

Cambridge College Community News Blast (5/30/07)

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, June 11th** in order to be considered for the next installment.

Thank you and enjoy!

Office of the President

- On Tuesday, May 15th, 30 individuals from West Belfast/Greater Shankill of Northern Ireland gathered at the Cambridge College Lawrence Regional Center to listen as a panel shared ideas about business, education and the community. The College hosted the panel as part of the Trade Mission and Urban Regeneration Conference being held throughout the week in Boston and Lawrence. Panelists included President Mahesh Sharma, Executive Director and founding member of the Lawrence Family Development and Education Fund Patricia Foley Karl, Head of School at Esperanza Academy Laurie Bottiger, Superintendent of Lawrence Public Schools Dr. Wilfredo Laboy, Executive Director of the Merrimack Valley Workforce Investment Board Frederick Carberry, and President of Northern Essex Community College Dr. David Hartleb. President Sharma, who has worked with Northern Ireland for over 20 years, spoke about the differences and similarities between education in Northern Ireland and the United States. "Education is not over when you pass a certain age group," said President Sharma, adding that institutions like Cambridge College are here to offer adults these opportunities to further their education later in their lives.



President Sharma speaks to the audience during the panel on May 15th.

- President Sharma has been invited to join the Massachusetts Early Education and Care and Out-of-school Time Workforce Development Task Force. "I am very honored to be asked to join this very important task force," President Sharma wrote in his acceptance letter. "Cambridge College and I are committed to the workforce development strategies and programs for early education care and out of school time in our state."

- In late March, President Sharma participated in the Head Start Roundtable discussions with Virginia Congressman Robert C. Scott in Newport News, Virginia. The group addressed several issues and concerns regarding the Head Start Reauthorization bill that will be presented to the House of Representatives.

International Programs

- Marking an academic milestone for the institution, Cambridge College is unveiling an unprecedented executive training program for an elite group of China's corporate leaders. Beginning Thursday, May 31st, Cambridge College will host 30 senior administrators and chief executives from the Shandong Province in China for a three month education training program which will deepen their understanding of American business practices and culture through a series of seminars, visits to prominent corporations, and participation in American social and cultural life. To learn more about this program, please see attached press release.

Cambridge College Commencement

- The Cambridge College IT Department is extremely pleased to announce that the Cambridge College 2007 Commencement Exercises will be streaming live via the Internet on Sunday June 10th. To access the webcast, there will be a link available on the Cambridge College commencement website which will direct you to the video (<http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/commencement07>). In order to view the video, you will need a free copy of QuickTime player and access to a broadband/high-speed Internet connection. The IT Department will provide a link to Apple, which will allow you to download a copy of the player if you do not have one.
- The 2007 Cambridge College Medal recipients who will be honored at the June 10th ceremony have been announced. The Community Medal will be presented to President of the Oral Health Foundation **Ralph Fuccillo**; the Alumni Medal will be awarded to Assistant Clerk Magistrate for the Roxbury Courthouse **Kevin Russell '87** (M.Ed. in Management Studies); and the Faculty Medal will be awarded to Cambridge College School of Psychology and Counseling Professor **Leroy Kelly**. The College will also posthumously award a Faculty Medal to Cambridge College professor **Dr. Carol Munnely**, who passed away last November.
- The Chesapeake Regional Center held its first commencement ceremony and celebration on Sunday, May 20th at the Chesapeake Conference Center. Hundreds of graduates from the classes of 2001-2005 crossed the stage. Attorney Julius Chambers, who served as the commencement speaker, urged the graduates to focus on helping underprivileged populations. Marian Flickinger, President of the Norfolk Federation of Teachers, also received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree. She told the audience that educators represent the future of America and the graduates need to do their part in enhancing education in Virginia classrooms. Mr. Chambers and Ms. Flickinger's full remarks can be found on the Cambridge College Commencement website under the Chesapeake tab.

Puerto Rico Regional Center

- The Cambridge College Puerto Rico Regional Center held its fourth annual "Celebration of Achievements" on May 6th. Dr. Justo Méndez, who served as the keynote speaker,

challenged the graduates to commit to the urgent reforms needed in the educational system in Puerto Rico. The student speakers were School Administration student Solymar Figueroa and English as a Second Language student Darold Foote. Also honored at the ceremony was Mr. Jaime Perelló '05, who received the 2007 Mission Accomplished Award for his significant contributions to the community as the Puerto Rico Governor's Counselor on Municipal Affairs. Next year the Regional Center will be celebrating its first Graduation Ceremony on May 4, 2008.

Director of the Regional Center Dr. Pedro Schuck welcomed the attendees and graduates and presented the new Cambridge College Puerto Rico Regional Center video titled "The History of a Vision." The video is available in two versions: Spanish, and Spanish with English subtitles at www.cambridgecollege.edu/puertorico.



A scene from the Puerto Rico Regional Center celebration.

Lawrence Regional Center

- On Thursday, May 24th, Cambridge College collaborated with Jericho Road Lawrence and Lawyers Clearinghouse to present a legal seminar for nonprofits, led by the experienced tax-exempt organization specialist, Attorney David W. Adams. At this group session, Attorney Adams assisted organizations in understanding the complicated processes of formalizing a nonprofit in Massachusetts by addressing such issues as the advantages and disadvantages of becoming a nonprofit and how to incorporate and structure the nonprofit.

