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Cabrillo College Announces Grand Opening of Health and Wellness Complex
Saturday, September 25, 2010, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Building HW 2000

APTOS, CA—Cabrillo College today announces the community grand opening celebration for its new Health and Wellness Complex. The event will take place on Saturday, September 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in the new Health and Wellness Building (HW 2000) at 6500 Soquel Drive in Aptos. All students and members of the community are invited to take part in this grand opening. Admission is free.

“This event is an opportunity to thank the members of our community for their passage of the 1998 and 2004 Bond Measures which made these modern, state-of-the-art instructional facilities possible,” said Dr. Brian King, Cabrillo College president and superintendent. “We hope that many attend to experience these impressive buildings firsthand, and to learn more about how these buildings, combined with our excellent faculty, help us prepare Cabrillo students for success in the local healthcare workforce.”

The program will begin with a performance of the Cabrillo College Chorale, followed by presentations from Cabrillo College President Dr. Brian King and Governing Board Member Al Smith, Vice President of Instruction Dr. Renee Kilmer, Allied Health students and faculty. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will follow the introductory presentations, followed by refreshments and health and wellness education sessions.

The Cabrillo Health and Wellness Complex includes two buildings, totaling 58,925 square feet of instructional space. It features the latest in instructional technology such as a state-of-the-art Nursing Simulation Lab and Viewing Theater, advanced imaging technology for the Radiologic Technology department, 16 Dental Hygiene stations and five dental x-ray stations, a Collaborative Learning Center for students, and offices for all Allied Health Program Faculty.

Cabrillo College has four programs in Allied Health located in these new buildings: Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Radiologic Technology, Medical Assistant, and in 2012, the
new Health Information Technology Program. Housed in the adjoining building of the two-building complex are the Stroke and Disability Learning Center (formerly located at the DeLaveaga Golf Course) and the Health and Wellness Center, creating one, central location on Cabrillo’s Aptos campus for all Health and Wellness programs. Cabrillo’s Allied Health Programs are considered some of the best in California and are even nationally ranked.

“We’re combining this new, state-of-the-art space with Cabrillo’s stellar track record in the Allied Health Programs,” said Renee Kilmer, Cabrillo College vice president of instruction.” At this new Health and Wellness Complex, Cabrillo is committed to establishing an outstanding health care professional community that meets student, faculty and community needs.”

Many Cabrillo College Allied Health Program graduates find employment in the local community or transfer to the UC and CSU campuses to complete their bachelor’s degrees. Through Cabrillo’s Health Careers Partnership, Santa Cruz County Hospitals are directly involved in preparing Cabrillo Allied Health Program students for successful careers in the healthcare field.

**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 technology programs that serve multiple educational goals such as A.A. and A.S. degrees, certificates of proficiency, 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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