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**Cabrillo College to Graduate 1,168 Students Friday**

*Graduation Ceremony Friday, May 22, 2015 – 6:00 p.m., Carl Conelly Stadium*

APTOS, CA—Cabrillo College will honor its 56th graduating class of 1,168 students during a formal commencement ceremony on Friday, May 22nd to confer degrees and certificates. Cabrillo’s 2015 Graduation Ceremony will take place Friday, May 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Carl Conelly Stadium, Cabrillo College, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos.

This year Cabrillo awards 769 A.A. degrees, 391 A.S. degrees, 127 certificates of achievement, and 210 skills certificates. The Cabrillo College Class of 2015 is comprised of graduates ranging in age from 17 to 74 years with an average age of 29. Of the total graduates, 62% are females and 38% are males.

The Cabrillo College Class of 2015 contains 68 members graduating with a perfect grade point average (GPA) of 4.0. This year 107 students will graduate with high honors (3.75-3.99 GPA), 184 will graduate with honors (3.5-3.74 GPA) and 487 will graduate with honorable mentions (3.0-3.49 GPA).

Fifteen students will graduate as part of the Honors Transfer Program, having completed all of the courses required to transfer, including at least 15 units of honors coursework, while also maintaining a 3.5 or higher GPA. These students have been accepted and plan to transfer in to four-year universities including Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC Santa Cruz and Willamette University, among others.

With an 80% increase over last year’s total, this year, 165 students will graduate with an Associates Degree for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T) Transfer Degree, a special degree offered for the first time two years ago by California Community Colleges. Students who earn an AA-T or AS-T degree and meet the California State University (CSU) minimum eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to a CSU. Last year, Cabrillo had 92 graduates with AA-T/AS-T degrees.

Following the processional and the National Anthem sung by the Cabrillo Chorale, Cabrillo College Vice President of Student Services Dennis Bailey-Fougnier will welcome participants and guests. Cabrillo College President and Superintendent Dr. Laurel Jones and Cabrillo Faculty Senate President Dr. Michael Mangin will give their congratulatory remarks to the Cabrillo College Class of 2015.

Vice President of Instruction Dr. Kathleen Welch will present the class of 2015, and will highlight inspiring stories of graduates in the 2015 class who have overcome adversity in achieving their degrees.

Dr. Ekua Omosupe, English Instructor, Dr. Rachel Mayo, Dean of Education Centers, Dr. Francisco Iniguez Becerra, Spanish Instructor, and Sesario Escoto, Former Dean of Student Services, will read the graduates’ names.
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.

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