

Cambridge College Community News Blast (4/24/08)

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, May 5th** in order to be considered for the next installment.

Thank you and enjoy!

Cambridge College Commencement

- The Cambridge College Class of 2008 will have the honor of listening to First Lady Diane Patrick share her words of wisdom and inspiration drawn from her experiences in the diverse areas of education, law and public service at its 37th Commencement on June 8th at 11 a.m. at the Bank of America Pavilion on Boston's Waterfront. Cambridge College will confer two honorary degrees at the Commencement Ceremony. The Doctor of Humane Letters will be awarded to First Lady Diane Patrick and to Mr. Raymond L. Handlan. Raymond L. Handlan is the Senior Advisor of The Atlantic Philanthropies, an organization that is dedicated to bringing about lasting changes in the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people. For updated information regarding the 2008 Commencement ceremony in Boston, please visit www.cambridgecollege.edu/commencement08.

College Affairs

- On April 16th, Chancellor/Founder and Interim President Eileen Moran Brown conducted a workshop for the College community entitled "It's Not Where You Start, It's Where You Finish." Eileen emphasized the importance of being a leader in one's own life and she shared excerpts from her upcoming book to demonstrate through her own life how she refused the life others wanted for her and how she decided to blaze her own path. She talked about her early years spent at football games in her hometown with her father—who always insisted that they stand up for the kickoff on fourth down no matter how hopeless their team or their situation seemed—these were some of the defining moments in her life. "That is an absolute metaphor for how I live my life," she said. "I have always stood for the kickoff, and some of those times I was in the stands all by myself."

Eileen emphasized the importance of asserting one's own strength and trusting one's intuition. "I want to be really clear that nothing I am talking about is easy," she said. Eileen shared two important aspects of leadership: spend your energy on the things that you want to accomplish and do not waste your time in getting caught up in negative energy. You must believe that no one is better than anyone else and that the only true aristocracy is that of the human spirit," she said. In her final comments to the group, she said, "I think we have a great college and improving and moving together is something we are going to do together."



(Left) Chancellor and interim President Eileen Brown speaks to the community during her workshop.
(Right) Cambridge College staff and community members participate in the group exercise.

- On Thursday, April 17th the Rev. Dr. Gloria E. White-Hammond spoke to nearly 100 members of the Cambridge College community about her experiences in Darfur in a presentation entitled "The Crisis in Sudan: Who Will Be My Sister's Keeper?" In February 2005, she traveled into Darfur, western Sudan to listen and learn from female victims of genocide in Internally Displaced Persons camps. After her visit, Dr. White-Hammond, who was recently elected as the National Chair of the Save Darfur Committee, said she and some Boston colleagues decided they could help these women suffering 9,000 miles away by building a school for girls in the oppressed area where only 18% of school children are female. "We have a long way to go before there is gender equity," she said. "I am so encouraged by these women, that is why I am able to keep going back," she said, subsequently presenting her list of ten reasons why she "don't feel no ways tired" when it comes to fighting to stop the genocide in Darfur. "We will stop the genocide and when we do, this time the revolution will be televised," she added. At the event, Professor Carol Pepi announced that the College will award a \$1,000 scholarship in Dr. White-Hammond's name that will go to a student in the Global Justice Program.

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>. For more information on My Sister's Keeper and how you can join Dr. White-Hammond fight for Darfur, visit www.mskeeper.org.



(Left) Dr. White-Hammond with first-semester Cambridge College student and Sudan native Philip Dut. (Right) Dr. White-Hammond with the event's organizers, Cambridge College student David Manzi and Professor Carol Pepi.

Cambridge College Senate

- What is the purpose of the College Senate? How, when and why was the College Senate started? These and others were questions raised at the second annual College Senate Orientation and Training meeting for new and continuing College Senators held on March 14th. Facilitated by Co-Chairs Dr. Joseph Reed and Ms. Ludmilla Lewis, the meeting brought together College Senators to discuss issues including the Senate's history, its effectiveness, making it more visible, ways to increase participation from the Regional Centers, and being involved in the recruiting process of a new Cambridge College president.



Members of the College Senate and Standing Committee Chairs who attended the orientation and training meeting.

- The Academic Excellence and Leadership Standing Committee, under the leadership of Co-Chairs Dr. Mary Ann Joseph, Dr. William McMullen and Professor Anne Scott, has begun development of a Writing Ad Hoc Task Force to examine the issues surrounding writing across the curriculum. The Dean of each school will be involved in this task force, but other faculty members and staff are encouraged to participate.

