

Cambridge College Community News Blast (4/5/07)

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 16th** in order to be considered for the next installment.

Thank you and enjoy!

Academic Affairs

- Dr. Joseph Reed announced that the College is preparing to host a site visit of the Board of Higher Education for consideration of our petition to offer the Bachelor and Master of Science in Nursing degrees. The College community is invited to attend a college-wide informational conference designed to orient the community to the details of the petition on April 11th from 10-11:30 a.m. at 1000 Mass. Ave in rooms 306 and 307. Dr. Reed encourages your attendance and support as the College moves toward authorization of this new and promising initiative. The topics that will be covered at the conference include: an overview of the nursing programs (RN-BSN; MSN), the target populations for students, partnerships (hospitals and Community Colleges), and an update on BHE visit. Please RSVP by April 6th to Gail Jones at gail.jones@cambridgecollege.edu.

School of Management

- The School of Management is now offering a Security Management Certificate and a Master's of Management degree with a concentration in Security Management. The curriculum is based upon the information required to pass the Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) examination administered by International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium (ISC). The Consortium is recognized in over 100 countries and viewed as the gold standard of security management certification. Cambridge College's intensive Security Management program allows the student to obtain a Master's degree in three terms.

School of Education

- On Monday night, March 26th, the administration, faculty, staff and students of the Doctor of Education Degree Program presented "Fresh Voices in Education: The New Massachusetts Leadership" at the Boston Cambridge Marriott. The consensus of the group of 100 educators, students and community leaders was that there is a need for change in Massachusetts education, and that change must begin with each of us. **To read more about the event, please see attached article.**



- Shannon Houston, Coordinator of the Office for the Doctorate of Education Degree Program, Robin Laskey, Coordinator of Graduate Admissions for the School of Education, and Dr. Kathleen Buckley, faculty member and Coordinator of Programs in School Leadership at Cambridge College, hosted a booth for the School of Education at the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) 2007 Annual Conference in Anaheim, California from March 16th - 19th. The three day conference and exhibit drew over nine thousand principals, teachers, and school and district administrators from the U.S. and around the world, including countries such as Japan, the Philippines, Ireland and many more. The booth was a big success for the College, generating over 100 inquiries regarding our graduate programs in education, and in particular for the new Ed.D in Educational Leadership from participants representing 33 states and 12 countries. Several alumni who were present at the conference were pleased to see Cambridge College at the exhibit and excited to learn about our doctoral program.
- Cambridge College students are clearly making the grade as the College continues to excel in educating Massachusetts teachers. The Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL) Annual Institution Report 2005-2006 recently reported the pass rates of Cambridge College Teacher Preparation program graduates as 99%. During the 2005-2006 Academic Year, 150 students participated in the program and of those who took the MTEL, 141 out of 142 passed. One hundred percent of Cambridge College students passed when testing in academic content areas of General Science, Middle School Mathematics and Health Education. Students also passed 100% of the time when taking the General Curriculum test, and 99% passed the Communication and Literacy Test and the Foundations of Reading Test.

Lawrence Regional Center

- Sandy Blanes, Coordinator of the Ladder to Language Program at the Lawrence Regional Center, received special recognition for the Ladder to Language partnership program from the Universal Unitarian Church (UU) in Andover, Massachusetts on March 31st. UU volunteers have been helping Ladder students in conversational activities for the last two and half years.
- Dolores Calaf, Director of the Lawrence Regional Center, is a new member of the Neighborhood Health Plan (NHP) Health Equity Steering Committee. The purpose of the Health Equity Steering Committee is to identify and reduce racial and ethnic disparities in

health services within the membership serviced by NHP. Many NHP members are residing in the Merrimack Valley region and particularly in Lawrence.

- The Cambridge College Lawrence Regional Center has rolled out a very large welcome mat. The Regional Center has hung a new banner inviting the public to Cambridge College that reads "Bienvenidos/Welcome Open Enrollment" that was approved by the City of Lawrence. The banner is located between two buildings across Union Street and is very visible from both sides of the street.



