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Cabrillo College to Graduate 1,196 Students Friday
Graduation Ceremony Friday, May 25, 2018 – 4:00 p.m., Carl Conelly Stadium

APTOS, CA—Cabrillo College today announces that it will honor its 59th graduating class of 1,196 students during a formal commencement ceremony this Friday to confer degrees and certificates. Cabrillo’s 2018 Graduation Ceremony will take place Friday, May 25, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Carl Conelly Stadium, Cabrillo College, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos.

This year Cabrillo awards 724 A.A. degrees, 492 A.S. degrees, 117 certificates of achievement, and 187 skills certificates. The Cabrillo College Class of 2018 is comprised of graduates ranging in age from 18 to 73 years with an average age of 27. Of the total graduates, 63% are females and 37% are males. As a Federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution, 45% of Cabrillo’s graduating class is Latinx.

The Cabrillo College Class of 2018 contains 50 students who are graduating with a 4.0 Grade Point Average (GPA), 141 students who will graduate with high honors (3.75-3.99 GPA), 236 who will graduate with honors (3.5-3.74 GPA) and 493 who will graduate with honorable mentions (3.0-3.49 GPA).

A record-breaking 91 students will graduate and/or transfer as part of the Honors Transfer Program, having completed all of the courses required to transfer, including at least 15 units of honors coursework, while also maintaining a 3.5 or higher GPA. Of those 91 Honors Transfer students, 31 of them are graduating with high honors (3.75-3.99 GPA).

Of Cabrillo’s Honor Transfer Students, 18 students were certified for the UCLA Transfer Alliance Program, which gives priority admission into the UCLA College of Letters and Sciences for Fall, 2018. This year, Cabrillo students enjoyed an 80% admit rate into the UCLA College of Letters and Sciences.

Several students also received Regents Scholarships through the UC system, including Christian Barajas, who will receive a full scholarship to UC Berkeley in Anthropology. Flannery Fitch received a full scholarship to pursue her major in History at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

This year, 282 students will graduate with an Associate’s Degree for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T), a special degree offered for the first time five years ago by California Community Colleges. Students who earn an AA-T or AS-T Degree and meet the California State University (CSU) minimum eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to a CSU.

Following the processional and the National Anthem sung by the Cabrillo Chorale, Cabrillo College Vice President of Student Services Sue Gochis will welcome participants and guests. This year, there will be a student presentation by graduates who were part of Cabrillo's winning Ethics Bowl Team, Ella Carroll, Liv Johansson, and Connor Degraff.

Cabrillo College President and Superintendent Dr. Matthew Wetstein and Cabrillo Faculty Senate President Dr. Robin McFarland will give their congratulatory remarks to the Cabrillo College Class of 2018. Representing the Associated Students of Cabrillo College (ASCC), students Nikolas Osorio and Ella Tyler will recognize Cabrillo's Transfer Students, and Vice President of Instruction Dr. Kathleen Welch will present the class of 2018.

Dr. Ekua Omosupe, English Instructor, Dr. Francisco Iñiguez Becerra, Spanish Instructor, Matthew Halter, Biology Instructor, and Nancy Stucker, Spanish Instructor, will read the graduates' names.

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. 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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