

Cambridge College Community News Blast (5/22/08)

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, June 2nd** in order to be considered for the next installment.

Thank you and enjoy!

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- Cambridge College recently joined the Commonwealth Compact organization, an initiative to make Massachusetts a location of choice for people of color. Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino and U-Mass Boston Chancellor J. Keith Motley are hosting a meeting Friday, May 23rd from 8-9:30 a.m. in the U-Mass Boston Campus Center Ballroom in Boston. Any Cambridge College staff, faculty or administrator is encouraged to attend to learn more about this important organization. Visit the Commonwealth Compact event website at www.compactlaunch.umb.edu for more information and to RSVP, as space is limited.
- With the help of Bruce Grigsby, Director of International Students, the College has donated its used computers and television to the Salvation Army Cambridge Corps. The computers are being used by people to train and to improve their skills, resulting in better employability.

School of Management

- John A. Bove, Associate Dean and Director of the Cambridge College Health Care Management program, was honored by the Taunton State Hospital (TSH) Board of Trustees on May 15th. TSH recognized Mr. Bove's longtime service to the hospital by dedicating the TSH Chambers Auditorium in his name. "This is a great honor, I am quite stunned," said Mr. Bove, who served on the TSH Board of Trustees for 22 years and as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for 20 years (1987-2007). "There have been many people who have supported me through my years of service. This was not an individual effort, it has been a team effort and I appreciate it. This is one of the biggest honors of my life." Mr. Bove began his tenure with TSH when his daughter, Katherine, was admitted to the hospital for treatment of schizophrenia. "In order to fully understand mental health, you have to be able to feel it, to taste it, to wrap your arms around it every day," he said. Mr. Bove added that when his daughter did not receive the proper treatment, he stepped in and began advocating for those like Katherine who did not have a voice of their own.

Mr. Bove was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 1987 by then Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis to help clean up the hospital and has been continuously appointed by all the governors as they succeed each other. During his service, Mr. Bove accomplished many significant things, including helping to secure \$17.9 million to build a new power plant and gymnasium and to refurbish one of the hospital dormitories. One of the first things Mr. Bove did in his new position was to make sure that there was fresh spring water in the hospital (and all other state hospitals) and secured air conditioning and furniture in all of the TSH rooms. He also improved the patient-doctor ratio while he was there, ensuring that each patient was able to get the appropriate personal attention and treatment he or she deserved. When he left in December 2007, TSH was in line to receive another \$10 million from the legislature for renovations and upgrades of existing buildings.



(Left) John Bove and his wife, Jean, with the dedication plaque; (right) Mr. Bove gives a moving acceptance reflection.

School of Psychology and Counseling

- The School of Psychology and Counseling will hold its annual Convocation on Friday, May 30th, from 6- 8 p.m. in Room 152 at 1000 Massachusetts Avenue. The title of this year's Convocation is "Developing New Leaders for Social Change: A Conversation with Benjamin F. Thompson, Executive Director of STRIVE." Mr. Thompson is an SOPC alumnus, having been a student of Dr. John Carew's many years ago, and is very pleased to be invited back to speak. Mr. Thompson will talk to SOPC students about the work he has done with incarcerated men and his vision for the future. Mr. Thompson's organization, STRIVE, helps its clients regain their self esteem and develop behaviors that will give them independence in the workplace and in the community. Mr. Thompson will be introduced by Cambridge College Chancellor and Interim President Eileen Brown.

The convocation celebrates the success of the students and, through their accomplishments, the success of the School. Faculty, students and SOPC alumni are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Verene Lancaster at Verene.lancaster@cambridgecollege.edu. Last year's event was very well attended and enjoyed by all; SOPC expects that this year's Convocation will be just as memorable.

