

Cambridge College Community News Blast (8/14/08)

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

Thank you and enjoy!

School of Education

- Dr. Pat Johnson, Program Coordinator for the School Nurse Education Program, presented a preconference all day workshop at the annual St. Anselm's College School Nursing Conference on Monday, August 4th. The purpose of the workshop was to educate, and hopefully, inspire school nurses on what they need to do to sit for and successfully pass the National School Nursing Certification Examination. National School Nurse Certification is a critical link in advocating and advancing the image of the school nurse as a highly educated professional pediatric caregiver in the school setting. The credential also implies equity with educational and professional standards and so puts the practicing school nurse on par with teacher peers.
- On Thursday, July 24th the Cambridge College NITE program held its annual celebration to mark the end of the summer sessions at Lombardo's Restaurant in Randolph, MA. After a few remarks from Director of NITE Dr. Jo-Ann Testaverde and Acting Executive Vice President Dr. Joseph Daisy, the students and guests enjoyed a summer-themed menu of lobster, clams, pork and corn on the cob. After dinner, a DJ was on hand to spin music for the rest of the evening, and the students took full advantage.



NITE students danced the night away while others hung out with new friends from different states.

- The Department of Educational Leadership would like to welcome a new full-time faculty member, Dr. Fernando Padro. Dr. Padro was most recently an associate professor in the graduate school of education at Monmouth University, with specializations in quantitative research methods, accreditation and quality management, and higher education. He is the author of the book *Statistical Handbook on the Social Safety Net*, associate editor of the *International Journal of Learning*, and secretary for the Education Division of the American Society for Quality.

- The Department of Educational Leadership is pleased to announce that three additional students from the doctoral program successfully defended their dissertations at the NITE campus at Curry College in Milton, MA:
 - On July 30th, Cohort 2 doctoral candidate Kathy Sikes defended her dissertation, entitled BUYING INTO EDUCATIONAL REFORM: INVESTIGATING TEACHERS' USE OF DATA-DRIVEN DECISION MAKING AT A GEORGIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. The dissertation committee was chaired by Dr. Sandra Bridwell, founding faculty in the Ed.D. Program.
 - On July 31st, Cohort 1 doctoral candidate Vivian Lee defended her dissertation, entitled NONNEGOTIABLE EXPECTATIONS: A PROGRAM EVALUATION OF THE TRANSFORMATION OF EAST TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL. The dissertation committee was chaired by Dr. Dan Butin, Assistant Dean and founding faculty in the Ed.D. Program.
 - On August 1st, Cohort 2 doctoral candidate Sheila Spaulding defended her dissertation, entitled STRATEGIES FOR SUPPORTING PREGNANT AND PARENTING TEENS IN GEORGIA: A CRITICAL THEORY PERSPECTIVE. The dissertation committee was chaired by Dr. Bridwell.

Chesapeake, VA Regional Center

- Chesapeake, VA Regional Center Enrollment Counselor Chloe Jones was recently honored by Norfolk State University as their Alumna of the Year. The staff at the Chesapeake Center would like to congratulate Chloe on this outstanding accomplishment.



Chloe Jones (right) helps a student with her gown before the Center's graduation celebration in May.

Springfield, MA Regional Center

- The Springfield Regional Center held its 2nd Annual Enrollment Extravaganza on Tuesday, August 5th at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA. The event featured workshops, a keynote speaker, a book giveaway, tours of the hall of fame, food, community vendors, a student panel, and many giveaways and raffles. Over 100 people attended the event, including Director of Marketing Jim Waldman, who traveled from Virginia to attend. Several local radio stations were also present and broadcasting live from the event.



(Left) Cambridge College staff greets the attendees and toss out some free memorabilia. (Right) A Cambridge College information display inside the Enrollment Extravaganza.

Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building

- Joel Nitzberg, Director of the Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building, was the guest editor for the Spring 2008 edition of the *Community Education Journal*. He authored two articles in the journal: the introduction to the edition titled, "The Role of Higher Education in Community Education," and one about "Higher Education; Partner in Community Building," in which he writes about Cambridge College and the Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building.
- Last October, Mr. Nitzberg was elected as the President of the National Community Education Association (NCEA). He served as the President-elect for 2008 and will move into the President chair for 2009. Mr. Nitzberg will be inaugurated as the new President at the 43rd Annual NCEA Conference, which will be held from November 5-8th in Dallas, TX.

Medical Interpreter Training Program

- Cambridge College alumna and Mayor E. Denise Simmons spoke to over 60 Cambridge College Medical Interpreter Training Program (MITP) students at their graduation ceremony on Wednesday, July 30th in Room 152, 1000 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge. Mayor Simmons, who received her M.Ed. from Cambridge College in 1979, was able to share some words of encouragement and speak to the value of their College education. "I chose Cambridge College because of its practical applications and it offered me an education that would help me serve the public. I know that what you have learned will help you better serve your patients," said Mayor Simmons. She emphasized the importance of having the courage to make an impact in helping to improve the lives of others. Mayor Simmons spoke with intelligence, empathy, humor and understanding to graduates who were honored to have her with them on their special evening.
Armando Silva, the Constituent Advocacy Coordinator from the City of Boston's Office of New Bostonians, delivered the MITP graduation address. Mr. Silva discussed how an immigrant such as himself can become a role model for others. Hard work, being motivated to serve others, and developing the necessary skills are the pathways he suggested the graduates follow to achieve success.
- The Cambridge College Medical Interpreter Training Program was recently asked by Language Bank in Concord, NH to package a one-day seminar based on the curriculum for the Mental Health Interpreter certificate. This training was completed in July in Manchester, NH, offering specialized

skills-building to a group of 37 professional medical interpreters. The feedback on this training has been excellent, and other variations of this program are currently in development.

