

Cambridge College Community News Blast (7/17/07)

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, August 6th** in order to be considered for the next installment.

Thank you and enjoy!

Office of the President

- President Mahesh Sharma, Vice President and Associate Dean of the Center for Adaptive Learning and Programs and Information Technology Dr. Nish Sonwalkar and Assistant Vice President of Development and Alumni Affairs Tracey Thompson traveled to Washington D.C. for a series of informative and productive meetings with high level personnel at the National Science Foundation. The meetings are expected to lead to several possible grant opportunities in the near future.
- Cambridge College's National Institute for Teaching Excellence (NITE) students are fortunate that they have experienced some out of the ordinary instruction this summer. Members of the senior team, including President Sharma and Vice President of College Affairs Dr. Joseph Daisy, have taught as part of the summer curriculum. NITE students had the opportunity to see President Sharma's superb teaching skills in action as he taught three courses in Week II: "Psychology of Mathematics Learning," "Teaching Mathematics in a Changing World," and "Improving Mathematics Instruction." President Sharma will also teach "Diagnosis & Remediation of Learning Problems in Mathematics in Week IV.

Cambridge College Commencement

- Cambridge College was highlighted in the July 5th edition of the *Cambridge Chronicle*. An article ran on the Cambridge College Commencement which was held on June 10th in Boston. Please see the attachment to view the article.

School of Management

- On June 22nd, Cambridge College hosted a Health Care Exploratorium, a collaborative exchange of ideas concerning continuing education possibilities for human resource professionals, training directors, managers, and other health care administrators. The Exploratorium focused on the needs of hospital training departments throughout Massachusetts. Its aim was to refine and evaluate the existing courses in the College's Health Care Management Program and discuss emerging needs that Cambridge College coursework and instruction may be able to meet. The session allowed attendees the chance to gather input so that more hospitals will be able to help their employees remain competitive in today's health care environment.

School of Education

- Dr. Dan W. Butin, Assistant Professor in the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership, published an article, "Dark Times Indeed: The Marginalization and Future of the Social

Foundations Field" in a theme issue of the *Journal of Educational Controversy*. The theme focused on the dispositions debate within the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Dr. Butin also published a book review of *John Dewey and Our Educational Prospect: a Critical Engagement with Dewey's Democracy and Education* in the *Education Review*. If you would like to read Dr. Butin's work, the publication can be found at <http://edrev.asu.edu/reviews/rev575.htm>.

- As part of the Cambridge College's NITE program, the College will host a series of colloquia this summer featuring an array of subjects and well-known speakers. Each colloquium will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Gymnasium at Cambridge College's summer campus, 1071 Blue Hill Avenue in Milton. The remaining colloquia include presentations by Dr. Heather Peske and Ms. Candace Crawford on "Education Policy for 21st Century," (July 18th) and Attorney Richard Cole on "Schools & Safety" (July 25th). For more information, log on to <http://www.ccnite.com/speakers.php>.
- The first cohort of doctoral students in the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership Program will be presenting their White Papers on Friday, July 20th, from 4-7 p.m. at Curry College. All members of the Cambridge College community are welcome to attend. See the attached invitation for the complete schedule and location. Please RSVP to Shannon Houston at Shannon.houston@cambridgecollege.edu.
- The Office of Doctoral Studies is accepting applications for admission to the Ed.D. Program. The deadline to apply for the fall term is July 15, 2007. The deadline to apply for the spring term is November 15, 2007. To download and print an application booklet, visit <http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/download/admissions/EDDapp607.pdf>.
- On Friday, July 20, at 11:00 am, doctoral candidate Brenda Grimes will defend her dissertation, entitled *Multidimensional Classrooms: Developing a Comprehensive Research Base for Holistic Education*. The public defense will be held at Curry College, in AAPC124, and will be chaired by Dr. Dan W. Butin, assistant professor and full-time faculty member in the Ed.D. Program.
- On Saturday, July 21, at 4:00 pm, doctoral candidate Tammy Graham will defend her dissertation, entitled *Race and Referrals: Teacher Attitudes, Culturally Relevant Teaching, and the Special Education Referrals of African American Males*. The public defense will be held at Curry College, in AAPC124, and will be chaired by Dr. Sandra D. Bridwell, professor and full-time faculty member in the Ed.D. Program.

