ABOVE: Harbor High School student Jenny Rodriguez (in white), 18, talks with Yvonne Martinez, admissions counselor at Grand Canyon University, about her options at Cabrillo College and Career Night 2011 Monday. BELOW: More than 4,000 parents and students attended the annual November event.

Cabrillo College and Career Night draws thousands

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College-bound students and their parents had plenty of information to wade through during the Cabrillo College and Career Night 2011 Monday.

Harbor High School student, Jenny Rodriguez, 18, was in search of a school with a focus in the medical field, possibly OB-GYN.

“I’m looking for a college that’s most beneficial to me, one that offers more courses in the medical field and scholarships,” Rodriguez said. “Besides Grand Canyon University, I looked into San Jose State; these two seem to be less competitive.”

Rodriguez is currently attending Harbor High School in Santa Cruz and was among the more than 4,000 parents and students who attended the annual November event.

According to Melissa Brilino of the Cabrillo’s transfer and career center, invitation notices were sent to local high schools and even some middle schools. This year, the event offered transfer workshops for those interested in receiving more detailed information.

The event, which also was an open house, featured representatives from more than 60 public, private and out-of-state colleges and universities. It was held at Cabrillo’s Aptos campus.