- Teodoro Amado, a current student in the Medical Interpreter Training Program, was named Employee of the Month for the month of July 2008 at Boston Children's Hospital. Ms. Amado's video portrait was displayed in the main lobby of the hospital as recognition of her exemplary service to the hospital.

Development

- The first Carol Munnely Research Scholarship has been awarded to Dr. Sandra Bridwell, Professor and Founding Faculty in the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership at Cambridge College. The award, in the amount of \$2,500, was made on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Excellence and Leadership. Dr. Bridwell's research focuses on the retention patterns and motivations of teachers who are committed to serve in the public school systems of high-need urban areas, with an emphasis on the experiences of women of color. The award will cover expenses incurred in follow-up research to a study conducted last year. The Carol Munnely Research Scholarships have been established in memory of the late Dr. Carol Munnely, a distinguished and long-time member of the Core Faculty at Cambridge College. Dr. Munnely was a pioneer in institutional research at the College, and a role-model and mentor to many of the College's current faculty members. Additional Carol Munnely Research awards will be announced in the coming academic year and are open to both full-time and part-time faculty at the College. The College has raised \$29,000 toward the \$100,000 goal. If you would like to make a donation to the Carol Munnely Research Scholarship, please contact Judy Groleau at x1278 or donate online by clicking [here](#).



Dr. Carol Munnely

- The Cambridge College Undergraduate program will hold a community dialogue and breakfast event on Wednesday, August 20th beginning 8:30 A.M. at 1000 Mass Ave., Cambridge, MA.
- The Cambridge College Undergraduate program will also hold an information session on Thursday, August 21st at 6 p.m. at 1000 Mass Ave., Cambridge, MA. The community is encouraged to invite friends and family who are looking for a college degree to attend this event.

Office of Student Services

- Cambridge College would like to announce that the office's hours of business in the student services areas from August 11th – September 2nd will be: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Because Labor Day falls on September 1st this year, the College will extend the student service hours to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday; Saturday times to be determined.

Board of Trustees

- It is with great sadness that the College announces the death of Susan Lowell Wales Dineen (M.Ed., '79) after a long illness. She is the wife of John Dineen, a long term Cambridge College Trustee. The burial will be private; there will be a Memorial Service, on Tuesday, August 26th at the Village Church in Nahant. If you would like to send your condolences, please send in care of the Chancellor's Office and they will be sure to forward them to John.

CAYL Institute

- The CAYL Institute is currently looking for inspired and motivated learners to be CAYL Schott Fellows in 2009. The application, due September 15th, can be found [here](#). The 2009 policy topics include Family Childcare; Children, Families, Race, and Culture; Young Children and Disabilities; Workforce Issues in Early Care and Education; Young Children in Public Schools; and Policy Issues Related to Regionalization (i.e. Western Mass., Cape Cod).

Alumni News

- Marge Rossi, RN, (M.Ed., '08) is soon to become the School Nurse Leader in the town of Scituate's School Department. Ms. Rossi successfully wrote and was awarded her first grant, the School Health Enhancement Grant, sponsored yearly by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. She plans to use this funding to enhance health services within the town's schools. One of her hopeful ventures will be to support a system of medical information documentation through computerized charting.
- Janice Mazzallo (M.M., '98), Senior Vice President of Human Resources at PeoplesBank, has graduated with honors from the American Bankers Association's National School of Banking held at Fairfield University in Fairfield, CT. A resident of Leeds, MA, Ms. Mazzallo is an active member of the Society for Human Resource Management and the Human Resource Management Association of Western Massachusetts. Ms. Mazzallo also serves on the Board of Directors of the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) and previously served as the Vice President of the Board of Directors of Girls Inc. in Holyoke.
- Laura Capone (M.M., '02), senior associate dean for the Division of Student Life at MIT, passed away on Friday, July 4th after a battle with cancer. She was 47. Ms. Capone's advisor and Professional Seminar leader, Cyndi Bloom, remembered her as an outstanding student who used much of her Cambridge College learning in her role at MIT. Her Independent Learning Project was based on a program she wanted to implement at MIT.

Faculty News

- Dr. Ruth Smith, Senior Faculty in the Health Care Management program at the School of Management, has been reelected to the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Health Council.
- Elizabeth J. McCormack Professor of Humanities John Bremer has been invited to read a paper at the 2nd International Conference: Atlantis Symposium 2008 to be held in Athens, Greece in November. His paper will deal with the mathematical interpretation of Plato's dialogues, particularly the 'Critias' in which is related the story (or myth) of Atlantis. The paper will be printed and/or made available with the conference proceedings on DVD by January 2009.

Human Resources and Administration News

- The Office of Human Resources would like to announce the College's newest employees:
 - Dr. Fernando Padro will officially begin his appointment as a full-time faculty member (Visiting Associate Professor) at Cambridge College on September 1st.
 - Tiffany LeBlanc has joined the College as the new Administrative Assistant to the Bursar's Office.

Employee News

- Gregory Stackpole, Assistant to the Acting Executive Vice President, is pleased to announce the birth of his daughter, Seraphima Gwyneth Stackpole. She was born Monday, August 11th at 7:50 a.m. and weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz. The proud father said the newborn is "very curious, mostly quiet and quite attentive." The mother is in excellent health, energetic and happy.

**To report your department or school news, events, and happenings, please contact Kimberly Dunbar at x1228 or Kimberly.Dunbar@cambridgecollege.edu **