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Cabrillo College Foundation Executive Director Melinda Silverstein Announces Retirement

*Under Her Leadership Cabrillo College Foundation Became One of the Most Accomplished
Community Colleges in the Nation*

APTOS, CA – After leading the organization for 18 years, Melinda Silverstein, Executive Director of The Cabrillo College Foundation today announced that she will retire from the Cabrillo College Foundation on November 2, 2016.

“Melinda has been an incredible advocate for Cabrillo College in our community and will be missed. She has built one of the most accomplished community college foundations in the nation and through her leadership of the Foundation, has provided millions of dollars in support to Cabrillo and our students each year,” said Laurel Jones, Cabrillo College President and Superintendent.

Silverstein began as Executive Director of the Cabrillo College Foundation in 1998. During her tenure, she has increased Foundation assets from \$7 Million to \$29 Million and facilitated the growth of the endowment from \$4 Million to \$23 Million. At the helm, she has raised more than \$54 Million and has established the Cabrillo College Foundation as a financially sound and well-managed organization, which provides direct support of nearly \$3 Million each year to Cabrillo and its students.

“Melinda has been a long-time pillar of our community and has left a lasting legacy with the wonderful work she has done at the Cabrillo College Foundation. She will be greatly missed and we look forward to building upon her success,” said Stephen Snodgrass, Cabrillo College Foundation Board President.



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“It has been a great honor and privilege to work with our generous community to support Cabrillo and our students. I believe education is the best way we can support our society and I am proud to have been able to help so many students achieve their educational dreams,” said Silverstein.

In accordance with the Foundation’s succession plan, the Cabrillo College Foundation Board enthusiastically approved promoting Eileen Hill, long-time Associate Director, as the Foundation’s next Executive Director.

“I am looking forward to my next adventure,” continued Silverstein. “I have had the pleasure of working closely with Eileen for 18 years, so I know that I am leaving the Foundation in good hands.”

About the Cabrillo College Foundation

The Cabrillo College Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in 1962 to raise private donations for the support of Cabrillo’s students and programs. Private support is used for student scholarships, research and educational programs, faculty and departmental support, facilities, and equipment. Local citizens, college staff, faculty and Cabrillo trustees serve on the 28-member foundation board, representing all geographic areas. Over the last ten years, the foundation has raised over \$36 million for students and college initiatives. Donations for the 2015-16 academic year were \$4.2 million. The foundation has helped to build an endowment of over \$23 million.

About Cabrillo College

Cabrillo College is a leading California community college serving Santa Cruz County with locations in Aptos 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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