

## Cambridge College Community News Blast (8/10/07)

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 20th** in order to be considered for the next installment.

Thank you and enjoy!

### Office of the President

- On Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, Gunter Pauli, founder of Zero Emissions Research and Initiatives (ZERI) educational initiative, which focuses on teaching for sustainability, presented a lecture for members of the Cambridge College faculty, staff and administration as well as the Cambridge community. Pauli, who leads over 50 major ZERI projects throughout the world, is a world renowned sustainability educator whose entrepreneurial activities span business, culture, science, politics and the environment. After the presentation, Pauli held a ZERI Curriculum Development Workshop. During the session, the group collaborated to develop a curriculum for a teacher training program on sustainable development. Cambridge College organized the event with help from the Marion Institute and ZERI.



Dr. Nish Sonwalkar, Gunter Pauli and President Mahesh Sharma

- Cambridge College is working to make the state of Massachusetts green. On Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, the *Lawrence Eagle-Tribune* published an article ("Lawrence eyed as first-in-nation learning hub for green chemistry") featuring the College's plans to offer the nation's first-ever master's and bachelor's degrees in green chemistry. The College will launch the program with an introductory course this fall in Cambridge. To read the article, go to [http://www.eagletribune.com/punews/local\\_story\\_211115541](http://www.eagletribune.com/punews/local_story_211115541).

### Undergraduate College

- Dr. Michael Siegell, Coordinator of Undergraduate Psychology, will be honored as a Distinguished Alumni at the State University of New York at New Paltz during the Alumni Weekend of Oct 12-14<sup>th</sup>. He was a member of the first cohort of students who received

his B.A. in Asian Studies. Dr. Siegell will be giving separate talks to students and faculty of both the Asian Studies and Music Therapy Degree Programs.

- John "Sam" Houston, a Senior Instructor for the Undergraduate College, is presenting a paper, "Contingency vs. Stability: Religion and Rawlsian Public Reason," at the "Pluralism, Politics, and God?" conference at McGill University in Montreal, Canada on September 13-15. He has recently published "Possibility and Identity: Ricoeur and Frei on the Resurrection", *Journal of Philosophy and Scripture* 4/2 (Spring edition), pp. 16-31.

### Springfield Regional Center

- On Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> the Springfield Regional Center hosted an Enrollment Extravaganza. Of the 40 people in attendance, 16 submitted new applications to Cambridge College. The event featured a Future Works career center, a student panel, and breakout program sessions which answered licensure questions and featured demonstrations of the AdaptNet blended learning system. Faculty and staff from Cambridge and Springfield were on hand to help the visitors, as was Mary Melson Green, the Springfield Alumni Committee Chair. The event was broadcast live on WMAS 94.7 FM, and the station gave away prizes as the guests ate, drank, and enjoyed the fun. "This is a very positive step forward for us and we are looking forward to a bright future in Springfield," said Meaghan Prendergast, Assistant Director of Enrollment for the Springfield Regional Center.



Students and guests took advantage of the Future Works career center (left) and information sharing during the program sessions (right) during the Springfield Center's Enrollment Extravaganza.

### Lawrence Regional Center

- During every Tuesday in the month of August, the Lawrence Regional Center will be hosting WCCM 1490 AM radio from 9-10 a.m. In addition to providing an introduction to the College and highlighting the teaching-learning model, topics include an overview of certificate programs and services for pre-college students (8/14), a leadership forum on the School of Management and AdaptNet program (8/21), and a show dedicated to Counseling and Education (8/28).
- Dolores Calaf appeared on *Telemundo's* new show "Encuentro Latino" which aired Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. The show can be viewed online at [www.encuentrolatinolive.com](http://www.encuentrolatinolive.com).
- Dolores Calaf, Director of the Lawrence Regional Center, spoke to nine Latino students from Massachusetts at a League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) scholarship event on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. As a fellow Latina, Ms. Calaf emphasized the importance of

- college and a lifelong journey of learning. LULAC raised \$20,000 for scholarships which were awarded to the nine chosen students that afternoon.
- On Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, the Ladder to Language program was highlighted by Univision New England WUNI-TV 27 news, appearing on both the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. shows. Students from the English in 24 Hours class, along with their professor Sandy Blanes, were featured as an example of how Cambridge College is helping adult learners with English as a Second Language as a bridge to continuing college education, career changes and better job opportunities. Dolores Calaf was also featured in the piece, discussing how the Ladder to Language program has enabled Cambridge College to help hundreds of adults fulfill their dreams and improve their English language skills in an efficient and cost-effective manner. According to Ms. Blanes, the cameraman who filmed the piece actually signed up for the next Ladder to Language session.
  - The Massachusetts Literacy Foundation profiled the Verizon Foundation grant recipients, which included Cambridge College. Visit [http://www.massliteracy.org/esl\\_tech\\_programs.htm](http://www.massliteracy.org/esl_tech_programs.htm) to read the vignette on the Ladder to Language program.



