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**\*\*\* MEDIA ALERT \*\*\***

**Cabrillo College Announces Grand Opening of New, Grant Funded Makerspace**

*Saturday, January 20, 2pm – 6pm, Ribbon Cutting at 3pm  
Cabrillo Aptos Campus Rooms 1301 & 1302*

APTOS, CA—Cabrillo College today announces the Grand Opening of its new Makerspace will be held this Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 2p.m. – 6p.m. in Building 1300 of the Cabrillo Aptos Campus, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 3p.m.

At the event, attendees will have the opportunity to meet faculty and staff, enjoy refreshments, and receive demonstrations on cutting edge equipment, including 3-D printers, laser cutters and engravers, 2-D and 3-D scanners, CNC Routers, vinyl cutters, soldering stations, hand tools and more.

Funded by a Maker Implementation Grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, Cabrillo's new Makerspace is an inclusive, high-tech playground where all Cabrillo students, especially those in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) fields, along with members of the community, can collaborate, innovate and co-create.

With the support of existing and new curriculum, students will use the space to prepare for new internships and employment opportunities in regional advanced manufacturing and rapid prototyping, or launch entrepreneurial ventures of their own. Cabrillo Makerspace memberships are also available to all interested community members through Cabrillo's Extension program.

**WHAT:** Cabrillo Makerspace Grand Opening

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 20, 2018, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Ribbon Cutting at 3:00 p.m.)

**WHERE:** Building 1300, Rooms 1301 and 1302, Cabrillo College Aptos Campus, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos

**TICKETS:** FREE, Please register on Eventbrite to reserve your spot: <http://bit.ly/2rhrFn8>

Memberships are available to all community members!

**INFO:** [www.cabrillomakerspace.com](http://www.cabrillomakerspace.com)

**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 empowers students to be effective communicators, critical thinkers, and responsible world citizens. With a commitment to quality and equity, we connect all learners to pathways that propel them from where they are to where they aspire to be, including: academic, personal, and career growth.*

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