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## **Cabrillo College Culinary Arts Program Sweeps Santa Cruz Clam Chowder Cookoff & Festival**

**Wins First Place in Best Restaurant Boston Category, Second Place in Best Restaurant Manhattan Category, and Wins People's Choice Award, Professional Category**

APTOS, CA— Cabrillo College today announces that its department of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management brought home awards in every category it entered at this year's Santa Cruz Clam Chowder Cookoff & Festival.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this annual event was celebrated this past Saturday at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, and as an entrant in the Restaurant/Professional category, Cabrillo College ranked in the following categories:

### **Best Restaurant Boston**

First Place - Cabrillo College Culinary Cooking Team, Dany Pena, Aptos

### **Best Restaurant Manhattan**

Second Place - Cabrillo College Culinary Cooking Team, Mike Wille, Aptos

### **Overall People's Choice Winner**

Professional: Cabrillo College Culinary Cooking Team

"The Chowder Cookoff is a wonderful experience for our students," said Mike Wille, Cabrillo Advanced Culinary Arts instructor. "They end up chopping large quantities of all the main ingredients of our chowders, and in culinary arts, repetition of skill is especially important. We have refined our recipes with each year, and are very excited about the quality of both chowder entries."

Last year, Cabrillo College's Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management program took third place in the Restaurant Manhattan category. In 2009, Cabrillo College took second place in both the Best Restaurant Boston and Best Restaurant Manhattan categories.



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**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. Its 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.*

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