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**Waived Fee, Concurrent Enrollment for High School Students, Additional Assessment Day in Watsonville and Drop-In Registration Session Highlights Start of Cabrillo’s Spring Semester**

APTOS, CA—Cabrillo College announces new initiatives for spring semester that are designed to make it easy for new students and concurrently enrolled high school students to register and attend. Spring semester begins Monday, January 26 and seats are still available in many classes at the Aptos, Watsonville and Scotts Valley campus locations.

**Waived Fee Concurrent Enrollment for High School Students**

Effective spring semester, Cabrillo College and the Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) have 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.

“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-Fougier, Cabrillo Vice President of Student Services. “All of these initiatives are designed to make it as easy as possible for our county’s students to attend Cabrillo College.”

The pilot program was initiated at Cabrillo’s Watsonville Center with the Pajaro Valley Unified School District, however all high school students across the county who qualify for the concurrent enrollment program will be eligible to have their 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.”

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. For additional information about Concurrent Enrollment and to download the Concurrent Enrollment Form, please visit the Admissions and Records page on Cabrillo’s website, at [http://www.cabrillo.edu/services/outreach/concurrent.html](http://www.cabrillo.edu/services/outreach/concurrent.html).

**Additional Assessment Day in Watsonville, Wednesday January 21**

The Cabrillo Watsonville Center has announced an additional Assessment day for new students, on Wednesday, January 21 at 10:00 a.m. Cabrillo asks that students arrive 30 minutes early (9:30 a.m.), as seating is limited and seats are available on a first come, first served basis.
In order to participate in the Watsonville Center Assessment Day, students must fill out the required Cabrillo Application for Admission online no later than Friday, January 16th. Students will receive a student ID number within 48-72 hours. Next, students should take the online orientation, print out the certificate of completion and bring it with their student ID number and photo identification to the Assessment. If the student is enrolling as a concurrently enrolled high school student, they must also bring the completed Concurrent Enrollment Form.

For more information about the Assessment Day in Watsonville, please visit http://www.cabrillo.edu/services/assessment/.

**Drop-in Registration Offered at Watsonville Campus, Friday January 23**

For those students (new and returning) who need help registering, Cabrillo’s Watsonville Campus will offer a Drop-in Registration Session on Friday, January 23rd from 1-5 p.m. Staff will be on-hand to walk students through the registration process; no appointment is necessary.

The Academy for College Excellence (ACE) program begins on February 2, 2014 in Watsonville and Aptos. Room is still available in the Watsonville classes.

**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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