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Cabrillo College Celebrates Fifth Year of Acclaimed Social Justice Conference *'Imagining Change/Shaping the Future V' at Watsonville and Aptos Campuses, April 29-30*

APTOS, CA — Cabrillo College announces that its widely acclaimed, fifth annual Social Justice Conference entitled *Imagining Change/Shaping the Future V* will be held at Cabrillo College Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30. This year's conference features keynote speaker Sharaud Moore, one of the original Freedom Writers and published author, whose works are featured in *The Freedom Writers Diary*.

Guest speakers include Ted Cox, an award-winning writer whose coverage of the "ex-gay" movement caught the attention of The Huffington Post, FOX News Radio and National Public Radio (NPR), and The Triangle Speakers, a program of the Santa Cruz-based Diversity Center that works to eliminate fear, prejudice and hatred against gay, lesbian and transgendered people to create a healthy environment for Santa Cruz County.

The event begins with an opening reception on Friday, April 29 from 6-9 p.m. at the Cabrillo College Watsonville Campus, which will feature a screening of the film *Freedom Writers*. The all-day Conference is Saturday, April 30 from 8:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Cabrillo College Aptos Campus.

"We are thrilled to be celebrating the fifth year of Cabrillo's Social Justice Conference," said Dr. Adela Najarro, conference coordinator and Cabrillo College English department chair. "In every year since its inception, the Conference has attracted more than 350 attendees – this widespread support is evidence that the drive for social justice rests in the hearts and minds of Cabrillo College students, faculty, staff, administrators, and the greater Santa Cruz community."

The Conference will also feature break out sessions and the popular community fair, during which many participating community organizations such as the ACLU, the NAACP, People Power! and the Santa Cruz Cuba Caravans, among others, showcase the work they are doing toward social justice.

This year's Conference will again include a Children's Fair, centered on social justice themes that encourage children to explore the equal treatment of all beings by reading books, playing with multi-cultural dolls, and completing arts and crafts projects. Please note, children attending the fair must be accompanied by an adult.

What: Cabrillo College 5th Annual Social Justice Conference

When/Where: Opening Reception & Film Screening: Friday, April 29, 6 – 9 p.m., Cabrillo Watsonville Center; Conference: Saturday, April 30, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Aptos Campus

Price: Admission is free and open to the public. A complimentary light lunch will be served.

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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 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. 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.