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## **Cabrillo Stroke and Disability Learning Center Announces Honors Day**

*Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. at the Cabrillo College Aptos Campus*

APTOS, CA— The Cabrillo College Stroke and Disability Learning Center (SDLC) will hold its Annual Honors Day this Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m., at its Center on the Aptos campus, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos. At this inspirational ceremony, which will include the sharing of students' accomplishments, 19 students from Santa Cruz County will be given Certificates of Achievement and Accommodation. The Cabrillo SDLC student choir will also perform. This year, several Cabrillo SDLC students have also been involved in the robotic exoskeleton and research at UCSC with Dr. Robert Quinn, who will be a featured speaker.

Numerous special guests in attendance will include County Supervisors John Leopold and Zach Friend, Capitola Mayor Stephanie Harlan, Scotts Valley Council Member Donna Lind, Assembly Member Mark Stone's Representative Maureen McCarty, Advisory Board Members Brigid Simpkins, as well as Dr. Robert Quinn of UCSC and retired Director of Nursing Celeste Phillips, who will be our keynote speaker at this special honoring of students' accomplishments and resilience.

"For more than 40 years, students who have learned to overcome physical, emotional and cognitive challenges after a stroke or other health challenge, come together with family and friends to celebrate Honors Day," said Dr. Cynthia Fitzgerald, Allied Health and Stroke Center Director. "The Stroke & Disability Learning Center at Cabrillo College is a place where a plethora of breakthroughs happen."

The U.S. Congress proclaimed the Cabrillo College Stroke & Disability Learning Center to be an educational model for serving the growing demographic of adults dealing with functional challenges as a result of neurological and physical challenges. The unique program has been serving the community for 43 years, and currently serves students ages 18-97 in a supportive class environment with courses in Speech/Communication/Computer, Counseling, Mobility and a spectrum of electives including choir, healthy eating, ceramics and painting.

### **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.*