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Cabrillo Community College Notifies Students of Security Incident

APTOS, CA (OCTOBER 6, 2017) - Today, Cabrillo Community College ("Cabrillo") announced that it is addressing a security incident involving personal information of certain students. Cabrillo is notifying the potentially affected individuals to explain the incident, the responsive measures Cabrillo has taken, and steps the individuals can take to protect themselves. Cabrillo is also offering complimentary identity protection services to eligible individuals.

On September 5, 2017, Cabrillo learned that an unauthorized person gained access to one of its servers. Cabrillo immediately disabled the server, began an investigation, and determined that the server contained a database that maintained student orientation information. The student orientation information included the students' names, dates of birth, email addresses, user names, and passwords used to access the orientation database, and in some instances Social Security numbers.

Immediately upon learning of the incident, Cabrillo obtained the assistance of a nationally known law firm experienced in addressing similar incidents, and put in place proactive notification measures as well as a call center for students whose information may have been affected. Cabrillo has no indication that the information has been accessed or used in any way. However, out of an abundance of caution, Cabrillo is proactively notifying the potentially affected individuals to provide guidance on how they can protect themselves. As part of this protection, for eligible individuals, Cabrillo is offering a complimentary one-year membership in credit monitoring and identity theft protection services. Individuals with questions may call 1-888-396-9528, Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pacific Time.

Cabrillo understands the importance of protecting student information, sincerely regrets that this incident occurred, and apologizes for any inconvenience or concern the incident may cause. To help prevent something like this from happening in the future, Cabrillo has enhanced the security of the orientation system, and has transitioned to a more secure password storage system.

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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