APTOS, CA—Cabrillo College and the Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) this week launched a joint initiative that provides high school students across Santa Cruz County concurrent enrollment at Cabrillo College with waived enrollment fees. This innovative initiative allows high school students countywide to begin taking college courses at a significantly reduced cost.

“I’m excited about the doors of opportunity that are opening wider for our students,” said Murry Schekman, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education, PVUSD.

Although this pilot program was initiated at Cabrillo’s Watsonville Center with the Pajaro Valley Unified School District, all high school students across the county who qualify for the concurrent enrollment program will have enrollment fees waived.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for all of our concurrent students to take advantage of our local community college, Cabrillo,” said Ruschele Viotti, Watsonville High School Counselor. “This will encourage more students to take classes at Cabrillo - thank you, Cabrillo.”

The classes offered at Cabrillo’s Watsonville Center were scheduled according to the bell schedules at our local high schools, so students can balance concurrent enrollment classes at Cabrillo even while taking a full load at their high school.

Interested high school students need to complete and submit a Concurrent Enrollment Form and bring it in to Cabrillo’s Admissions and Records Office at either the Aptos or Watsonville campus locations. The form is available for download at https://www.cabrillo.edu/services/ar/forms.html.

“We are excited to be able to offer the waiver of enrollment fees to encourage high school students to take advantage of this educational opportunity,” said Dennis Bailey-Fougner, Cabrillo Vice President of Student Services. “This initiative provides high school students countywide the opportunity to get a head start on their college coursework at a minimal cost.”
Concurrent enrolled student registration at Cabrillo College opened January 5th and is available to all Santa Cruz County high school students.

Letters about this initiative have been sent to all area high school counselors. For additional information about Concurrent Enrollment, please visit the Admissions and Records page on Cabrillo's website, at http://www.cabrillo.edu/services/outreach/concurrent.html.

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. Cabrillo College is a dynamic, diverse and responsive educational community that is dedicated to helping all students achieve their academic, career, and personal development goals.

About the Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD)
The Pajaro Valley Unified School District is the largest school district in Santa Cruz County (per enrollment) covering over 150 square miles spanning two counties from north Monterey in the south to Santa Cruz County in the north. The district serves the cities and communities of Aptos, Corralitos, Freedom, Pajaro, La Selva Beach, Las Lomas, and Watsonville. More than 20,300 K-12 students attend the district's 16 elementary schools, six middle schools, five high schools and six charter schools. The district also includes 12 children centers, an adult education school, migrant education and Head Start centers, and other special services. The district's enrollment places it among the 100 largest school districts in the state. PVUSD employs more than 2,000 full and part-time employees, making it one of the region's largest employers.

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