

Cambridge College Community News Blast (8/24/07)

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 **noon on Tuesday, September 4th** in order to be considered for the next installment.

Thank you and enjoy!

Office of the President

- President Sharma is being interviewed by *University Business* this week for the 'Movers and Shakers' special November issue. We will provide a link to the article when it is published in the magazine.
- Cambridge College achieves great success when it comes to educating minority students. *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* recently published the national "Top 100 Graduate Degree Producers," and of the thousands of American colleges and universities, Cambridge College was ranked as one of the top institutions conferring Master's degrees to minority students in several categories. "I am very proud of these significant accomplishments and the national recognition of the success of the College's mission," said Cambridge College President Mahesh C. Sharma. "It is clear that we are realizing our mission. It is my hope that we may continue to improve upon our current rankings and the number of degrees we confer at the Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral levels for students from all types of underserved populations." The College's rankings appear below:

Degree Category	National Ranking
Total Minority Master's in all disciplines	24th
Master's in all disciplines (African Americans)	10th
Master's in all disciplines (Hispanics)	54th
Education: African American Master's	4th
Education: Hispanic Master's	25th
Psychology: African American Master's	9th
Psychology: Hispanic Master's	24th

International Programs

- On Saturday, August 11th, President Sharma hosted a reception and graduation ceremony for the Chinese executives at his home in Framingham, MA. The celebration marked the completion of the first Cambridge College Chinese Executive Program, in which the College hosted 30 senior administrators and chief executives from the Shandong Province in China for a management training program.

President Sharma told the Chinese executives, faculty and friends in attendance that it was a successful learning experience for both the College and the program participants. "This program was a great success because it allowed Cambridge College to start at the

top," he said. "These executives are in the highest positions in their companies, which include the largest and most successful organizations in the Shandong Province. This program will allow Cambridge College to open the door to many other successful international opportunities." Each Chinese executive received congratulations and a certificate of completion from President Sharma and Cambridge College Trustee James Hoyte, marking their completion of the management training program.



Left: Jiang Kui, the leader of the Chinese executive group, receives congratulations from President Sharma and Trustee James Hoyte. Right: The entire cohort gathers for a group photo after the ceremony.

Undergraduate Program

- On Thursday, August 23rd, Fox 25 News interviewed both President Sharma and Dr. John Warner for a piece featuring the College's new green chemistry program. The feature will run sometime in September, as the College prepares to launch this exciting new initiative in the sciences. More details will be provided when we have the air date for the Fox 25 news story.

Lawrence Regional Center

- On Tuesday, August 21st, the Ladder to Language program graduated its seventh class. The 11 students and their families attended a warm and joyful ceremony at the Cambridge College Lawrence Regional Center to celebrate their achievements. The night included moving stories from the current L2L students, as well as participation by the L2L alumni and the graduating students. During the ceremony, Stephanie Lee, Verizon Regional Director of Public Affairs, presented Lawrence Regional Center Director Dolores Calaf with a check for \$25,000 to support the ESL program. The Verizon grant will enable the college to expand the Ladder to Language program to offer pre-college computer education and literacy services for adult English Language Learners in the City of Lawrence and the greater Merrimack Valley. The grant will also support the new Language Lab which will boast state-of-the-art technology.



The L2L graduates, alumni and current students gather with Lawrence Regional Center Director Dolores Calaf, Stephanie Lee, Director of the Center for ELL Support Services Sandy Blanes after the ceremony.



Sandy Blanes, Howard Allen, and Dolores Calaf accept the check from Stephanie Lee and the Verizon Foundation.

- On Friday, August 3rd, four women recognized their goals to learn English through the English in 24 Hours Program at Lazarus House, a partnership between Cambridge College and Lazarus House, with Sandy Blanes as the coordinator. Bridget Keenan, Executive Director of Lazarus House Ministries, and Dolores Calaf presented to students their certificates of completion. The students will continue to practice their English communication skills through weekly sessions as well as starting their training and jobs at the Sparkle Cleaning Program at Lazarus House.