- From April 30, 2007 through March 10, 2008, the Cambridge College Lawrence Regional Center will host Project STRIVE students as they work to complete their program. Created in 1998, Project STRIVE is a program for at-risk youth who have dropped out of High School in the Greater Merrimack Valley. The program runs the full year and meets Monday-Friday for approximately 20 hours per week, leaving time for work experience and internships. In addition to their schedules, the students will be taking an Early Education and computer literacy skills course taught by Cambridge College professors. Last fall, Cambridge College hosted the STRIVE students for seven weeks in a similar program and all the students successfully graduated from their GED and STRIVE programs.

Springfield Regional Center

- Management professor Carol Bevan-Bogart will offer a business seminar at the Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield 2007 Business Market Conference. Professor Bogart's seminar is entitled "Taking the Lead: Manage Change with Style." The Springfield Regional Center is a silver sponsor of the event which will be held at the Mass Mutual Center in downtown Springfield on May 2nd.

Development & Alumni Affairs

- The Springfield Alumni Advisory Committee met on Monday, April 2nd at the Springfield Regional Center. The Committee consists of about 15 alumni from the Springfield/Hartford area who are eager to get the Springfield chapter up and running. Their next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 23rd at 5:30 p.m. At this time they will develop a plan of action for the upcoming year.
- The Cambridge Alumni Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 10th at 5:30pm in the Walter Palmer Conference Room. The Committee will discuss the Cocktail Networking event scheduled in May and devise a plan on how to recruit alumni to attend that event.
- If you have questions regarding the alumni chapters, please contact Christina Gajewski at christina.gajewski@cambridgecollege.edu or Dr. Gerri Major at Geraldine.major@cambridgecollege.edu.

Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building

- The Community Education Conference hosted by the Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building will be held April 27 and 28 in Albany, NY. Space is still available. For information go to the website: www.cambridgecollege.edu/community/conference.cfm.
- Starting in September 2007 the Institute will be offering American Sign Language Medical Interpreting as a certificate program. Students will need to be fluent in American Sign Language and will be required to take a language screening test. Students will also need to be fluent in written and spoken English. The Institute for Lifelong Learning will be contacting employees who work with persons who are deaf and hard of hearing, and whose employers offer tuition reimbursement.
- The next Workshop Day is being planned for June 16th. The topics are wide ranging. Stay tuned to specific information and visit the Institute's website for updates.
- The Institute has the pleasure of offering a week-long (half days) seminar, July 9th-13th. Joan Goldsmith, the international coach on leadership development and co-author of best selling books on leadership, will lead the seminar. Ms. Goldsmith has been an organizational consultant, educator and author for 40 years, specializing in leadership development, organizational change and conflict resolution. Her groundbreaking books include *The End of Management and the Rise of Organizational Democracy*; *Learning to Lead: A Workbook on Becoming a Leader* (with Warren Bennis); and *The Art of Waking People Up: Cultivating Awareness and Authenticity at Work* (with Kenneth Cloke.) She is a founder of Cambridge College, a Doctor of Humane Letters, and a former faculty member at Harvard University, UCLA, and Antioch College.
- The mental health interpreting courses will begin again in June. The medical administrative assistant program will complete its pilot program at the end of this semester.

Institute for Responsive Education

- Dr. Jorge Cardoso, Director of the Institute for Responsive Education (IRE), announced that the IRE has been invited to partner with the Rochester, NY Public Schools on a proposal to the US Department of Education Office of Innovation and Improvement for a multi year effort to overhaul the student assignment system to provide a greater measure of informed parent choice and expanded community collaboration.
- Dr. Jorge Cardoso and Dr. Valora Washington, Director of the Schott Fellowship, were joined by Massachusetts principals Jeff Wolff and Ruth Danforth at the National Elementary School Principal Conference in Seattle this past weekend. The group made a presentation highlighting the Schott/IRE Principal Residency, which supports principals hosting early childhood education programs.

Admissions and Enrollment

- The Admissions and Enrollment Office will be hosting three information sessions in April. Employees are encouraged to spread the word and to extend the invitation. The session dates are: Thursday, April 12th at 6 p.m.; Saturday, April 14th at 10 a.m.; Wednesday, April 18th at 6 p.m. All information sessions will be held at the Charles Hotel on Bennett Street in Harvard Square.

Office of Human Resources

- The Office of Human Resources announces two new hires to the Cambridge College Chesapeake Regional Center. Mary Wyndham has joined the Regional Center as an Admissions Representative while Michael Williams has been hired as the Director of Marketing and Advertising.

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