Dolores Calaf, Sandy Blanes and the Ladder to Language group  
(This photo accompanied the Massachusetts Literacy Foundation article)

- In May, David Crimmin, a professor at the Lawrence Center, delivered the keynote address, *Why Succession Planning Matters: Aligning Your People to Business Results*, at a conference in Washington, DC sponsored by the American Strategic Management Institute.

### Augusta Regional Center

- On July 10<sup>th</sup>, the *Augusta Chronicle* ran an article ("College students boost city's economy") explaining the great financial gains the city of Augusta has experienced because of Cambridge College's National Institute for Teaching Excellence (NITE) program. As a result of the article, the Augusta Regional Center has received several letters of support and thanks from the community including Georgia State Representative Quincy Murphy, Augusta Mayor Deke Copenhaver, and University Health Link Relationship Development Coordinator Nancy Szocinski. To read the article, visit [http://chronicle.augusta.com/stories/071007/met\\_135240.shtml](http://chronicle.augusta.com/stories/071007/met_135240.shtml).

### Chesapeake Regional Center

- Dr. Ella Benson, an instructor at the Chesapeake Regional Center, has started writing a weekly column focused on educational issues for the *Suffolk News Herald*, a local newspaper in Suffolk, Virginia.

## Ontario Regional Center

- Cambridge College is making front page news in California. The Ontario Regional Center's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Celebration of Achievement was featured on the front page of the July 2007 issue of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce Newsletter. Please see the attachment to read the full article.

## School of Education

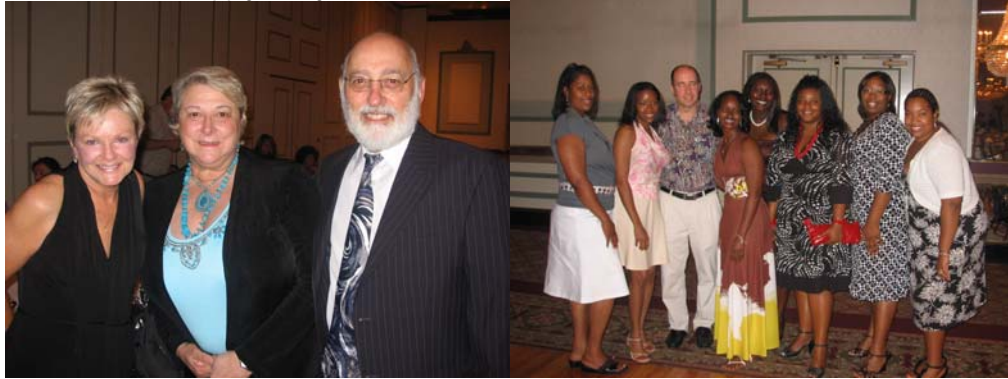
- Every year, Cambridge College's National Institute for Teaching Excellence (NITE) program draws teachers from across the United States to the Cambridge College campus. This year, the NITE students were also joined by educators from Sweden. The group, consisting of 12 Swedish teachers and professors—five from St. Eskil high school, and seven from Mälardalen University—attended NITE with the purpose of observing Cambridge College's proven method for teaching English as a second language. The group from Mälardalen University is also planning a NITE-like program of its own in Sweden, a one-week program they hope to introduce next summer.



The Swedish educators pose during a break from their NITE lessons

- On Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, Cambridge College students, faculty, and college administrators gathered to celebrate the end of the 2007 National Institute for Teaching Excellence (NITE) program. "Each journey has its own rewards, and I hope that you are ready to reap those rewards," President Mahesh Sharma told the students, as they dined on lobster, steamers and other summer foods like barbecued chicken and corn on the cob. "I hope that you enjoyed yourselves and your time with your classmates. I also hope that you have learned from each other and will take what you have learned here back to your

classrooms and apply it to your schools," President Sharma added.



Left: Pat Johnson, senior faculty and coordinator of the School Nursing program, with NITE Director Jo-Ann Testaverde and Sal Testaverde. Right: a group of NITE students pose for pictures during the celebration.

- On July 20<sup>th</sup>, the first cohort of doctoral students in the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership Program presented their White Papers at Curry College. Many members of the Cambridge College community as well as students were in attendance for the College milestone. Also on that Friday, doctoral candidate Brenda Grimes defended her dissertation, entitled *Multidimensional Classrooms: Developing a Comprehensive Research Base for Holistic Education*. The next afternoon, doctoral candidate Tammy Graham defended her dissertation, entitled *Race and Referrals: Teacher Attitudes, Culturally Relevant Teaching, and the Special Education Referrals of African American Males*. On Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> doctoral candidate Vickie Seigler defended her dissertation, entitled *The Effect of Parental Readiness and Involvement on At Risk Kindergarten Students at a Title One School*. Later the same week, on Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, doctoral candidate Natalya Burdman defended her dissertation, entitled *Teaching Staff-Notation in a Fourth-Grade General Music Inner-City Elementary School: Exploring the Effectiveness of a Multisensory Approach*.