School of Education

- The Department of Educational Leadership is pleased to announce the admission of 22 new students to the doctoral program. Sixteen of them are joining Cohort 3 for the doctoral residency this summer, bringing the Cohort to a total of 32 students. The rest are joining Cohort 4 in CAGS-level coursework and will begin the doctoral residency in summer of 2009. Cohort 4 now has 13 students and will continue to grow over the summer, fall, and spring admission cycles. The fall deadline for applicants wishing to join Cohort 4 is July 15th. Below are the demographics for Cohort 3:
 - 81% live outside Massachusetts, representing nine states
 - 78% are female
 - 69% are from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups
 - 62% completed post-master's work at Cambridge College

- 50% are classroom teachers; 25% are administrators (e.g., principals, superintendents, and other administrative positions); 25% fill other educational positions (e.g., school psychologists, non-profit leaders)
 - Average age: 39 years
 - Average field experience: 13 years
- On Saturday, May 12th, Dr. Shirley Handler, Coordinator of Health/Family and Consumer Services Program, received an award recognizing her "dedication and contributions to the Boston Public Schools Middle School Girls' Conference" on the tenth anniversary of the conference. Dr. Handler helped to develop and implement the Boston Public Schools Middle School Girls' Conference during the time she spent with the school district.

Chesapeake, VA Regional Center

- The Chesapeake Regional Center hosted its first Alumni Wine & Cheese Reception at the Greenbrier Country Club on Saturday, May 17th. Many of the alumni brought guests to share in the event. Among the alumni and their guests were Chancellor Eileen Brown, Associate Vice President Jim Waldman, Chesapeake Regional Center Director Christopher Sawyer, Acting Executive Vice President Dr. Joseph Daisy, Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Joseph Reed, Acting Vice President of Development Judy Groleau and Dean of the School of Education Dr. Anthony DeMatteo. Guests mingled in an effort to get to know one another while the new Chesapeake Regional Center television commercial played. At the end of the evening, each of the alumni received a beautifully etched Cambridge College glass paper weight. The entire event was organized under the leadership of Chloe Jones, Enrollment Counselor for Chesapeake Center.



Chancellor Brown (center) and new Chesapeake Regional Center Director Chris Sawyer (far left) pose with alumni at the reception.

- The Chesapeake Regional Center held its 2nd Celebration on Sunday, May 18th at the Suffolk Hilton Garden Inn in Suffolk, VA. Over 900 people joined together to help celebrate the occasion. Dr. Allan "Bud" Livers, an instructor in Chesapeake, was the Master of Ceremony while Chloe Jones delivered the Invocation. Associate Vice President Jim Waldman welcomed the 130 soon-to-be graduates. Lisa Watson (Bachelor of Arts), Cara Swan (Master of Education), and Michael Mackey (Master of Management) each delivered moving graduate reflections regarding their unique Cambridge College experiences. Mr. Mackey shared his most memorable Cambridge College experience; when he was called to serve as a United States liaison in Afghanistan for sixth months, he was devastated that this would cut into his educational pursuit. "Professor William McMican

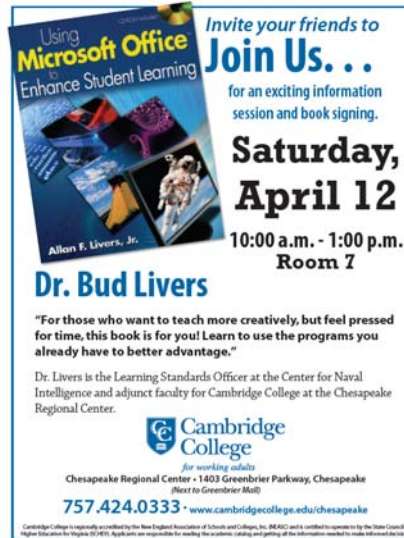
took me to the store and bought a webcam for me and a webcam for the College. I was able to conduct my classes through the cameras and didn't miss a beat," he said.

Chancellor Brown delivered the keynote address, telling the graduates that it was a great honor to be at the celebration and to see reality outdistance one's dream. "The strengths that got you to this moment will help you move forward," she said. "You have done a lot to change your own lives, now you have an obligation to go forward and to help others change their lives. Each of us has things to teach, and each of us has things to learn. You must leave here and not only be a lifelong teacher, but a lifelong learner. We are making the American Dream as it was meant to be." Dean of the School of Education Dr. Anthony DeMatteo, who delivered the Charge to the Graduates, echoed the Chancellor's remarks. "You now have to take our mission and your new knowledge and improve the lives of others. I challenge you to use your talents to make a difference," he said. Following the ceremony, there was a reception on the hotel veranda with cake and punch for the graduates and their families. The Center would like to thank everyone who worked on making this year's Chesapeake Celebration a real success, with a special thanks to Dr. Ella Benson and Erin Lagey.



