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Cabrillo College to Graduate 1,117 Students Friday

Graduation Ceremony Friday, May 19, 2017 – 4:00 p.m., Carl Conelly Stadium

APTOS, CA—Cabrillo College today announces that it will honor its 58th graduating class of 1,117 students during a formal commencement ceremony this Friday to confer degrees and certificates. Cabrillo's 2017 Graduation Ceremony will take place Friday, May 19, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Carl Conelly Stadium, Cabrillo College, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos.

This year Cabrillo awards 691 A.A. degrees, 405 A.S. degrees, 125 certificates of achievement, and 184 skills certificates. The Cabrillo College Class of 2017 is comprised of graduates ranging in age from 18 to 70 years with a median age of 28. Of the total graduates, 65% are females and 35% are males. As a Federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution, 42% of Cabrillo's graduating class is Latino.

The Cabrillo College Class of 2017 contains 65 students who are graduating with a 4.0 Grade Point Average (GPA), 116 students who will graduate with high honors (3.75-3.99 GPA), 187 who will graduate with honors (3.5-3.74 GPA) and 448 who will graduate with honorable mentions (3.0-3.49 GPA).

A record 82 students will graduate as part of the Honors Transfer Program, having completed all of the courses required to transfer, including at least 15 units of honors coursework, while also maintaining a 3.5 or higher GPA. Of those 82 Honors Transfer students, 32 of them are graduating with high honors (3.75-3.99 GPA). Of Cabrillo's Honor Transfer Students, 11 of them have been accepted into the UCLA College of Letters and Sciences. Honors Transfer Student Brenda Garcia has been awarded the prestigious Baskin Scholarship to attend UCSC. Honors Transfer students have also been accepted into other four-year universities including Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and UC Berkeley, among others.

This year, 253 students will graduate with an Associates Degree for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T) Transfer Degree, a special degree offered for the first time four years ago by California Community Colleges. Students who earn an AA-T or AS-T Degree and meet the California State University (CSU) minimum eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to a CSU.

Following the processional and the National Anthem sung by the Cabrillo Chorale, Cabrillo College Vice President of Administrative Services Victoria Lewis will welcome participants and guests. Cabrillo College President and Superintendent Dr. Laurel Jones and Cabrillo Faculty Senate President Dr. Robin McFarland will give their congratulatory remarks to the Cabrillo College Class of 2017.

Vice President of Instruction Dr. Kathleen Welch will present the class of 2017, and will highlight inspiring stories of graduates in the 2017 class who have overcome adversity in achieving their degrees.

Dr. Ekuia Omosupe, English Instructor, Dr. Francisco Iniguez Becerra, Spanish Instructor, Matthew Halter, Biology Instructor, and Nancy Stucker, Spanish Instructor, will read the graduates' names.



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About Cabrillo College

Cabrillo College is a leading California community college serving Santa Cruz County with locations in Aptos 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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