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Image Included: Photo of J. Dan Rothwell

Cabrillo College Faculty Member and Program Chair Wins 2010 Ernest L. Boyer International Award for Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology

Aptos, CA – Cabrillo College today announces that Dan Rothwell, Communication Studies instructor and program chair, has received the prestigious Ernest L. Boyer International Award for Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology. The award identifies a single, outstanding faculty member that is expanding the boundaries of teaching, learning, and technology in higher education. It was presented to Rothwell at the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning.

In the eleven-year history of the Ernest L. Boyer Award, all past recipients have been university faculty members. This year marks the first time the Ernest L. Boyer Award has been given to a community college faculty member.

“The Cabrillo College faculty, staff and students are thrilled for Dan,” said Renee M. Kilmer, Cabrillo College vice president of instruction. “A tremendous asset to Cabrillo’s instructional program and faculty leadership, Dan is highly regarded by his peers and loved by his students. As the first Community College recipient of this award he is especially exemplary, and truly deserving of this international honor.”

Rothwell was nominated by the Cabrillo College Faculty Senate and was selected by an international committee from the Teaching and Learning Organization. The award includes a $5,000 cash prize contribution from Pearson Education, which Rothwell generously donated to the Cabrillo College Foundation toward scholarships for Communication Studies majors.

Earlier this year, Rothwell also received The Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Technology, which celebrates the contributions of experienced, full-time faculty who have contributed in the most highly creative ways to teaching, learning, and technology. The nominees are elected by peers at their home institutions and are honored at the annual, International Conference on Innovative Teaching, Learning, and Technology. There were 26 awardees in this category, which included faculty from colleges and universities both in the United States and abroad. Cabrillo College solicited nominations from the faculty-at-large and the Faculty Senate voted from among those nominees.

Dan Rothwell is an instructor and program chair in the Communications Department at Cabrillo College, where he has taught since 1986. He has a Ph.D. in Communication Theory and Social Influence from the University of Oregon. Dan has published four books and many libraries have copies of them in their holdings. One of his books, Telling It Like It Isn’t, is held by 324 libraries worldwide. Another title, In Mixed Company is held in approximately 400 libraries worldwide, and the Library of Congress holds 10 titles or
editions. The National Library of Canada has 16 titles or editions and even the British Library in London has two of his books. Rothwell’s works are cited in many other publications.

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**About The Ernest L. Boyer Award**

This award is named in honor of the late Ernest L. Boyer, former Chancellor of the State University of New York and U.S. Commissioner of Education. One of the world's leading educators and visionaries, he came to the presidency of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in 1979 and served in this role with great distinction until his death in 1995. He was named Educator of the Year by *U.S. News & World Report* in 1990 and in 1994 was awarded the Charles Frankel Prize in the Humanities, a presidential citation.

The award honors the world's most highly creative men and women who have contributed significantly to teaching, learning, and technology in higher education. Nominees for the award are chosen in institution-wide searches and have contributed in highly creative ways to teaching, learning, and technology at their own colleges and universities. In addition, their contributions must have broad, significantly positive effects on student learning, motivation, and creativity beyond their own departments and institutions.

An international panel of distinguished faculty reviews all nominations for the award and selects the winner, who is honored at the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning. The award was first presented at the 8th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning, in 1997. After a 2-year hiatus, the award was reinstated at the 11th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning, in 2000, and has since become an annual event.

**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 over 100 academic and career technical education programs that serve multiple educational goals such as A.A. and A.S. degrees, certificates of achievement, skills certificates, transfer to 4-year institutions or for lifelong learning and personal enrichment. Its mission is to enhance the intellectual, cultural, and economic vitality of our diverse community by assisting all students in their quest for lifelong learning and success in an ever-changing world.*

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