

Cambridge College Community News Blast (5/3/07)

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, May 14th** in order to be considered for the next installment.

Thank you and enjoy!

Office of the President

- On Friday, April 27th, the United Nations Association of Greater Boston hosted its annual Consuls Ball at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston. Over 350 people attended the event in support of the Global Classroom, which benefits middle and high school students in Boston area schools. Cambridge College President Mahesh Sharma delivered the welcoming remarks, as Cambridge College was a Gold Sponsor of the event.
- President Sharma was quoted in an article titled "Down for the Count" on dyscalculia that appeared in the April 11th issue of *Time (International)*. Read it here: <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1609046,00.html>.

Chancellor's Office

- On April 19th, Trustee Katherine Ryan and her husband, Fred Horton, hosted the annual Scholarship Night dinner. It was a wonderful evening of celebration for scholarship donors and recipients. The evening provided an opportunity for some of the scholarship funders to be able to meet the recipients whom they support through their scholarship contribution to the College. Scholarship continues to be a very important issue for our students and it is imperative that we do all that we can to provide scholarship support for Cambridge College students.

Cambridge College Commencement

- The Cambridge College Commencement ceremony is quickly approaching! All staff and faculty are reminded that they are required to help staff the event on June 10th. The 2007 Commencement begins at 11 a.m. (an hour earlier than last year!), with the gates opening at 9 a.m. Staff working at the event should arrive no later than 8 a.m. For more information on the Cambridge College Commencement, please visit www.cambridgecollege.edu/commencement07.

Board of Trustees

- Cambridge College is in the forefront of blending technology and instruction for education. On Tuesday, April 24th, the Cambridge College Center for Adaptive Learning and Programs (CALP) hosted a technology symposium, "The Breakthrough Potential of Academic Technology in the Cambridge College Learning Model," at 1000 Massachusetts Avenue, Room 152, in Cambridge. The symposium presented an overview of how Cambridge College uses technology to reach out to students and a glimpse of what is possible in the future.

The symposium took place in an international classroom, with live video feeds connecting the audience in Cambridge with people in Springfield, Massachusetts and India. All participants heard Cambridge College Trustee Allan Cohen explain the current state of technology to the audience. Cambridge College President Mahesh Sharma and Vice President and Associate Dean of CALP and Information Technology Dr. Nish Sonwalkar presented "Vision 2012 for a High-Touch/High-Tech Approach with Adaptive Blended Learning," discussing the important role technology will play in the future of the Cambridge College education.

President Sharma and Dr. Sonwalkar demonstrated Cambridge College's unique High Touch/High Tech Learning Model, which would extend learning possibilities, both by reaching more students at a distance and by enhancing the learning process for all students. By the end of the evening, Mr. Cohen, President Sharma and Dr. Sonwalkar succeeded in showing that in the next five years and beyond, technology will play a crucial role in bridging the competency gap and sustaining the educational excellence of Cambridge College.



President Mahesh Sharma, Cambridge College Trustee Allan Cohen and Dr. Nish Sonwalkar at the Technology Symposium on April 24th

- Cambridge College Life Trustee Joan Goldsmith is participating in the Harvard Negotiation Insight Initiative Summer Learning Forum 2007. Ms. Goldsmith is conducting a class titled "The Leadership Challenge: Creating Ourselves at the Crossroads" from July 2nd -6th. Throughout her weeklong course, Ms. Goldsmith will explore many different aspects of leadership, including how leaders are made, how they communicate, and how they balance professional commitments in their lives.

Information Technology

- During Cambridge College's Spring Break in mid-April, the Information Technology department upgraded the MyCC portal to prepare for the future requirements, growth, and expectations of a portal environment at Cambridge College. The updated MyCC provides a multitude of new features that will simplify the lives of students and faculty, including a user friendly interface, easier navigation, faster results, and access to news, events, college email, a message center, online admission, online transactions and online advising. To access MyCC portal please go to: <https://MyCC.cambridgecollege.edu>. If you have any questions or problems please visit the helpdesk website: <http://helpdesk.cambridgecollege.edu>.

