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## **Cabrillo College Announces Second Annual 'Cash 4 College Saturday' February 4** *Community Wide Event Gives Students and Parents Help Completing FAFSA*

APTOS, CA — Cabrillo College today announces its second annual 'Cash 4 College Saturday,' a community wide event for all students and their parents to come to Cabrillo's campus and receive help from Cabrillo College and UCSC staff members and Financial Aid counselors in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). 'Cash 4 College Saturday' will take place on Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Cabrillo's Computer Technology Center, Building 1400, Aptos Campus, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos.

'Cash 4 College Saturday' is open to all parents, students, and prospective students, regardless of where they plan to attend college. Anyone planning to complete the FAFSA form to determine if they qualify for Federal financial aid is encouraged to attend to receive help in completing the FAFSA form.

Approximately 40 trained Cabrillo and UCSC staff members and financial aid counselors will be on hand. Assistance will be provided in both English and Spanish.

"Statistics indicate that only 50% of students are receiving the financial aid they qualify for – many are leaving money on the table," said Dennis Bailey-Fougner, Vice President of Student Services at Cabrillo College. "The only way to find out if you qualify for financial aid is to complete the FAFSA. 'Cash 4 College Saturday' is designed to demystify that process, and to help students and parents get the FAFSA completed as quickly and easily as possible, so they can receive the aid they need."

'Cash 4 College Saturday' is an initiative of the Santa Cruz County College Commitment (S4C), a countywide collaborative comprised of public education institutions, including all K-12 School Districts, Cabrillo College, CSU Monterey Bay, San Jose State University (SJSU) and the University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC). The goal of S4C is to increase the college readiness and success of every student in Santa Cruz County.

No appointments are necessary; attendees will be assisted on a first-come-first-served basis. Students should bring the following items:

- Student's Social Security Card & Driver's License/State ID
- Parent's Social Security Number & birth date (for students under 24)
- Student's & Parent's 2010 Federal Tax Returns & W2s (If 2011 taxes are not completed yet, income estimates will suffice)
- Student's & Parent's 2011 bank & investment statements
- Records of untaxed income such as child support, housing allowance, workers comp or disability
- Student's Alien Registration Number (if you are not a citizen)



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- Student's & Parent's FAFSA Personal Identification Number (PIN), (if you already have one)

The 'Cash 4 College' event on February 4 is particularly timely, as March 2, 2012 is the FAFSA form submission deadline to determine eligibility for Cal Grants and for financial aid programs at several universities.

For more information, students and parents are encouraged to contact the Cabrillo College Financial Aid & Scholarships Office at [financial.aid@cabrillo.edu](mailto:financial.aid@cabrillo.edu) or 831-479-6415.

### **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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