

## Cambridge College Community News Blast (6/22/07)

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, July 2<sup>nd</sup>** in order to be considered for the next installment.

Thank you and enjoy!

### Cambridge College Commencement

- There was an international atmosphere at the Cambridge College Commencement on Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>. A record number of 726 graduates from 36 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and 38 foreign countries received their degrees at the Bank of America Pavilion in Boston. Also present at the Commencement were two delegations of deans, professors and board members from the Shandong Institute of Business and Technology and the Shandong University of Science and Technology in China. The Chinese presence at the ceremony is part of a larger visit to discuss the educational collaboration between Cambridge College and the Shandong Province in China.

The graduates learned that life lessons are better understood through stories from keynote speaker and honorary degree recipient Ambassador Swanee Hunt, Director of the Women and Public Policy Program at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. "Principles are learned through stories," she said, offering several examples which included her singing a song from the musical *The King and I* and walking through the sea of graduates to learn how they have extended themselves to others. Ambassador Hunt, along with Dr. Clark Abt and Professor Charles Ogletree, each received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. Also honored at the ceremony was Community Service Medal recipient Ralph Fuccillo, Alumni Medal recipient Kevin Russell, Faculty Medal recipient Leroy Kelly and a posthumous Faculty Medal to Dr. Carol Munnelly.



President Sharma and Chancellor Brown talk with Ambassador Hunt before the ceremony



Two of the visitors from the Chinese delegations before the Commencement ceremony

## International Programs

- On Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, Cambridge College kicked off its innovative Chinese Executive Training Program. Over the next three months, Cambridge College will host 30 senior administrators and chief executives from the Shandong Province in China for a three month 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. The program commenced with a welcome reception at the Inn at Harvard, where the Chinese executives engaged with several members of the Cambridge College administration and staff before a presentation and dinner. President Mahesh Sharma, Dr. Joseph Daisy, and Cambridge College Trustee Bruce Bolling all delivered welcome remarks to the visitors. To read the full article, visit [http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/about/press\\_articles.cfm](http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/about/press_articles.cfm) and click on "Cambridge College Welcomes Chinese Executives with Kickoff Dinner."



President Sharma, College administrators and staff, and Chinese Executives

## Lawrence Regional Center

- On Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Lawrence Regional Center held its third annual Celebration of Achievement. The ceremony took place in the Bell Tower Square Courtyard at 60 Island Street, the first event held in this area, which was transformed into a beautiful garden for the ceremony. During the celebration, Lawrence Regional Center Director Dolores Calaf presented the Cambridge College Distinguished Student Award to Yolanda Peguero. Ms Peguero delivered a moving speech in which she shared her experiences at Cambridge College. The ceremony also featured a presentation of certificates to the Ladder to Language students who completed the program this spring. To read the full article, visit [http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/about/press\\_articles.cfm](http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/about/press_articles.cfm) and click on "Lawrence Regional Center Honors Class of 2007."



Dolores Calaf presents the Student Achievement award to Yolanda Peguero

- The Lawrence Regional Center, in collaboration with Lazarus House, Inc., celebrated its second cohort graduation of the English in 24 Hours Program on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Good Shepherd Center in Lawrence. Students received a certificate and gifts for their hard work. Cambridge College and Lazarus House have a contract to run five cohorts of English in 24 Hours to help participants learn English and start working in their new adopted community.
- The Technical Training Foundation has awarded the Lawrence Regional Center with \$120,000 to establish the Center for English Language Learners Services. This Center will add support services to the successful Ladder to Language and English in 24 Hours programs and build partnerships with other ESL providers and organizations in the Merrimack Valley region. Training for ESL teachers, workshops, seminars and tutors will be provided to promote a more focused, accelerated adult learning environment. The Ladder to Language program was started as a pilot project three years ago with support from Community Development Block Grant funds from the City of Lawrence, United Way of Merrimack Valley and other private funding sources including scholarships from the Technical Training Foundation. Over 160 adult English Language Learners have been served and have moved on to better opportunities through this program.
- The Lawrence Regional Center is open for summer enrollment! For more information, please email [joy.king@cambridgecollege.edu](mailto:joy.king@cambridgecollege.edu) or call 1-800-877-4723 or 978-738-0502 x 1475.

### Chesapeake Regional Center

- Chesapeake Regional Center Director Jim Waldman was awarded the Cambridge College Gold Medal at the Chesapeake Commencement and Celebration on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Waldman was honored for his contribution to the growth and success of the Chesapeake Regional Center and for his compassionate dedication to the success of all Cambridge College students.



President Sharma, members of the executive team, faculty, staff and honorary degree recipients gather before the Chesapeake Commencement and Celebration.