Dolores Calaf and Sandy Blanes celebrate with the Lazarus House graduates

School of Education

- Dr. Shirley Handler, Coordinator of the Health/Family and Consumer Sciences Program, co-wrote a chapter with the late Nancy Strunk for a book which has recently been published by the American School Health Association. The chapter titled "Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Coordinators" is included in the book, *Partners in Prevention: Whole School Approaches to Prevent Adolescent Pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Infections*. The book is available online at www.ashaweb.org.

School of Management

- Cambridge College is doing its part to keep Massachusetts healthy. The College has joined together with Cape Cod Health Care and Spaulding Rehab to offer the College's unique Health Care Management Master's degree program at the hospitals. "This program opens a lot of opportunity for a significant number of employees of Cape Cod Healthcare who would otherwise not have access to it because of travel distances," said Cheryl Brennan, Senior Clinical Educator for Human Resource Development at Cape Cod Health Care. Glen McKenney, Human Resources Generalist at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital said: "Being able to provide this program in-house is a solid win for Spaulding hospital. This program is terrific for retention, recruitment and morale. It's a great way to bring employees together from across the hospital and system who may not have otherwise had an opportunity to work directly with each other."

Development & Alumni Affairs

- The Development Office would like to wish the best of luck to Jody Avtges, who is leaving her grantwriting position at the College to pursue a career in the healthcare field. Jody has been a tremendous asset to the department and will truly be missed. The Office is also pleased to welcome Bradley Seeman, who will be joining the Development team as the new government grantwriter. Bradley looks forward to working with and meeting the Cambridge College faculty, administrators and staff.

Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building

- On Wednesday, August 1st, the Medical Interpreter Program held its graduation ceremony, awarding 94 students certificates in their respective concentrations. While the ceremony symbolized the completion of study, the message of the night was to continue learning. "The learning part is important for our development as professionals," said student speaker Elizabeth Ramirez. "It does not end here, as this is just the beginning. We must be in a constant learning process. We must learn from every patient, every provider, and from each other." Diane Lolli, Associate Director of the Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building echoed these thoughts: "You have every reason to be proud of yourselves," she told the graduates. "But this is not the end. Everyone here has to turn up the heat!"
- On August 7th, the Mattapan Community Health Plan (MCHP) held a press conference announcing that they have received a grant from the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation for their new Pathways to Cultural Competency program. The Cambridge College Medical Interpreter Program had written a letter of support for this endeavor and was instrumental in helping MCHP obtain the funding. According to Diane Lolli, the Medical Interpreter Training Program will be working with MCHP in the upcoming months to plan and/or offer courses or curriculum advice in the areas of Cross Cultural Communication.

Carl F. Barron Endowed Chair Lecture Series

- On Tuesday, October 23rd, Eliezer Rafaeli, the co-Founder, first President, and current Chancellor of the University of Haifa (Israel) will be our speaker in the Carl F. Barron Distinguished Lecture Series. Chancellor Rafaeli will speak about his long and groundbreaking career in a lecture titled "A University in the Eyes of Storms." His experiences in creating and managing a diverse university in the heart of the Middle East touch upon many of the skills Cambridge College students can bring to their professions and their communities. For more information please contact Karin Turer at Karin.turer@cambridgecollege.edu.

Elizabeth J. McCormack Professor of Humanities

- Dr. John Bremer's ground-breaking work on the arithmetical/harmonical patterns of Plato's dialogues has been recognized at Oxford University, and his related books have been placed in the Bodleian Library. A dissertation by Maya Alapin, a graduate student of Balliol College, has been accepted and the degree of M.Phil awarded. The dissertation on "The Architectonic Structure of Plato's Dialogues" gives an exposition of John Bremer's discoveries and an evaluation of them; they have been confirmed by use of a specially designed program, PANZA, devised by the Oxford Computer Centre. The dissertation also explores the connection in Plato between numbers, tones, and values. Maya Alapin is now an accepted candidate for the D.Phil at Oxford and will continue her work on the arithmetical/harmonical patterns with special reference to Plato's "Republic."

Office of Human Resources

- The Office of Human Resources would like to announce the newest Cambridge College employees:
Anna Evans has joined the College as a Program Associate for International Programs.
Ryan Lovell has been hired as an International Researcher.
Amelia Barbadoro is the College's new Assistant Legal Counsel.
- Dr. Dan Butin has been promoted to Assistant Dean and Associate Professor for the School of Education.

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