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**\*\*\* MEDIA ALERT \*\*\***

**Cabrillo College and 'One People, One Reef' Present: *Ocean as Heritage: Bringing Back Healthy Oceans One Island At A Time***

*Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30 – 8:30 PM, Cabrillo College Horticulture Center*

APTOS, CA – Cabrillo College today announces that on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, it will host John Rulmal Jr. and his team from the Micronesian Ulithi Atoll along with 'One People, One Reef' biologists Nicole Crane of Cabrillo College, Giacomo Bernardi of UCSC, and Peter Nelson of HT Harvey to discuss their award-winning work that changes the way coral reef conservation is achieved.

The event will be held at the Cabrillo College Horticulture Center this Thursday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. The team will discuss how they are working together with the leadership of indigenous people in the Micronesian outer islands to combine modern science and indigenous practices to protect ocean resources, preserve tradition and advance conservation.

Ocean protection and management is at a critical crossroads. One of the greatest challenges of our time is to manage ecosystems along *with* the people who rely on them, in the face of ecological and cultural change. Food security and cultural integrity for millions of indigenous people depends on it.

"John Rulmal, his team and I just returned from the World Conservation Congress, where he highlighted the importance of indigenous knowledge and leadership in conservation," said Cabrillo College Biology Instructor Nicole Crane. "The 'One People, One Reef' program is an example of how modern and traditional sciences are working together, and this is a unique opportunity to hear him and his team talk about it from their perspective."

- WHAT:** Cabrillo College and 'One People, One Reef' Present *Ocean as Heritage: Bringing Back Healthy Oceans One Island At A Time*
- WHEN:** Thursday, September 22, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (light refreshments begin at 5:30)
- WHERE:** Cabrillo College Horticulture Center (top of campus), Room 5005
- COST:** FREE event
- INFO:** [www.cabrillo.edu](http://www.cabrillo.edu)

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