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Cabrillo College Holds Second Annual 'Dare to Pair' Food and Wine Challenge, May 1
Cabrillo Culinary Arts Students Create Appetizers Paired with Surf City Vintners Wines in Competition Judged by Top Local Chefs

APTOS, CA — The Cabrillo College Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management program announces its second annual 'Dare to Pair' food and wine challenge on Sunday May 1, 2011 from 12-3 p.m., at the tasting rooms of the Surf City Vintners wineries on Ingalls and Swift Streets in Santa Cruz.

The competition features appetizers thoughtfully created and prepared by Cabrillo College Culinary Arts students artfully paired with wines from Surf City Vintners wineries. The event is open to the public, and participants stroll from winery to winery, tasting the student appetizer creations and wine pairings. Participants and top local chefs vote on their favorite pairings, and the winners are announced at 4:30 p.m., during an after party with appetizers and the music of local band Los Guapos Viejos.

"This event was such a success last year that we just had to repeat it," said Eric Carter, director of the Cabrillo College Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management program. "It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their skills, and for the public to enjoy the students' culinary creations, paired with our great, local wines."

Local chefs judging the competition include Brad Briske of Main Street Garden Café, Chris LeVeque of El Salchichero, Jozseph Shultz of India Joze; and Ann Parker, Santa Cruz Sentinel food writer. In addition, members of the public will vote on their favorites for the coveted "People's Choice" award.

The event is open to the public, and tickets are \$50 when purchased in advance at www.pinoalrestaurant.org (click on 'Dare to Pair'). Tickets are also available day of event, for \$60. All proceeds benefit the Cabrillo College Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management program.

What: Cabrillo College and Surf City Vintners Second Annual 'Dare to Pair' Food and Wine Challenge

When/Where: Tasting and Competition - Sunday, May 1, 12-3 p.m., Surf City Vintners (Swift & Ingalls Streets, Santa Cruz); After Party 3-5 p.m. with Awards Ceremony at 4:30 p.m.

Price: Tickets are \$50 in advance from www.pinoalrestaurant.org or \$60 day of event.

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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.

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