- The Senate is going high tech! In order to encourage the entire College community to be involved in College Senate deliberations, WebEX, an online meeting, web conferencing and video conferencing application will be used during all College Senate meetings beginning during the May 13th meeting. Please stay tuned for information on how you can be connected from your computer at home or work.

School of Education

- On Saturday, April 5th, Cambridge College Assistant Dean and Director of the College's National Institute for Teaching Excellence, Dr. Jo-Ann Testaverde, was honored by Pirandello Lyceum with a 2008 *I Migliori in Mens et Gesta* Award. Dr. Testaverde was one of six recipients—all Americans of Italian descent—recognized for the important contributions to their profession, to society and to the Italian American community. "This is very special to me because this is my own culture recognizing me for my contributions," Dr. Testaverde said. "In the culture that I grew up in, our friends and family didn't have extensive educational experiences; therefore, to have people from my own background who have an understanding of where I have been is most rewarding." Dr. Testaverde and her husband, Dr. Sal Testaverde, also a Cambridge College professor, were both the first in their respective Sicilian fishing families to complete their higher education. Founded in 1985, Pirandello Lyceum created the *I Migliori in Mens et Gesta* Award ("The Best in Mind and Deeds") to further appreciate the accomplishments of contemporary Italians and Italian-Americans.



Dr. Testaverde delivered a moving acceptance speech after receiving her award.

- The Cambridge College Science Education program in the Graduate School of Education will be participating in the Cambridge Science Festival on Saturday, April 26th. The School's partnership with The Burlington Science Center continues with the highly acclaimed Animal Interview Exhibit as part of the Science Carnival. The College's booth will occupy a prominent spot in front of Cambridge City Hall.
- Professor John Papadonis, Coordinator of the Science Education program in the Graduate School of Education has been named one of the 10 semi-finalists for The Massachusetts Teacher of the Year honor. In addition to his work with Cambridge College, Professor Papadonis has worked at the Burlington Science Center, a program he co-founded, in the Burlington Public Schools since 1984. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is currently reviewing his teaching video and written response

submissions. Whether he is the top winner or not, Professor Papadonis will be honored at the Massachusetts State House in June.

- The School of Education is pleased to announce the hiring of two full-time faculty members in the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership:
 - Dr. Marilyn Bartlett is currently an Associate Professor of Educational Leadership at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, with specializations in school law, educational leadership, and educational policy. She was a special education coordinator and assistant superintendent prior to moving into higher education, where she was, among other positions, the legal assistant to the President of SUNY-Brooklyn and director of graduate education at the New York Institute of Technology. Dr. Bartlett holds a J.D. and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration, sits on the editorial boards of *The School Reporter* and the *Journal of Research for Educational Leaders*, and has published over two dozen articles, book chapters, encyclopedia entries, and reports in her areas of expertise. She will join the College at the rank of Visiting Professor.
 - Dr. Noah Kasraie is currently an Adjunct Professor at Arkansas State University, with specializations in educational research & statistics and information & educational technology. He holds an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership with a PhD minor in Statistics and has taught graduate level courses such as statistics, educational research, and organizational behavior. Dr. Kasraie has published numerous peer-reviewed articles on topics of school effectiveness, online education, and trends in school revenue and has received grants to support eLearning in the Middle East. He will join the College at the rank of Visiting Assistant Professor.

Undergraduate College

- On Wednesday, April 17th, Dr. Jin Kyu Robertson presented her lecture, "Against All Odds," to the Cambridge College community. Dr. Robertson shared her story in which she overcame incredible odds during her search for success, including joining the United States Army to escape an abusive husband, a place where she became a Major in just four and a half years and changed the way the Army assigns women for overseas operations. It took Dr. Robertson 15 years and five schools to reach her dream of earning a Ph.D. (from Harvard University) and becoming a female "Robin Hood," helping to bring justice to an unfair world. Dr. Robertson is a hero in the village she grew up in, where she has helped change the way the less fortunate are treated. She has written three books (and is working on a fourth to be published in English) as well as a music CD (she is also a singer).



(Left) Students pose with Jin Kyu Robertson and their instructors. (Right) Director of the Human Services Program of the Undergraduate College enjoys a moment with Jin Kyu Robertson.

