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Cabrillo Receives \$250,000 Donation from Alumni Gerald and Joan Griffiths

Aptos, CA—Crediting Cabrillo College with broadening their horizons, alumni Gerald and Joan Griffiths have donated \$250,000 to support Cabrillo students. The Griffiths' endowed gift will support the nursing program, women's re-entry scholarships, and the tutorial program.

"In these troubled economic times, it is heartening to have generous alumni give back to Cabrillo and rally to support our students. We are so grateful for Gerry and Joan, who have shown incredible generosity and commitment to the students of Cabrillo College," stated Cabrillo College President Brian King.

The Griffiths family has a long-standing relationship with Cabrillo. Gerry was in the first class at Cabrillo and then went on to graduate from Chico State. Joan came to Cabrillo as a re-entry student and felt that Cabrillo's very supportive environment helped her to succeed. Gerald's brother, Richard Griffiths, was a devoted learning disability specialist and instructor at Cabrillo. His unexpected death in June 2006 was an enormous loss to the college, but his long-standing passion for the tutorial program leaves a lasting legacy at the college. Gerald's late parents, Penry and Marie Griffiths, were also long-time donors and friends to Cabrillo College. The generosity of the Griffiths family has provided crucial support to Cabrillo College students helping them triumph over language and learning challenges and disadvantaged academic backgrounds to become successful students.

"It can be intimidating for an older student to attend college along side young students. Cabrillo took me in as part of the family and supported me in my college studies. At Cabrillo I was able to broaden my horizons and receive a top-notch education. Through this gift to Cabrillo we hope to extend this opportunity to other students and help them achieve success," says Joan Griffiths.

In appreciation of Gerald and Joan Griffiths' gift, the college wishes to honor them by naming the student lobby in the Student Activities Center the **Griffiths Family Student Lobby**. There will be a Student Activities Center Grand Opening Celebration on Thursday, April 24 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information please contact the Cabrillo College Foundation at 831-479-6338.

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 technology programs that serve multiple educational goals such as A.A. and A.S. degrees, certificates of proficiency, skills certificates, transfer to 4-year institutions or for lifelong learning and personal enrichment. Our mission is to enhance the intellectual, cultural, and economic vitality of our diverse community by assisting all students in their quest for lifelong learning and success in an ever-changing world.