

Cambridge College Community News Blast (4/11/08)

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 21st** in order to be considered for the next installment.

Thank you and enjoy!

College Affairs

- On Wednesday, April 16th, Eileen Brown will conduct a workshop titled "It's Not Where You Start, It's Where You Finish." This strengths-based interactive workshop is a professional development opportunity and all College faculty and staff members are welcome to attend. A central tenet of the Cambridge College teaching and learning model is that "each of us has things to teach and things to learn; and none of us knows what all of us know." Those attending will have the opportunity to experience and see the teaching and learning model in action. The workshop will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in room 152 of 1000 Massachusetts Ave. Refreshments will be available. The Regional Centers and off-campus individuals will be able to participate via video stream. An email with the link and additional directions will be sent out early next week.
- 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>. To RSVP for this event, please contact Jennifer Greene at Jennifer.greene@cambridgecollege.edu.

School of Education

- The Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership is accepting applications for the summer term through April 15th. Applications can be downloaded on the College's website at <http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/download/admissions/EDDapp607.pdf>. Prospective applicants should contact one of the admissions counselors for the program, Tahia Bell-Sykes (tahia.bell-sykes@cambridgecollege.edu) or Robin Laskey (robin.laskey@cambridgecollege.edu), for more information about the doctoral program and admission process.
- Dr. Jo-Ann Testaverde, Assistant Dean of the School of Education and Director of NITE, has recently returned from the National School Boards' Annual Conference in Orlando, FL. At the conference, Dr. Testaverde was voted as the school committee member to represent the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School. She was also reappointed as the Georgetown, MA representative to the Whittier Committee; she will be

starting her third term and sixth year in this position. Previously, Dr. Testaverde served nine years as an elected member of the Georgetown School committee. This is her third consecutive year attending this conference.

- Dr. Dan Butin, Assistant Dean in the School of Education, was interviewed for an article in the April edition of Boston Magazine on "Next Generation Design." The article looked at the design of home and school environments for children, and Dr. Butin's remarks were based on his previous work at the University of Virginia.
- Dr. Butin also published a review of Brian Schultz's book Spectacular Things Happen Along the Way: Lessons from an Urban Classroom in the journal *Educational Studies*. In his book, Brian Schultz described how he developed a unique project-based learning environment in his 5th grade classroom that garnered national attention and accolades, including visits by Ralph Nader and Jonathan Kozol and profiles on NPR's *This American Life*.

Undergraduate College

- On Monday, April 14th, Cambridge College Humanities Chair Dr. John Bremer will be presenting an Undergraduate College lecture. Dr. Bremer's lecture, "What it Means to be Human; The Thought Fox," will be held from 6:10 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. in Room 152 of 1000 Massachusetts Avenue. This free lecture promises to be an engaging event. Professors are encouraged and welcome to bring their classes to the event as an addition to their curriculum.
- The Human Service Major invites the College community to a lecture, "Against All Odds," on Wednesday April 16th from 12:30- 2 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. at 1000 Massachusetts Ave. Keynote Speaker Jin Kyu Robertson overcame incredible odds in achieving her success. Come hear how Jin and students from Cambridge College were able to overcome tremendous challenges as they moved forward to achieve their dreams.

School of Psychology and Counseling

- Ms. Janice Turikain, a student in Professor Massomeh Namovar's Professional Seminar class, has been selected as a 2008-2009 Albert Schweitzer Fellow. The Fellowship involves developing a community project, and Ms. Turikain has decided to work with developmentally delayed adults at the Walnut Street Center in Somerville, MA. The project, entitled "Diabetes Health and Wellness," is divided into three parts: development of curriculum, establishment of support groups for participants, and collaboration with direct staff care. "The Cambridge College community, and Professor Namavar in particular, inspired and motivated me to apply for the Fellowship," said Ms. Turikain. She added that her Pro-Sem class and her independent research project, "Use of Group Therapy with Diabetic Burnouts in Adults with Developmental Disabilities," were used to help develop the foundation for the grant. The funding will be used to finance interactive and participatory support groups, which will utilize principles of group process, group dynamics, role modeling, behavior modification, style of learning, change of theory and cognitive behavior theory.
- Dr. Paul Gerson, coordinator of the CAGS Program of SOPC, continues to take his Cognitive Behavioral Therapy show "on the road." On March 14th, Dr. Gerson presented a training session to staff members of COMPASS, Inc. COMPASS works with some of the most challenged and challenging high risk youth in Boston. The workshop, presented at

the Holden School, was extremely well received by these practitioners who appreciate all they can learn to help their clients. Dr. Gerson has been asked to return as the staff wants much more of what he has to offer!