### **Springfield Regional Center**

- Cambridge College honored the graduates from the Springfield Regional Center on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. The celebration featured student speakers who shared their experiences with fellow graduates and alumni. The event featured food and fun, including an ice cream sundae bar sponsored by the Cambridge College Springfield Alumni chapter. President Mahesh Sharma congratulated the students and urged them to go out and change the world through family, community and work.

### **School of Management**

- Dr. Nish Sonwalkar, Vice President and Associate Dean of the Center for Adaptive Learning and Programs and Information Technology at Cambridge College, presented at the National University Telecommunication Network Conference (NUTN) June 11-13<sup>th</sup> in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Sonwalkar presented his paper on "Application of Learning Strategies with Adaptive Learning Technology" under the conference track "Our Changing Students: Future Trends in Learning Styles."

### **School of Psychology and Counseling**

- SOPC held its first Convocation on June 4<sup>th</sup>, titled "Class, Race, Ethnicity and Gender: Threads in the Fabric of Cambridge College's Mission." The program featured a conversation with Chancellor and Founder Eileen Moran Brown and President Mahesh Sharma, moderated by Dean Niti Seth. The event was attended by 200 people, including students, alumni, trustees, faculty and friends of the college. The videotape of the event will be posted on the SOPC website.

### **Development & Alumni Affairs**

- Over 40 alumni attended the 2007 Cambridge Commencement to serve as ambassadors to the newest alumni--the graduates of the Class of 2007. The alumni assisted students prior to the ceremony and were seated in the VIP section. After Commencement, they joined the Trustees and Faculty at the VIP Reception. The Alumni were excited to be a part of the celebration. We look forward to continued alumni support and participation at every Commencement!

- The Springfield Alumni Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. The Alumni attended the Springfield Celebration on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> to encourage new grads to join the Alumni Association.
- The Cambridge Alumni Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the mission and vision statements of the Cambridge chapter. The group brainstormed ideas and came up with a working document. They also discussed the organizational structure of the Alumni Association. The next meeting is scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-7:30pm.
- If you have questions concerning any Alumni events or need additional information, please contact Christina Gajewski at [christina.gajewski@cambridgecollege.edu](mailto:christina.gajewski@cambridgecollege.edu) or 617.873.0430.

### **Institute for Lifelong Learning**

- A planning grant was awarded to Cambridge College by the Mabel Louise Riley Foundation to lay the groundwork for a first-ever “neighborhood college” in the greater Dudley neighborhood of Roxbury, Massachusetts. The funds are being used to pilot a 20-person training program for Project Hope early care workers to provide proof of the neighborhood college concept. The second of three courses has just begun. Janet Jones was hired to coordinate this project, to assist the students and to conduct outreach to other agencies in the neighborhood to explore their needs and interests.
- This summer begins the Concentration in Early Education, which was developed initially as a certificate program for the Institute.
- The Institute completed its first year of the Mental Health Interpreting program and a second cohort is scheduled to begin this summer. Support from hospitals in the greater Boston area has been very encouraging.
- The Medical Interpreting Training Program’s Mentoring Program is being offered at various hospitals in an effort to align on site internship supervisors with the academic expectations of the college. As word of the program spreads, more hospitals are requesting this service. The International Medical Interpreter’s Association has requested that the MITP present a synopsis of this training at its annual conference in October 2007 at the Sheraton Boston Hotel.
- The Medical Administrative Assistant program, funded by a grant from Citizens Bank, completed its first cohort in May 2007. The Institute expects that this program’s focus on computer and medical office skills will enable our graduates to obtain full-time employment with benefits. Three of the graduates, who are also alumni of the MITP, have already registered for the Mental Health Program beginning in June 2007, illustrating our belief that the Institute can provide multiple opportunities for students to gain specialized skills that will result in our students being cross-trained in various areas of health care.

### **Cambridge College Advisory Board**

- Global HR News recently recognized Cambridge College Advisory Board member Kenneth S. Barron. Global HR News awards key individuals and companies who have displayed a combination of skills involving outstanding expertise in their work, dynamic leadership through courage, innovation, competitiveness, and exemplary customer care. Publisher Ed Cohen presented the award to Mr. Barron, GMS, the Managing Director, Global Relocation and Client Services, for CORT Global Furniture Rental Network, a Berkshire Hathaway Company.

### Office of Human Resources

- Yvonne Barnes joined Cambridge College as an Admissions Counselor at the Springfield Regional Center on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Bruce Grigsby, Director of International Students, Housing and Logistics, recently celebrated 20 years of service to Cambridge College.

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