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Six Cabrillo College Honors Transfer Program Students Chosen to Present at UC Berkeley

Increased Cabrillo Presence at Research Symposium Reflects Honors Transfer Program Growth

APTOS, CA — Cabrillo College today announces that six of its Honors Transfer Program students have been selected to present their research findings at the Bay Honors Research Symposium, to be held at UC Berkeley on April 28. The fifth annual symposium showcases the best in student honors research and will include presentations on a wide variety of topics. In past years, only one or two Cabrillo students have been chosen to participate.

The six-fold increase in Cabrillo College's participation in the Honors Research Symposium reflects the continued growth of Cabrillo's Honors Transfer Program and its emphasis on research. Designed to provide a cohort-based learning experience for high achieving, highly motivated students, the Cabrillo Honors Transfer Program is now only in its fourth year and has 210 enrolled students. In 2011, the Honors Transfer Program transferred 46 students into some of California's most competitive universities, including UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC San Diego, the University of Southern California (USC) and Santa Clara University.

The Cabrillo Honors Transfer Program provides a rigorous educational experience by offering specialized, seminar-style and research-oriented Honors Courses that mirror the rigor, environment and expectations of university level academics. Students are better prepared for transfer in terms of their essay writing, research and study skills.

"The Cabrillo Honors Transfer Program prepared me very well for academic life at UCLA," said Brandon Christensen, an Anthropology transfer student. "The coursework, the camaraderie, and the challenges that the professors presented to me have been important for my educational success. The program has enabled me to succeed with vigor at a world-class university."

Students taking Cabrillo Honors Courses benefit from smaller class sizes (between 20-35 students), faculty mentors, enriched curriculum and membership in an Honors Transfer community of students. In addition, the program is a member of UCLA's Transfer Alliance Program (TAP), which gives priority admission for students who complete the Honors Program into UCLA's College of Letters and Sciences.

"The Honors Transfer Program at Cabrillo College feels a lot like a private school experience," said Alex Chuiko, Honors Transfer Program Student and a Cabrillo Student Senator. "I love



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studying in a smaller group of like-minded individuals. Honors classes are challenging, but they make me feel confident about my transfer to a four-year university this fall."

The Cabrillo Honors Transfer Program is open to students from all backgrounds, ages and experiences, including current Cabrillo students, students coming to Cabrillo from other colleges and universities, and recent high school graduates.

"Cabrillo College has always been a popular option for university-ready students to pursue the first two years of a Bachelors Degree," said Carolyn Jackson, Director, Cabrillo College Articulation and Honors Transfer Program. "Even with state budgetary restraints and the increased cost of higher education, the UC System maintains its commitment to transfer students. High-achieving high school graduates are wise to consider the Honors Transfer Program as their path to the university."

Honors Transfer Program Requirements and Admissions

Students graduating high school in spring 2012 and planning to apply for the Cabrillo Honors Transfer Program for fall semester 2012 must complete their applications and submit all necessary documents **by April 5, 2012**. They should also participate in the Running Start program through their local high school.

To apply, graduating high school students should submit:

- The Honors Application
- Letter of Recommendation
- Application Essay
- High School Transcripts (to include fall 2011 grades/AP Scores/IB Scores, EAP and/or Cabrillo English Assessment results)

For more information, interested students should visit the Honors Transfer Program website, at www.cabrillo.edu/services/honors or call the Honors Transfer Program Offices at (831) 477-3505.

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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