Information Technology

- The Cambridge College IT Department announces that all classrooms at 1000 Massachusetts Avenue and 80 Prospect Street have been upgraded to "New Media" classrooms, equipped with LCD projectors capable of showing either computer data or video images. The rooms also have a sound system and internet connections. Peripheral equipment like VCRs, DVD/CD players, visual presenters and document cameras can now be seamlessly integrated into the system. Each classroom also has instructions posted next to the control panel for easy use. The IT Department will be providing training for

Faculty and Administrators on the use of this equipment in the near future. If you need assistance using or accessing the equipment in the lectern please call the IT helpdesk at 617-680-1844 or call extension x1159.

School of Management

- John Bove, Assistant Dean of Health Care Management, has been elected President Emeritus of Taunton State Hospital.
- Dr. Clark C. Abt has been named a Distinguished Professor of Management in the School of Management. Dr. Abt is the Founder and Chairman of Abt. Associates, a social research and consulting firm in Cambridge. He has published over twenty books and numerous articles on a wide range of subjects. Most recently, Dr. Abt has been teaching the course *Terrorism & Disaster Management in a Healthcare Setting* with John Bove and has moderated several Cambridge College pandemic flu simulation events. A reception was held in honor of Dr. Abt on May 8th.



Dr. Abt receives a plaque from President Mahesh Sharma at the May 8th event.

School of Psychology and Counseling

- The School will host a convocation entitled "Class, Race, Ethnicity and Gender: Threads in the Fabric of Cambridge College's Mission," on Monday, June 4th from 6-8 p.m. in Room 152 at 1000 Massachusetts Avenue. The program will feature a conversation with Chancellor and Founder Eileen Moran Brown and President Mahesh Sharma, moderated by Dr. Niti Seth, Dean of the School of Psychology and Counseling. A light buffet supper will be served. Please RSVP by calling 617-876-5859 or email cesidia.bennington@cambridgecollege.edu.

Development & Alumni Affairs

- A well-attended Alumni reception was held on Saturday, May 19th at the Chesapeake Regional Center. Over 60 alumni and graduates gathered to mingle and reminisce about their Cambridge College experience. Commencement speaker and Attorney Julius Chambers also attended the event, reuniting with some of the Cambridge College alumni and also his former students when he was the Chancellor of North Carolina Central University. The energy level was high and the alumni were enthusiastic about starting a chapter in Chesapeake. Activities will continue throughout the summer to launch the Chesapeake chapter.

- On Tuesday, May 15th the Cambridge Alumni Advisory Committee hosted a Social Networking Event at the Middle East Restaurant in Central Square. There were over 30 alumni who attended the event, all of them excited to know that Cambridge College is reaching out to them through the formation of Alumni groups. The event generated great enthusiasm and encouragement to continue offering similar events in the future.



Several Alumni enjoying themselves at the Networking Event at the Middle East Restaurant on May 15th.

- If you have questions concerning any Alumni events or need additional information, please contact Christina Gajewski at christina.gajewski@cambridgecollege.edu or 617.873.0430.

Institute for Responsive Education

- Dr. Jorge Cardoso will serve as a panelist at a forum presented by the Rennie Center for Education Research & Policy. The forum, "Seeking Effective Policies and Practices for English Language Learners," will be held on May 31st at the Courtyard Marriot in Marlborough. Visit http://www.renniecenter.org/events_docs/event.html?id=38 for more information.

Media Services

- Maida Tilchen, Project Manager for Library Services, received the Mary MacIsaac Award for Outstanding Service from the Friends of the Somerville Public Library on May 8th. Ms. Tilchen received the award to recognize her volunteer work.

Faculty Data and Contracts Administrator

- On May 5th, Nelleen Chandler Knight received the 2007 Community Service Award from the Boston & Vicinity Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. Ms. Knight was given the award for demonstrating long-term involvement, commitment and dedication, providing many years and many hours of strong leadership and volunteer service to her family, her Church family and the surrounding communities.

Cambridge College Alumni

- Cassandra Cato Louis '06 wrote and directed a skit about Mattapan which was performed as part of the City Spotlights Event at the Citi Performing Arts Center Shubert Theater on

Friday, May 11th. The event was a free cultural performance celebrating four Boston neighborhoods including Mattapan, Chinatown, Dorchester, and East Boston.

- On Friday, May 4th, Vice President Emeritus of the Alumni College, Dr. John Grassi '72, was interviewed by Lillian Travaglini '03 on her Cable television show, "The Learning Center." Dr. Grassi gave a presentation on the human brain and recent discoveries concerning its activity.

Building Management

- Cambridge College leased a 22,034-square-foot building located at 17 Monsignor O'Brien Highway in Cambridge. The building, built in 1984, is in the East Cambridge/Kendall Square area and will house the School of Management.

Office of Human Resources

- On Wednesday, May 16th the Office of Human Resources hosted a Benefits Fair for Cambridge College employees in Room 152. The afternoon was filled with information from vendors like MetLife, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Bank of America and Crosby Benefits System. Perhaps even more important, the fair brought out the "fun side" of the Cambridge College Office of Human Resources featuring great food, fun, and games, including a limbo contest and conga line!



Human Resources Manager Trudy Reddicks relaxes at the Benefits Fair (left) while President Sharma and Development Grant Writer Jody Avtges learn a little more about Aflac (right).

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