School of Education

- On March 9th, Dr. Sandra Bridwell presented a paper entitled, "New Voices on Adult Learner Transformation: Theory and Practice," at the Women Expanding Literacy Action Resource Network 2006 Annual Conference.
- Dr. Dan W. Butin, Assistant Professor in the Doctor of Education degree program in Educational Leadership, presented a paper at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) Conference in Chicago, IL, entitled "Dark Times Indeed: The Marginalization and Future of the Social Foundations Field." Dr. Butin was also the keynote speaker at Lasell College's (Newton, MA) "Readers as Leaders" conference, where he spoke on the topic of "Educational Inequities in America." Finally, Dr. Butin was the guest editor of a theme issue, which was just published, on "Service-Learning and Social Justice Education" for the journal *Equity & Excellence in Education*. In addition to editing the issue, Dr. Butin contributed an article entitled "Justice-Learning: Service-Learning as Justice-Oriented Education."

Chesapeake Regional Center

- On April 21st and 28th, the Center hosted Open Houses for prospective students. The Open Houses were great successes both weekends, attracting and informing interested parties about the Chesapeake Regional Center's summer and fall terms and the benefits of a Cambridge College education.

Ontario Regional Center

- The Center will be holding a "Celebration of Success" in honor of its recent graduates on June 2nd. The President of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce Mark Smiley will open the ceremony and Cambridge College Life Trustee Joan Goldsmith will serve as the keynote speaker at the event.
- Center Assistant Director Gregory White announced that the Center is in the process of creating articulation agreements with Community Colleges in the area.
- Mr. White also announced that the Master's of Management program will be offered at the Ontario Regional Center beginning in the fall term.

Lawrence Regional Center

- The Cambridge College Lawrence Regional Center, in conjunction with the Jericho Road Project and the Lawyers Clearinghouse on Affordable Housing and Homelessness, Inc., will present a Workshop on Nonprofit Incorporation on Thursday, May 24th from 7-9:30 p.m. at Cambridge College, 60 Island Street, Lawrence. The seminar will provide general information on the requirements of incorporating in Massachusetts and filing for tax-exempt status with the IRS. The workshop is free! For more information, call 978-604-8803.
- The Center is offering a free course on Internet and Core Computing Certification (IC3) instruction. The certification training is offered May 14th through June 1st and concludes with the IC3 testing during the week of June 4 -8th at the Lawrence Regional Center. IC3 is the internationally recognized standard for digital literacy and over 140 countries recognize the IC3 Certificate. This program is available for individuals from the Merrimack Valley region who are unemployed or underemployed and who have a GED, with English

language skills and basic computer knowledge. The three week program runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and includes testing practice. For more information or to apply for the training, call 978-738-0502 ext 1474.

- The Center is hosting its annual Poetry Celebration as part of National Poetry Month on Friday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m. at Cambridge College, 60 Island Street, Lawrence. Students, staff and faculty will read their original work and display their art. Light refreshments will be served.
- The Center announces its summer 2007 Information Sessions. The individual sessions will take place at 6:00 p.m. at 60 Island Street, Lawrence on May 1st, 3rd, 8th, 15th, 24th and 29th. For more information on the sessions or enrolling in a summer program at Cambridge College, call 1-800-877-4723. Orientation and registration for new students will take place on Tuesday, June 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the Lawrence Regional Center.
- The Center announces the third annual "Celebration of Achievement – Commit, Achieve, Celebrate" in honor of the Class of 2007 on Friday, June 1st at 6 p.m. The celebration will take place in the garden level of the Bell Tower Courtyard, 60 Island Street, which is also part of Cambridge College's expanded campus in Lawrence. More details will follow in the next Community News Blast.