- The School of Psychology and Counseling would like to remind the Cambridge College community that Workshops will again be offered on Saturday, April 26th. Workshops run all day in two hour sessions. They are an excellent opportunity for participants to learn useful material for free and to earn CEUs and PDPs for only \$10 per workshop. The list of workshops can be found on the College's website:
<http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/academics/workshops>.
- On Tuesday, March 11th, four school counselors who recently received their Master's in school counseling, spoke with the students in Diane Boettcher's Internship Seminar. The alumni counselors addressed the job search process and the challenges and successes involved in beginning a new job. The speakers were Jeannette Reveron, a Bilingual counselor at Waltham High School; Randy Garry, a High School counselor in Natick; Lauren Chiacchio DeLeon, an At-Risk counselor for the Department of Education, and Bill Hart, a Middle School counselor in Westford. The students greatly appreciated the advice all four alumni provided, as it helped ease their tensions about graduating and finding a job. "Hearing the alumni speak about their experiences helped to assuage any trepidation I may have had about beginning the job search in the field of school guidance," one student said.

School of Management

- In a previous News Blast, it was announced that Associate Dean and Director of the Health Care Management Program John Bove would be honored by Taunton State Hospital (TSH) this spring. At 3 p.m. on May 15th, TSH will hold a dedication ceremony in the official naming of their Auditorium after Mr. Bove. Mr. Bove served on the TSH Board of Trustees for 22 years and as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for 20 years (1987-2007). He retired from his post in December 2007. The event will be held in the TSH Chambers Basement Auditorium. Refreshments will be served.

Springfield Regional Center

- On Tuesday, April 1st, Springfield Regional Center employees Yvonne Barnes and Terrie Forte attended the YWCA's 13th Annual "In the Company of Women Luncheon." Of the many vendors present at the event, Cambridge College was the only school present. According to Ms. Barnes, there were over 1,500 of Connecticut's most influential women in attendance, including Mayor of East Hartford, CT, Melody A. Currey, and Connecticut Governor Jodi Rell, who delivered the opening remarks. The keynote speaker at the event was Anna Deavere Smith, who is most known for her role on the show *West Wing*.



Mayor Currey and Terrie Forte take a moment to smile for the camera.

- On March 26th, several of the Springfield Regional Center employees attended a networking event at the Log Cabin in Holyoke, MA. The College received more than a dozen inquiries and made a lot of great contacts.



Mary Nelen and Terrie Forte work the Cambridge College booth at the event.

Chesapeake, VA Regional Center

- The Chesapeake Regional Center is preparing for its graduation celebration which will be held on May 18th. The event will take place at 10 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Suffolk, VA. Additional details will be announced as they are released.

Lawrence Regional Center

- Last December, Rosemarie Romano, an Early Childhood Education professor at the Lawrence Regional Center, had the opportunity to visit an area preschool and present a literacy lesson to a class of three and four year olds. The lesson integrated literature and art and was highly interactive. Both students and teachers enjoyed the lesson so much, the teachers asked to borrow Professor Romano's materials to present it to the other students in the center. "This experience goes to the heart of what I believe we are striving to impart to our prospective students in our Early Education and Care community," said Professor Romano, which she says is "a high level of enthusiasm in our field of expertise, a strong sense of commitment and willingness to reach out to the community modeling desired behaviors and skills to promote quality programs for our children."

Academic Technology

- If you would like to have a voice in the academic technology used at Cambridge College, please join the College Senate Academic Technology Committee. The Committee meets monthly with the IT Department to hear about their plans, give them feedback, and make recommendations. There are also brief talks and demonstrations of current and new academic technology and teaching with technology. Faculty, staff, and students are welcome to join the email list to hear about meetings as well as local and online events that will help you learn about academic technology. All are welcome to attend meetings on the last Tuesday of the month from 2-3:30 p.m. live in Cambridge, on the phone, and online using WebEx. The Committee especially welcomes those who feel incompetent or anxious with technology—Cambridge College needs your voice to make decisions about technology for everyone, and perhaps learning more will help you become more comfortable about technology. To join the email list (with no obligation to attend meetings), send your request to maida.tilchen@cambridgecollege.edu.

Human Resources and Administration News

- The Office of Human Resources would like to announce a few Cambridge College promotions:
 - Joy King has been promoted to Director of Alumni Affairs for the Development Office.
 - William McMican has accepted the position of Program Manager for Blended Learning Programs.
 - Joseph Miglio has accepted the position of Program Manager for Academic Instructional Design and Faculty Development.

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