

Cambridge College Community News Blast (6/18/08)

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 30th** in order to be considered for the next installment.

Thank you and enjoy!

Cambridge College Commencements

- Nearly 700 graduates celebrated the power of education at Cambridge College's 37th Commencement on June 8th at the Bank of America Pavilion on Boston's Waterfront. "Education has the power to transform and save lives," said First Lady Diane B. Patrick during her Commencement address. "But I've learned that when little is expected, little is achieved."
Mrs. Patrick said that education helped her husband, Governor Deval Patrick, change his path and save his life when he was a young teenager growing up in inner-city Chicago. Mrs. Patrick spoke about the low expectations that society holds for some of its children, insisting that these low expectations are responsible for the achievement gap in the United States. "Learned hopelessness is the feeling that nothing can change. When there is so little to suggest that one can succeed, he or she is tracked for failure. You are not the typical graduates; you have shown extraordinary discipline and strength. We celebrate you who have achieved despite barriers and potholes along the way. You can now speak about hope and teach hope to others," she said. Mrs. Patrick charged the graduates to invoke a cycle of learned optimism, to teach children to look up, not down and to set their sights high, not low. "It only takes each of you to make a difference in one life. Our children need your help," she added.

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(Left): Chancellor Brown poses with honorary degree recipients Ray Handlan and Diane Patrick, who was also the commencement speaker. (Right): Three graduates enjoy the celebration.

- On Saturday, June 14th, the Cambridge College Puerto Rico Regional Center held its first Commencement ceremony. Over 100 graduates indulged in the inspirational theme of the afternoon, which focused on the power of education to create a change in Puerto Rico. "It has

been said that if we can see at a distance it is because we are on the shoulders of a giant," said Chancellor Brown, who delivered her welcome remarks in Spanish. "You must leave here and not only be a lifelong teacher, but a lifelong learner. You have to be the change you want to see in the world."

Keynote speaker Dr. Jose Vargas Vidot, a medical doctor who traded in the white coat to work on the street, has spent the last 15 years working trying to improve the lives of others. He began his work trying to help those infected with HIV and is now the Executive Director of Iniciativa Comunitaria, an organization dedicated to similar work. "Social change will never come from those who promise it," said Vargas Vidot. "You can come to Cambridge College and turn strategic desire into proactive behavior. I look out at you graduates and see those of you who have not lost the capability to dream," he added.

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(Left) Acting Executive Vice President Dr. Joe Daisy, Chancellor Brown, Puerto Rico Regional Center Director Dr. Pedro Schuck, Dean of the School of Education Dr. Tony DeMatteo and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Joe Reed.
(Right) Dr. Schuck congratulates a student as she crosses the stage.

Cambridge College Community News

- On Wednesday, June 4th Cambridge College reminded the public how much of a difference the College makes in a student's life, and in turn, his or her community at its annual scholarship luncheon. The College, which gave out over 300 scholarships in 2008, demonstrated how it remains true to the mission of providing academically excellent, time efficient and cost-effective higher education for a diverse population of working adults. "Someone once told me that when he thinks about Cambridge College, he thinks of it as the community's college. I was extremely proud of that designation," said Chancellor, Founder and Interim President Eileen Brown.

Five scholarship recipients shared their stories with the audience, describing how a second chance at education helped them improve their lives. "A year ago I was homeless," said Michelle Thomson, a 2008 One Family Scholar and Jane Saltonstall Scholarship Recipient. "With persistence and never giving up, I am now a scholar. In one year I will have my Bachelor's degree. Cambridge College gave me and my family back opportunity."

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Scholarship recipients and luncheon speakers (left to right): Arlene Ramos, Julian Jefferson, Sheril Rhodes, Michelle Thomson and Jerome Posey.

- Cambridge College has launched its brand new online memorabilia store. The new store is a convenient way for the College community including the regional centers, the students, and the alums to access a wide array of memorabilia options. Log on to <http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/onlinestore> today to check it out!

School of Psychology and Counseling

- The School of Psychology and Counseling held its annual Convocation on Friday, May 30th in Room 152 at 1000 Massachusetts Avenue. The title of this year's Convocation was "Developing New Leaders for Social Change: A Conversation with Benjamin F. Thompson, Executive Director of STRIVE." Mr. Thompson is an SOPC alumnus has been the Executive Director of STRIVE since 2001 and during his time there he has helped drastically increased the operating budget. Many faculty members, SOPC students and alumni as well as members of the Cambridge College administration were present to hear Mr. Thompson talk about the work he has done with incarcerated men and his vision for the future. Mr. Thompson shared that he found his education at Cambridge College more beneficial than that he received at Harvard (M.P.A) because here, he was connected with people. He maintains his connection with the Cambridge College family because his experience with the College enabled him to find and express his voice. His message to the students was that as a counselor, each person has a great responsibility not only to his or herself but also to the community as a whole. Mr. Thompson charged that: "we must be willing to take risks to break through barriers and embrace differences. If we want to explore new horizons, we must be willing to sail away from sight of the shore. We must trust our own judgment and instincts. We must also be willing to fail," he said.



(Left to right): Vice President of Academic Affairs Joe Reed; Dean of SOPC Niti Seth; Cambridge College alum and speaker Ben Thompson.