Chesapeake Regional Center graduates celebrate.

- On Saturday, April 12th the Chesapeake Regional Center hosted a book signing for all students at the Center. Dr. Livers was on hand to sign copies of his book, Using Microsoft Office to Enhance Student Learning. Dr. Livers is a senior adjunct faculty for Cambridge College at the Chesapeake Regional Center and is also the Learning Standards Officer at the Center for Naval Intelligence. The turnout was impressive and many books were sold and signed. After the signing, a woman from Barnes and Noble approached Dr. Livers and invited him to be a part of a future, multi-author book signing to be held at Barnes and Noble.



An image of the flyer advertising the book signing.

Springfield, MA Regional Center

- The Cambridge College Springfield Regional Center was present at the Business Market Show held at the MassMutual Center in downtown Springfield on Wednesday, May 7th. In addition to receiving over 25 inquiries, Center Director Rick Turner and his staff of Meaghan Prendergast and Tanya Wdowiak, made connections with other local businesses and schools. The Center received some news coverage as well; the College's display was in many of the general show shots used on the local news!
- The Springfield Regional Center is beginning a partnership with the Big Y supermarket chain, which is headquartered in Springfield. The College will provide education to Big Y employees. The Center held its first information session on Friday, May 9th.
- The Springfield Regional Center has been invited by Gold's Gym of West Springfield, MA to be part of their new community information center. The information center will feature only five regional companies who provide a great service to the community, and Cambridge College is the only college among the five! Gold's Gym of West Springfield is the region's largest gym, serving the greater Springfield and also northern Connecticut area. They have also asked for other ways to collaborate on local education initiatives, so stay tuned.

Development Office

- Genzyme Corporation has announced its continued support for the College's Medical Interpreter Training Program (MITP) for 2008-09. Genzyme helped establish MITP in 2000 and has funded it every year since then as the program expanded into new areas such as Mental Health Interpreting (2006-07) and American Sign Language Medical Interpreting (2007-08). Over 2008-09, Genzyme funds will upgrade language lab equipment and once again add to MITP curriculum, this year in Telephone Interpreting and Medical Translation. Over 400 students, native speakers of 15 different languages, have earned Medical Interpreter Certificates since 2000, and they work in dozens of hospital and health care centers in the greater Boston area to provide a critical service to both patients and medical professionals. A recent report on health care access funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts underscored the need for Medical Interpreters: "Incorrect

diagnosis and treatment lead to increased morbidity or even mortality when providers are not able to effectively communicate with their patients with limited English skills.”

Marketing & Enrollment Department

- The Marketing & Enrollment Department has created a new billboard promoting the South Boston, VA Regional Center. The billboard, which went up on Thursday, May 1st, is eye catching. It is located at an intersection, so while people are stopped at a red light, they will be able to see the billboard and have time to gather the information.



The billboard location: RT.58 .75 MI.E/O RT.501-SOUTH BOSTON FW.

- The Department is working very hard on the new versions of the view book. The new view book will be Center specific, containing all the necessary information regarding that particular Center. Each Center having its own view book will make it easier for students to find the information they are looking for and will help promote the individual Centers and their programs. In this new version of the view book, there is also a section where an enrollment counselor can add a personal note and his or her business card.
- Marketing & Enrollment has successfully launched their new Online Marketing and Advertising Request system (OMAR). The system was designed to make Cambridge College's Marketing Department equally available to all centers and to maintain an organizational system accessible to all marketing team members. Its user friendly platform and organized setup are among the favorite attributes of current users. Springfield Regional Center employee Meaghan Prendergast said: "Using OMAR has really helped me organize and keep track of my marketing projects. Because it keeps track of all jobs, including the ones that are already done, I can go back and easily request modifications of pieces already done, rather than sorting through all my files to find what I want. Plus, I can log in at the beginning of the day and keep track of all my marketing updates on that one page. It has saved a lot of time for me and I have noticed projects have been getting done ahead of schedule!"

