

Cambridge College Chancellor Brown Receives Urban Empowerment Award

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Cambridge College Chancellor Eileen Moran Brown was recognized for the impressive work she has done over the past three decades and continues to do in the Boston community. Chancellor Brown was presented with the Urban Empowerment Award as part of the Year Up annual graduation ceremonies on January 30th at 11:30 a.m. at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

“It was an honor and a privilege to be recognized by Year Up for my impact in empowering youth to reach their potential,” said Chancellor Brown. “When I founded Cambridge College more than 35 years ago, it was my dream to provide empowerment through higher education to those for whom that opportunity may have been limited or denied. The future of America will depend on our willingness to create opportunities which include all of our citizens, and on our commitment to draw on the talents of all members of our society.”

The Year Up Urban Empowerment Award is presented to those leaders who share the values and vision of the Year Up organization and who are making a strong and measurable impact on urban young adults. Year Up’s mission is to help young adults prepare for successful careers and higher education. Founded in October 2000 by Gerald Chertavian in an attempt to address to challenges that accompany the transition from high school to achievement in successful careers and higher education, Year Up is a one-year intensive education and apprenticeship program for urban young adults aged 18-24. Year Up's program recognizes that both job skills (technical and professional) and higher education are necessary to provide a viable path to economic self-sufficiency.

“As a role model in the Boston community, as well as for her fellow social reform leaders, Chancellor Brown has been an inspirational example of how dedication and perseverance can and will triumph over what seem to be insurmountable odds.” said Year Up founder Gerald Chertavian, who is also a member of the Cambridge College Board of Trustees. “Her enormous commitment to providing opportunities for others and empowering them to succeed in higher education and professional careers is unparalleled.”

Chancellor Brown, a former teacher and Harvard graduate, founded Cambridge College in 1971. As the College’s founder and first president, Chancellor Brown began the College as a program to meet the certification needs of 100 local teachers. Today, Cambridge College serves over 8,000 students in seven locations and offers degrees in education, human services, management and psychology.