice Presidents, and key staff members. There will be up to 50 participants from Colleges and Universities throughout Massachusetts, including representatives from MEMA and possibly other state agencies. The training will be broken up into seven modules, including crisis preparedness planning for higher education institutions and communications planning and implementation.

"There has never been a course like this offered in Massachusetts," said Kevin Sweet, the College's Crisis Management Plan Officer. "I chose to pursue this opportunity, which will be funded through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as it was apparent that higher education and our community needed a formalized training course. This training will serve as a baseline foundation to build from and provide an opportunity to strengthen our preparedness planning efforts at the College. I am excited about this opportunity and working toward creating a safer and more secure Cambridge College community," he added.

Human Resources and Administration News

- The Office of Human Resources would like to announce Cambridge College's newest employees:
 - Alfred A. Kamara has joined the College as a Financial Aid Administrator in the Financial Aid Department.
 - Alex Pires, formerly a temporary casual employee, has now been hire permanently as an Audio Visual Video Conferencing Technician in the IT Department.

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