Cabrillo College Holds Fourth Annual Social Justice Conference

Opening Reception: Friday, April 30 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Watsonville Center
All-Day Conference: Saturday, May 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Aptos Campus

Aptos, CA— Cabrillo College announces its fourth annual Social Justice Conference, “Imaging Change/Shaping The Future IV” which will be held at Cabrillo College this weekend, Friday April 30 and Saturday May 1. The conference will feature keynote speaker Cruz Reynoso, UC Davis Law Professor Emeritus and former California Supreme Court Justice. Guest speakers include Watsonville Mayor Luis Alejo and Narcotics Detective Russ Jones.

The event begins with an opening reception on Friday, April 30 at the Cabrillo College Watsonville Campus and continues with an all-day conference on Saturday, May 1 at the Cabrillo College Aptos Campus. The conference will also feature keynote and guest speakers, break-out sessions and a community fair.

Now in its fourth year, Cabrillo College students, faculty, staff and administrators will present research and creative projects concerning social justice issues. In addition, a lunch time Community Fair will feature community-based social justice organizations that will distribute information about their local social justice work, and a Children’s Fair.

Central to the conference is the definition of social justice as a “movement working toward a more just, humane society in which all individuals and groups experience fair treatment and have equitable access to the benefits of society.” How this definition unfolds each year at the conference depends on the larger Cabrillo College community, their work, research, and presented projects of interest. Last year’s highly successful conference featured an attendance of more than 350 people and more than 30 panels, papers and creative works were presented.

“The Social Justice Conference is a venue that brings together the Cabrillo community to present their work and research on any social justice issue” said Adela Najarro, conference coordinator. “It is a grass-roots celebration of all that the individual can do to move toward a more equitable society.”

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Price: Admission free and open to the public. A complimentary light lunch will be served.
Info: Adela Najarro, 831-479-6405 or http://socialjusticecabrillo.org
About Cabrillo College
Cabrillo College is a leading California community college serving Santa Cruz County with locations in Aptos, Scotts Valley and Watsonville. It is ranked #1 in transfers to UC Santa Cruz. Founded in 1959, the college offers more than 100 academic and career technology programs that serve multiple educational goals such as A.A. and A.S. degrees, certificates of achievement, skills certificates, transfer to four-year institutions or for lifelong learning and personal enrichment. Its mission is to enhance the intellectual, cultural and economic vitality of its diverse community by assisting all students in their quest for lifelong learning and success in an ever-changing world.

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