Alumni News

- Mr. Tom Smigiel, a 2004 graduate of the Chesapeake Regional Center with his Masters in School Administration, was nominated for the National Teacher of the Year Award. In October 2007, Mr. Smigiel was nominated for and won Virginia Teacher of the Year, staking claim as the first Norfolk

teacher to win this award in many years. He then became one of the four nominees for National Teacher of the Year and went to Washington, D.C. to be recognized by the President of the United States. While Mr. Smigiel did not win National Teacher of the Year, the College is extremely proud of his accomplishments. Mr. Smigiel has taught at his alma mater, Norview High School in Norfolk, VA, for the last eight years. He started out teaching Earth Science and is now teaching a Teen Leadership course that he overhauled. This class teaches students how to manage their finances, proper hygiene, anti-bullying, and much more. It is now a class that is mandatory for all 9th grade students. Mr. Smigiel's wife, Shannon Walsh, is also a graduate of Cambridge College; she graduated in 2004 with her Masters of School Guidance Counseling.



Mr. Smigiel at the White House, waiting to find out whether he won National Teacher of the Year.
(Photo courtesy of the Associated Press)

- Ms. Ellen Gambardella, CDA, M.Ed, and a 1992 graduate of Cambridge College, was selected for the Dr. Ernest LeClaire Educator of the Year award by the Massachusetts Dental Society and the Standing Committee on Allied Dental Health Professions. This prestigious award was presented to her by Dr. Stephen Stone at the Crowne Plaza in Natick, MA. Ms. Gambardella is the director of dental assisting at the Minuteman School of Applied Arts and Sciences in Lexington, MA. She designed a non-traditional dental assisting program for adults which was cited as being progressive and one which graduates highly skilled dental assistants. Dr. Stone thanked Gambardella "for her many years of innovative, dedicated, and impassioned teaching in the field of allied dental education, and in the highest ideals of the dental team. She is a joy to know and very worthy of this distinguished award." In addition to teaching at Minuteman, Ellen is a prominent speaker at dental conferences nationwide and internationally, has published numerous articles, holds patents, serves on the Massachusetts Department of Education Vocational Teacher Testing committee and is an OSHA Authorized Trainer #501 by the United States Department of Labor.



Ms. Gambardella is a proud Cambridge College alumna, stating that "attending Cambridge College is one of the best accomplishments I have experienced."