School of Psychology and Counseling

- The SOPC Faculty Retreat was held on April 4th at the Habitat in Belmont, MA. Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Joseph Reed opened the day with remarks regarding the future of the College, which were both informative and inspiring. The Faculty members were grateful for his visit. The Retreat focused on Diversity with the goal of understanding some "best practices" for teaching and learning in both classrooms and the community. A team of facilitators, including Professors D.E. Dale, Judy Bralove and Lionel Joseph, presented captivating "starters" that inspired discussion among small groups of faculty members. As discussion results were shared, the group appreciated progress toward the goal and committed to continued exploration of this topic.
- The Annual Site Supervisors' Luncheon will be held on May 4th from noon to 2:00 p.m. in Room 152, 1000 Massachusetts Ave. This year's presenter will be Mr. Dick Doherty who is renowned for the contributions he has made to the field of recovery through the skillful use of humor. Mr. Doherty performs in all of the major entertainment venues in New England and throughout the country. Last year's event was attended by over 90 participants who enjoyed a nice catered luncheon and the entertainment of Mr. Willy Drinkwater. The event included fun gifts and a welcome opportunity to socialize. We expect to repeat that success with this year's event. Questions regarding the event should be addressed to Professor Paul Gerson at 617-873-0155.
- SOPC reminds members of the community that this is their **LAST CHANCE** to attend the free SOPC Workshops, which will be held on Saturday, April 26th. Specific workshop offerings can be found on the Cambridge College Website and in orange covered booklets distributed around the College. Faculty, students and others are welcome to learn about fascinating topics from excellent presenters. Workshops are free to all and CEUs/PDPs may be earned for only \$10 per workshop. It's the best professional deal in town!

School of Management

- There are now two new options for School of Management graduate students looking to pursue a health care track.
 - The **Health Care Diversity and Disparities Concentration** prepares students to lead by helping them gain the techniques and finesse they need to respond to diversity, embrace differences, minimize conflict and strive for unity. The

concentration also offers a skill set designed to help the student confidently improve patient outcomes; reduce inequities in health care delivery; provide quality, accessible, culturally responsive care; and minimize health risks. This advanced credential program is designed specifically for mid-career health care and human services professionals. Students and graduates of the Health Care Management concentration may elect to earn this certificate for 16 additional credits.

- The **Health Care Informatics Concentration** will help students develop health care computing skills while honing their leadership abilities. Students learn the principles of communications, software applications and security issues that will help their organizations achieve higher quality and greater efficiency through automated health care. This advanced credential program is specifically designed for the seasoned health care professional seeking to master the newest techniques of medical data handling and to refine leadership abilities. Students and graduates of the Health Care Management concentration may elect to earn this certificate for 16 additional credits.

Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building

- The Cambridge College American Sign Language (ASL) Medical Interpreting program debuted this spring. The program, which has been a long time in the planning, is being offered in direct response to the requests of the College's partners in the field who cited the lack of qualified ASL medical interpreters for the deaf, hard of hearing and the deaf blind patient population. Applicants to the program are screened for fluency in English and ASL, as ASL per se is not taught at the College. Graduates of the program will earn the Cambridge College Medical Interpreter Certificate, which is a college-based credential that demonstrates skill in the medical aspects of interpreting and advocating for patients. For more information regarding this program or any of the interpreting programs, please visit www.cambridgecollege.edu/community or email diane.lolli@cambridgecollege.edu.
- Medical Interpreter Training Program (MITP) instructor Yilu Ma has been named Director of the Interpreter Services Department at Tufts New England Medical Center in Boston. Mr. Ma, who pioneered the introduction of the Multilingual Program at Cambridge College and opened MITP to potential students from all language groups, currently reaches both multilingual courses as well as essential communication skills to MITP students in need of English Language support.
- The Institute is collaborating with the School of Education, the Marion Institute and Zero Emissions Research & Initiatives to develop courses for teachers on environmental sustainability. Gunter Pauli, President of ZERI, will be teaching a course at the College this June for its NITE Program.
- On February 5th, Associate Director of the Institute Diane Lolli was interviewed by Boston Network News, a television program broadcast live to the cable households in greater Boston. Ms. Lolli discussed the recent collaboration between Cambridge College and the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital in Jamaica Plain, MA and to explain the importance of having qualified professionals providing interpreting services for patients who have limited English ability. The Lemuel Shattuck Hospital now accepts Cambridge College medical interpreter interns to interpret in both its public health hospital and its mental health unit as the hospital attempts to build its medical interpreting capacity.

