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**** MEDIA ALERT ****

**Cabrillo College Announces Grand Opening of Solari Green Technology Center
Friday, September 7, 2012, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Watsonville Center**

APTOS, CA—Cabrillo College announces a grand opening and dedication ceremony for the new Solari Green Technology Center on Friday, September 7 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The event will take place at the Solari Green Technology Center, located next to the Cabrillo College Watsonville Center at 318 Union Street, Watsonville.

The event will include presentations from Cabrillo College President and Superintendent Dr. Brian King and Cabrillo College Trustee Margarita Cortez, as well as from Tony Campos, Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Chairperson Ron Slack, Rose Ann Woolpert of Graniterock, and Past President and CEO of Granite Construction, Bill Dorey. The event will also include solar and building science demonstrations as well as tours of the new facility.

Cabrillo College received funding for the project from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), making it possible to construct the Solari Green Technology Center to the LEED Platinum Certification standard, the highest environmental standard for construction. Acquisition of the site and construction is funded by several sources, including bond funds approved by Santa Cruz County voters, a \$3.35M grant from the EDA, and generous support from the Les and Jeane Ley Family Fund. Major support from Mary and the late Dick Solari established the Solari Green Technology Center Endowment to enhance the operations of the Center.

The Solari Green Technology Center houses Cabrillo's Construction and Energy Management program, which focuses on sustainable construction and building performance practices. Classes began in the Center fall semester 2012. The buildings have been designed to be adaptable to a variety of industrial technology oriented programs, enabling the college to offer training that is responsive to the needs of local and regional employers.

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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. Cabrillo College is a dynamic, diverse and responsive educational community that is dedicated to helping all students achieve their academic, career, and personal development goals.

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