Development & Alumni Affairs

- The Springfield Alumni Advisory Committee met on April 23rd. Six members of the committee gathered at the Springfield Regional Center to discuss and brainstorm the coming year's activities. The committee is charged with recruiting new students for the College, reaching out to alumni, and raising money for the College. The next meeting is scheduled for May 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Springfield Regional Center.
- The Cambridge Alumni will be hosting a Cocktail Social Networking Hour on May 15th from 6-8:00 p.m. at the Middle East Restaurant in Central Square. All alumni and faculty are welcome to attend.
- The Alumni Office is hosting a Chesapeake Alumni Open House on May 19th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Chesapeake Regional Center. The event is scheduled for the night before Commencement and will be a great opportunity for alumni to reconnect with classmates, faculty, and staff.
- Questions regarding any alumni event or committee, please contact Christina Gajewski at christina.gajewski@cambridgecollege.edu or Dr. Gerri Major at geraldine.major@cambridgecollege.edu.

School of Psychology and Counseling

- Dr. Joel Ziff was the featured speaker at the 12th Annual Irving M Rosen, MD, Memorial Program at Butler Hospital in Providence, RI. Dr. Ziff spoke on "The dynamic balance of hope and acceptance: Utilizing psychological, religious, and spiritual resources in times of crisis."
- Dr. Diane Boettcher recently participated on a team conducting a program evaluation of the school counseling department for a school system in western Massachusetts. The goal was to review the PK-12 activities in light of the new Massachusetts Model for School Counseling and make recommendations for alignment. The standards-based model was recently developed in conjunction with the Mass School Counselors Association and the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Office of Admission and Enrollment

- The Office invites you to join in a Dynamic Workshop to learn about our graduate and undergraduate programs at Cambridge College on Saturday, May 5th at 10 a.m. at 1000 Massachusetts Avenue. Admission Counselors will be on hand to explain the undergraduate and graduate programs and to answer any questions prospective students might have. Interested parties can also apply on the spot. For more information, call 1-800-877-4723.
- On Friday, May 11th, Magic 106.7 is presenting its 10th Annual Exceptional Women Awards. Cambridge College is a proud sponsor of the 2007 Exceptional Women Awards which honors the accomplishments of six women in the areas of business, courage, communication, trailblazing, community service and healthcare. The Office of Admission and Enrollment will host a booth at the event to answer questions about the College.

Student Academic Support Services

- The College's Career Center hosted its first job fair on April 26th. The job fair attracted 23 recruiters, about 140 students, and alumni and members of the Cambridge community. Among the recruiters were the City of Cambridge, Bulfinch, the Pine Street Inn, Vinfen, the Skill Bureau, Laufer & Associates, and Staples. Psych Support, a company started by a School of Psychology and Counseling alumna, was also present. Feedback from the recruiters was very positive. The recruiters collected resumes and applications and set up interviews with students. Several recruiters expressed an interest in continuing a working relationship with the College's Career Center. They offered to do workshops for students and inquired about plans for the next job fair.



A Cambridge College student gets information from one of the many recruiters at the Job Fair on April 26th

Cambridge College Alumni

- Cambridge College alumnus Sandy Francis '92 hosted "An Evening with Mayor Kenneth Reeves" at his new Serene Chocolates store on Wednesday, April 18th. Mr. Francis's store is located on the lower level of 1105 Massachusetts Avenue.
- Alumna Cassandra Cato-Louis '06, Artistic Director of the African Repertory Troupe, helped coordinate an evening of music and art to pay tribute to musical icon Dr. Nina Simone. The concert was part of JazzBoston week.
- Cambridge College alumna Antionette Hughes '06, a One Family Fellow, spoke at the Mothers of Inspiration 2007 tea. The event honored the One Family Scholars. Ms.

Hughes is a graduate of the Cambridge College Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies program and is continuing her education at Simmons College.

Office of Human Resources

- John Bove has been promoted to Assistant Dean of the Health Care Management Program.
- Leslie Pirtle has returned to Cambridge College as an Assistant for the Health Care Management program.
- Jessica D'Amico has been hired as an Office Manager for the Schott Foundation.
- Janet Jones has joined Cambridge College as the Coordinator for the Dudley Neighborhood College Project.

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