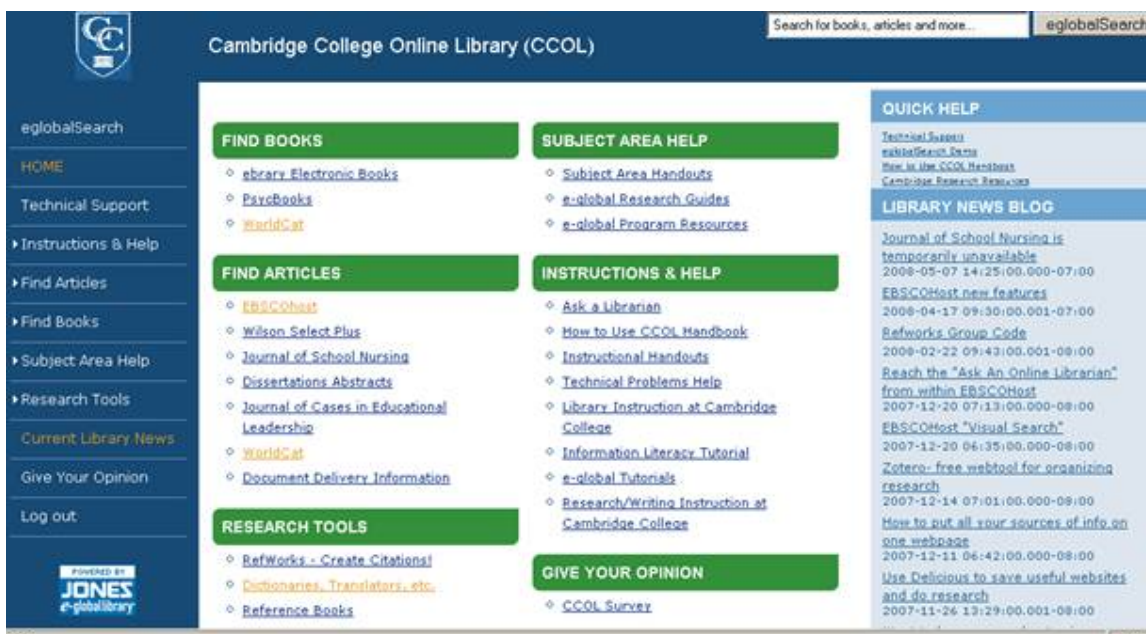
- Earlier this month, Chancellor Brown sent a letter to Brockton, MA area alumni regarding their fellow alumna, the late Mary Baker (M.Ed. 1980). This spring, the late Mary Baker's daughter, Denise Baker-Bradley, started a letter writing campaign to help rally support for a memorial to her mother; she would like the city of Brockton to name one of the two new elementary schools the city is building after her mother. Mary Baker was a quiet, humble leader and according to her daughter, she was also a "trailblazer." She was the first African-American to work at Brockton City Hall and dedicated 14 years of her life to diversifying the Massasoit Community College campus as the Director for Community Outreach. She was also involved with Teen Challenge and with the Brockton branch of the NAACP. The city has narrowed the nominees to three, and Baker is one of them. The naming process will continue throughout the summer with a decision coming in late July or August. If you knew Mary Baker or would like to express your support for this memorial, please send a letter to Brockton City Hall, c/o Moises Rodrigues, 45 School St., Brockton MA 02301. **If you would like to read more about Mary Baker's life and her daughter's mission to honor her, please read the attached article.**

International Student Office

- The International Student Office held their second successful Optical Practical Training workshop on Tuesday, May 20th. Due to many changing regulations, the office organized this workshop in order to update the international students so that they are able to stay in compliance with immigration regulations. With many students in attendance, the office was able to communicate the new information in detail as well as answer questions.
- On Friday May 9th, Director of International Students Bruce Grigsby represented the College at the Somerville/ Cambridge Corps. Salvation Army Annual Awards Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge. Mr. Grigsby has been a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board for the last five years.

Library Services

- Cambridge College Online Library (CCOL) is getting a new and improved look! The library has looked the same since it first "turned on" in 2001. Since then, web designers have learned a lot about making sites more user-friendly. By the start of Summer term on June 9th, and probably earlier, when you go to CCOL you will see a whole new look which will be very much like the picture below. Everything within the CCOL will work the same: all that has changed is the opening page.



The new site and revised "How to Use CCOL Handbook" are currently being tested by members of the Library Strategic Planning Committee and the College Senate Academic Technology Committee. If anyone else would like to try the new site and provide feedback, send an email to maida.tilchen@cambridgecollege.edu. When the new site is launched, revised versions of the "How to Use CCOL Handbook" and all other library instructional materials will be made available on the public webpage <http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/research.cfm> and within the CCOL. The "Faculty Library Handbook" and the various instructional materials and scripts for helping faculty learn to use and teach students about the CCOL and our other library services and resources will also be revised. The College hopes that everyone will find CCOL easier to use. If you would like further information about any aspect of our library services, don't hesitate to contact Maida at maida.tilchen@cambridgecollege.edu.

Human Resources and Administration News

- The Office of Human Resources would like to announce the College's newest employees:
 - Stephen Lyons has been hired as a NITE Enrollment Counselor.
 - Nadia Doubli has joined the College as an Enrollment Counselor for the School of Management.
- On Wednesday, May 14th the Office of Human Resources hosted the 5th Annual Benefits Fair. The jungle-themed occasion provided the College community with an opportunity to mingle with colleagues while enjoying delectable munchies and perusing tables of local business offering services to College employees. The College's health care and dental providers were also on hand to answer any questions regarding their respective plans and options, as the College's benefits enrollment period ends May 31st.



Cambridge College employees (Media Manager Wendell Seale above) visited businesses at the Benefits Fair.

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