The Ed.D. cohort takes a break from presenting

- On Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> the second cohort of doctoral students presented the executive summaries of their draft dissertation proposals. The intent of the presentations was to allow the students the opportunity to interact with members of the College community

about their research topics, so that they could incorporate additional perspectives into their final dissertation proposals.

- Dr. David Lyons, a professor of science for the School of Education, has been elected President of the North Shore Science Supervisors, the largest science supervisory group in Massachusetts. He will also represent Region A, which encompasses all of New England, for The National Science Education Leadership Association (NSELA).
- Jack O'Keefe, a Senior Instructor, was recognized by the Massachusetts Department of Education as a National Board Certified Teacher and Master Teacher for 2007. He teaches 8<sup>th</sup> grade mathematics at East Somerville Community School, a Title I school with a large bi-lingual population. His students overall 2006 MCAS CPI scores were 22% above the state average and Title I scores were 66% above the state average.
- Mary Connolly, who teaches in the Heath Education Department at Cambridge College, was selected to serve on the committee to revise the National Health Education Standards. She also works with the State Department of Education on developing Health Education Assessment Guidelines and a three day teacher training in August 2007.

### **School of Management**

- Management professor Steven Kelley has been appointed Project Director for the Children's Advocacy Center of Norfolk County. His responsibilities include coordinating the construction, volunteer opportunities, and fundraising for the new Children's Advocacy Center in Foxboro, MA. Professor Kelley is also in his third year as the Treasurer of the League for the Advancement of New England Storytelling (LANES). The group's annual conference, "Sharing the Fire: The Northeast Storytelling Conference," will be held in Nashua, NH on April 2-4, 2008.

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

- Dr. Niti Seth, Dean of the School of Psychology and Counseling, presented a series focused on the topic of "Reading and Study Strategies for Academic Achievement" sponsored by Harvard University at the Harvard Science Center in July 2007. The presentations were attended by participants in higher education from national and international academic institutions.
- Tim McCarthy is the new Coordinator of the Addictions Counseling programs for the School of Psychology and Counseling as well as the Counseling Psychology 36 credit and Psychological Studies 36 credit programs. He is helping Dr. Leroy Kelly develop the Addictions Certificate Program for the new Center for Addiction and Rehabilitation Studies (CARS) at the College.
- Dr. Lionel S. Joseph, a professor for the School of Psychology and Counseling, has just completed his first year as the Managing Director of the Dr. Leon O. Brenner Center for Psychological Assessment and Consultation and the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology. The Brenner Center specializes in making comprehensive assessment and useful, plain-language reports available to clients of all ages who would not otherwise have access to those services.

### **Development & Alumni Affairs**

- The Augusta Alumni Advisory Committee had a very successful first meeting on Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The 18 members in attendance planned events for the upcoming fiscal year

- and are committed to creating the Augusta Alumni Chapter. The first "Meet 'n Greet" reception is scheduled for Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.
- The Cambridge Alumni Advisory Committee met on Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss events and initiatives for the next academic year. The group decided they will hold a variety of several events, including a picnic during Commencement weekend in June 2008.
  - For any questions regarding Alumni Affairs, please contact Christina Gajewski at [christina.gajewski@cambridgecollege.edu](mailto:christina.gajewski@cambridgecollege.edu) or Dr. Gerri Major at [geraldine.major@cambridgecollege.edu](mailto:geraldine.major@cambridgecollege.edu).

### **Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building**

- Arnold Clickstein, an occasional guest lecturer and seminar facilitator at Cambridge College's Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building, announces the publication of his book, *Cardinal Principles of Governance: Strengthening the Governance of Nonprofit Organizations in America's Communities*.

### **Elizabeth J. McCormack Professor of Humanities**

- Dr. John Bremer, Elizabeth J. McCormack Professor of Humanities, has completed his book on C.S. Lewis Titled *C.S. Lewis, Poetry, and the Great War (1914-1918)*, the book gives an account of Lewis' writing of *Spirit of Bondage*, a cycle of lyrics published in 1919, his first publication, and commentary on the poems. The book has been accepted for publication by The Mythopoeic Press and will appear early next year.

### **Library Services**

- Maida Tilchen, Project Manager for Library Services at the College, used her 2007 EDUCAUSE Ryland Fellowship to attend the EDUCAUSE Learning Technology Leadership Institute in Madison, Wisconsin on July 8-12. There she learned many new skills for leadership, communication, and strategic planning which she intends to put into practice both for the Cambridge College library services and in her position as co-chair of the College Senate Ad Hoc Academic Technology Committee.

### **Office of Human Resources**

- Wenjun Chi has joined Cambridge College as the new Institutional Researcher for the Policy, Research and Communication Department.

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