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**Cabrillo College Ethics Bowl Team is the First Community College Team to Win
Regional Competition, Advances to National Intercollegiate Competition
February 26**

APTOS, CA — Cabrillo College today announces that its Ethics Bowl team will advance to compete in the 21st International Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl National Competition on February 26th, in Dallas, Texas, after being the first Community College team in the competition's 21-year history to win a regional competition against four-year colleges and universities.

Cabrillo College won the regional competition held in December 2016. Sponsored by the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, the regional competition included competitors from colleges and four-year universities spanning California, Utah and Arizona. Cabrillo's win marked the first time that a community college had ever won an intercollegiate regional competition in the event's history, and that win secured its spot among the top 36 regional teams that will then go on to compete in the National Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl, which will be held in Dallas on February 26th.

The Cabrillo team members include: Ella Rose Carroll, Cameron Ellis, Liv Johansson, Max Umney, and Shane Wright. The Cabrillo Ethics Bowl team is coached by Cabrillo Philosophy Department faculty Nancy Brown and Claudia Close.

"What makes their win even more remarkable is that these are first- and second-year college students who competed against teams from other four-year colleges and universities composed principally of juniors and seniors," said Claudia Close, Philosophy Department Instructor and Department Chair. "Throughout the competition, the Cabrillo students were poised and professional, and demonstrated exemplary teamwork and good sportsmanship."

The Association for Practical and Professional Ethics organizes 11 Regional competitions throughout the United States and Canada. Student teams research, analyze and construct arguments, defending their assessment of the significant moral issues involved in current social, legislative, medical, business, and general interest events. Students must demonstrate that they have considered the facts of the case, can comprehend and articulate the underlying relevant ethical principles, defend their



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claims about how the case should be resolved, and answer challenges to their arguments put forward by the opposing side.

In the regional competition, the winning Cabrillo team competed through three initial rounds and a semi-final round before they advanced to the finals. In each round, two cases were considered. Students did not know which of the 12 cases that they had prepared would be the focus, nor did they know what the question would be. They presented their argument, responded to the opposing team's objections and then responded to the judges' questions.

For the upcoming National competition on February 26, teams will be given 15 new cases and will have had less than two months to prepare them for competition.

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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