Chesapeake, VA Regional Center

- Jim Waldman, Director of the Chesapeake Regional Center and Associate Vice-President of the College, was re-elected to the Virginia Out of State Non-Profit Colleges and Universities (VONCU) Board of Directors. Mr. Waldman was one of the three founding members of this organization five years ago. VONCU represents the interests of the 35 regionally accredited, non-profit, colleges in Virginia. This organization has been recognized by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) and now includes the VONCU members in its state publications on higher education.
- On April 10th, the Marketing and Enrollment services department conducted a video focus session with eight of its outstanding alumni in the studios of Cox Cable in Chesapeake, VA. The College's Director of Marketing and Advertising, Mike Williams, conducted the session which sparked wonderful conversation among the alumni regarding their experiences at Cambridge College. The College will use these marketing results for various purposes including television commercials and a Cambridge College presentation video, as well as other public relations and advertising initiatives.

Memphis, TN Regional Center

- On April 10th, the Memphis Regional Center held its Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Guests included Center Director Chris Sawyer; Assistant Center Director Lee Jones, Center Office Manager Barbara Bailey, Vice President of College Affairs Dr. Joseph Daisy, Chesapeake Regional Center Director Jim Waldman, members of the Memphis Chamber, and the Memphis City Schools Superintendent Dan Ward. The Memphis Regional Center would like to thank the Administration of Cambridge College and the Center's Faculty and Students for assisting with the growth of the Center in the past six months.

Core Faculty

- On November, 28, 2007 Professor Shirley Harrell was an invited participant at a Massachusetts Institute for Technology (MIT) conference entitled "Unlocking Knowledge and Empowering Minds." Thomas L. Freidman was the conference's keynote speaker. As an invited participant, Professor Harrell had the opportunity to meet with MIT President Susan Hockfield, a *New York Times* representative and a small group of other educators to discuss the use of MIT open courseware.

Alumni

- Rosemary Brunson O'Neal (M.Ed. Psychological Studies '07) has authored a book, [The Development of a Positive or Negative Racial Attitude in Children](#), which dives deeply into the psycho social aspects that culminates in producing a human being that develops either a positive or negative racial attitude. The literature analyzes the developmental stages of a child and the crucial relativity of positive role models within the child's social milieu. To contact Ms. O'Neal regarding information on consultancy, therapy, speaking engagements and web-based articles on psychology, please write to: Diaspora Press of America, P.O. Box 200981, Boston, MA 02120-0018.

Facilities

- Coordinator of Facilities Robert Boyd has been named a Microsoft Most Valuable Professional (MVP). The Microsoft MVP Award is an annual award that recognizes exceptional technology community leaders worldwide who actively share their high quality, real world expertise with other users and Microsoft. With fewer than 5,000 awardees worldwide, Microsoft MVP's represent a highly selected group of experts. MVP's share a deep commitment to the community, a willingness to help others and represent the diversity of today's technical communities.

Information Technology

- The Information Technology Department would like to present the News Blast Tip of the Week. When sending e-mail messages through a distribution list (DL), an individual should always put the recipients in the BCC tab. Using BCC protects the recipients' e-mail addresses from being spread to strangers and helps prevent SPAM (*Unsolicited Commercial E-mail*). When using BCC, messages will be easier for readers because they will be smaller, with fewer addresses attached to each message.

Academic Technology

- Cambridge College introduces the Academic Technology Suggestion Box. Is there something you would like changed in our academic technology, such as MyCC, Cambridge College Online Library, the public website, the course management system, Office 2003? Is there other software you wish we were using? Do you have a preference for training or support? The College Senate Academic Technology Committee wants to help you get your voice heard. Your confidentiality will be respected. Your suggestions are always welcome and will be passed on to the Committee and the IT Department. Send your suggestions in an email with the subject line "Suggestion Box" to maida.tilchen@cambridgecollege.edu. If you would like to be on the committee mailing list to be informed of meetings and technology demonstrations, send an email to maida.tilchen@cambridgecollege.edu.

Human Resources and Administration News

- The Office of Human Resources would like to announce Cambridge College's newest employees:
 - Lesley Robbins has been hired as a Grant Writer for the Development Department.
 - Alice Ronsivalli has joined the College as the Database Management, Applications and Student Records Specialist.
 - Jun Yu Ou has been hired as a Financial Aid Clerk for the Financial Aid Department.

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