- The School of Psychology and Counseling would like to share great news regarding the Certificate for Alcohol and Drug Counseling. Several students from the two cohorts that started in September 2007 from Cambridge and Worcester have successfully completed their 21 credits. These students have satisfied the requirements to receive a Certificate from Cambridge College. Professor Leroy Kelly provided the leadership and commitment to launch this program as part of our Center for Addictions and Rehabilitation Services. Four of the completers are continuing on in the College's Bachelor's program and one will continue in the M.Ed. Alcohol and Drug Counseling program.
- Cambridge College Professor Diane Boettcher has been appointed as the first Executive Director for "Discovering What's Next" (DWN), a community-based non-profit organization engaging mid-life and older adults in the creative exploration of their next life stage. DWN provides connection, direction and opportunities for learning and community involvement. Professor Boettcher served as Director of Guidance and Testing for 12 years. In addition to her work with SOPC, she has been consulting, trying her hand at retail, adventure traveling and serving as President, nurturing the growth of a start up synagogue in her hometown of Winchester. The College extends its very best wishes to Professor Boettcher as she assumes this new leadership role and helps DWN grow and prosper. She may be reached at dianeboettcher@discoveringwhatsnext.com.

Undergraduate College

- On Thursday, May 29th, the *Bay State Banner* featured the work being done at Mother Caroline Academy and Education Center (MCAEC) in Dorchester, MA. The article mentions how Cambridge College is helping the Academy fulfill their mission of educating the whole family; the Undergraduate College, under the direction of Associate Dean James Lee and Nelleen Knight, is offering on-site courses for MCAEC adult constituents to help them on the way to their degrees. To view the article, log on to <http://www.baystatebanner.com/local11-2008-05-29>.

Cambridge College Inland Empire Regional Center in Ontario

- The College would like to announce that there has been a name change to the California Center. The Ontario Regional Center is now officially called the **Cambridge College Inland Empire Regional Center in Ontario**.

Development Office

- The Abbot and Dorothy H. Stevens Foundation has been a consistent supporter of programs and scholarships at the College's Lawrence site since 2002. We are very pleased to report that the Stevens Foundation will provide \$15,000 for the 2008-09 academic year to assist the expansion of Lawrence's Ladder to Language Program. Launched in 2004, the Ladder program will enroll more than 120 participants this year, helping them along to better jobs and improved academic credentials. Ladder to Language is widely recognized for its excellence and receives funding from several private foundations, the City of Lawrence, and corporations in the Merrimack Valley region.

Alumni News

- Tracy Wharton (M.Ed. '00, BA '99) is advancing to doctoral candidacy at the University of Alabama School of Social Work, and has been accepted to Oxford University in England for a second master's degree in Evidence Based Social Intervention. Wharton is currently a research associate of the Center for Mental Health & Aging in Tuscaloosa, AL, and was previously a mental health clinician and Family Based Service Coordinator for MSPCC in the Cape & Islanda region. Her research currently includes compassion fatigue, the training of social workers, and Alzheimer's care giving.
- The Saugus (MA) School Committee has offered its superintendent job to Richard Langlois (C.A.G.S. '08), the current assistant superintendent in the Haverhill school district. Langlois was unanimously voted the next superintendent to succeed Dr. Keith Manville who is retiring at the end of June.
- Theodore Friend (M.Ed. '98) has been promoted to associate superintendent of the Tantasqua (MA) School District. He is expected to take his new post July 1st. Friend previously served as the principal of Tantasqua Junior High since 2005.

Faculty

- Core faculty member Dr. Ethlyn Davis Fuller would like to announce the publishing of her book, [A Teaching Heart](#). Dr. Fuller's book focuses on classroom management and teaching cultural diversity for effective classroom results. Developing confident parenting skills is also addressed in the book. It is a must read for teachers, parents, administrators. [A Teaching Heart](#) can be ordered through Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, Borders.com, and through Xlibris Corporation (1-888-795-4274 or Xlibris.com) by the end of June 2008. Dr. Fuller hopes to have a book signing at Cambridge College in the Fall 2008.
- School of Management Professor Shirley Harrell will be featured in an upcoming MIT publication entitled, *Unlocking Knowledge, Empowering Minds*. The publication will describe Professor Harrell's work with the MIT Open Course Ware Project. Professor Harrell also recently served as a reviewer for McGraw Hill on a proposed Human Resource Management Textbook.
- At the May 31st Boston Architectural College (BAC) commencement ceremony, Herb Kronish received an award. The Boston Society of Architects (BSA), a chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), in accordance with the judgment of the BSA members and the AIA College of Fellows presented the Award for Excellence in Teaching to Professor Kronish for his commitment

to excellence in architectural education and his contributions to the profession and to future professionals. Professor Kronish teaches at both Cambridge College and the BAC.

Library Services

- Cambridge College Online Library (CCOL) now has a new look! We hope you'll find it easier to learn and use. The "How to Use Cambridge College Online Library Handbook" of instructions for online and traditional library use is available in the new CCOL site and on the page <http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/research.cfm> Registered students, current faculty and staff, and Board of Trustees can try it anytime, 24/7/365, by following the log in instructions at www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/.

Human Resources and Administration News

- The Office of Human Resources would like to remind non-faculty staff at all locations that performance reviews are due to be completed this month and turned in to the Office of Human Resources by June 30th. If you have questions regarding the process, please contact Director of Human Services Jerry Saunders at 617-873-0170 or at jerome.saunders@cambridgecollege.edu.
- The Office Human Resources is excited to announce a wonderful new perk offered to all Cambridge College Employees. Cambridge College has been enrolled into the CoCo Key Water Resort E-Club Membership. As an active member of this exciting program, you will be able to purchase online discounted tickets for CoCo Key Water resort from the comfort of your own computer. To take advantage of this family summer time fun activity, visit the "Exclusive" CoCo Key Online Ticket Store at <https://tickets.cocokeywaterresort.com> and enter "Cambridge College." We hope you and your family will enjoy CoCo Key Water Resort and many thanks to Carol Pepi for this great idea.

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