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**Cabrillo College Selected to Participate in California Guided Pathways Initiative**  
*One of 20 Colleges Statewide to Participate in Innovative New Program That Gets Community College Students on Pathways to Faster Completion*

APTOS, CA — Cabrillo College today announced that it is one of 20 California Community Colleges selected to participate in the California Guided Pathways Initiative, a program that scales comprehensive Pathways reforms at community colleges throughout California and nationwide to improve student success and get students on pathways to faster completion.

The California Guided Pathways Initiative is designed to help a select group of California Community Colleges “Implement an integrated, institution-wide approach to student success by creating structured educational experiences that support each student from point of entry to attainment of high-quality, postsecondary credentials and careers.”

“This was a very competitive selection process and we were impressed by the depth and quality of Cabrillo’s institutional efforts to date,” said Rob Johnstone, Ph.D., Founder and President, National Center for Inquiry and Improvement. “We are excited to be working with Cabrillo over the next few years to not only advance Cabrillo’s efforts, but also to provide an example for other 100-plus colleges in California and 1,100-plus colleges nationally who will benefit from Cabrillo’s work on this project.”

"The Guided Pathways Initiative is going to transform student completion rates and overall success, nationwide, and I'm so honored that we've been selected to pioneer this groundbreaking effort," said Laurel Jones, President and Superintendent, Cabrillo College. "Putting students on a directed path, with counseling and support services every step of the way, will make a huge difference for Cabrillo students in terms of retention and completion. Following our community forum responses, this opportunity is an answer to many of our local concerns for student success."

“This is a significant step for Cabrillo, and will take the entire College working together to realize the Guided Pathway goals,” said Kathie Welch, Cabrillo Vice President of Instruction. “We have a highly committed group of faculty and staff who have invested the work and commitment to this application process over the past year, and the entire College should be proud to have been selected, as we help pioneer this important initiative that will transform community colleges nationwide.”

**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*



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*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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