Development & Alumni Affairs

- Cambridge College has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from Verizon for the Ladder to Language Technical Support program. Cambridge College was one of seven non-profit organizations that were awarded a grant to support an English as a Second Language (ESL) program that fosters literacy and expand their reach into diverse communities.
- Mary Melson Green, the chairperson of the Cambridge College Springfield Alumni Advisory Committee, and members of the Cambridge College Alumni Office held a strategic planning meeting on July 11th in Springfield. The group discussed recruitment efforts to increase the number of committee members. The Springfield Alumni Committee will have alumni participate in a panel at the Enrollment Extravaganza on August 7th where the alumni will tell their Cambridge College stories.

- The Cambridge Alumni Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, August 9th. The Advisory Committee will formalize its mission statement and strategic plan. New members are welcome to join the committee.
- For any questions regarding Alumni Affairs, please contact Christina Gajewski at christina.gajewski@cambridgecollege.edu or Dr. Gerri Major at geraldine.major@cambridgecollege.edu.

Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building

- Joel Nitzberg, Director of the Cambridge College Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building, was nominated to serve as President of National Community Education Association (NCEA) starting in 2009. National elections will occur in September.
- In collaboration with NCEA, the 2nd annual Community Education conference was held in Albany, New York. Cambridge College agreed to coordinate the publication of an annual edition of the Community Education Journal on higher education's role in community development.
- Diane Lolli and Estela McDonough have joined the International Medical Interpreter's Association Trainer's Circle, which teleconferences once a month with other educators of medical interpreters throughout the country. The field of medical interpreting is making rapid strides toward becoming more professional by developing a national certifying examination and devising other standards of practice. Cambridge College's presence at these planning sessions assures that the College's program is abreast of contemporary issues and maintains an excellent reputation in the field.
- The YES Academy for Social Entrepreneurship is now based at Cambridge College and aims to be an international center for engaging and inspiring young people to "be the change they want to see in the world." The Institute of Lifelong Learning and Community Building will help design and implement a comprehensive youth training program in conjunction with YES.

Alumni

We would like to applaud the outstanding achievements of the following Cambridge College alumni who recently graduated from the M.Ed. in School Nursing Program:

- Mary Norton '05 of Beavercreek, OH, wrote and was instrumental in securing her district's an American Cancer Society mini-grant of \$500. The money will be used to purchase pedometers to start a walking program. She also recently participated in a Poster Presentation at the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee as an extension of her ILP. Ms. Norton will spend a part of this summer in New Jersey taking part in the Johnson and Johnson School Nurse Fellowship Program.
- Connie Barry '06 of Sioux City, IA also participated in the Poster Presentation at this year's NASN Conference along with Tommie Lou Judson '04 of Flemington, NJ. Ms. Judson was also honored at the Awards Banquet representing the best in school nursing that New Jersey has to offer.
- Mary Massey '05 of Moreland Hills, OH presented in the Poster Presentation portion of the 2006 Ohio School Nurses Conference.
- Janet Ramsey '04 of Ventura, CA has implemented the vision testing program in her district at the high school level, which was an expansion of her ILP.

- Kathy Vieira '04 of Waltham authored an article which was published by the Massachusetts School Nurse Organization. She also produced a drama about severe allergic reactions, an extension of her ILP work, which was broadcast on cable television.
- Wilma Van Arragon '05 of St. Charles, IL was named the Kane County (IL) Associate Educator of the Year.
- Sue Thomas '05 of St. Charles, IL is an outspoken member of the Comprehensive Health Education Taskforce in her district.
- Carol Virtue '05 of St. Charles, IL has implemented her ILP on playground safety and first aid district-wide.

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