2012 GRADUATION

Cabrillo grads set to walk on Friday

More than 1,000 getting degrees

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APTOS — With 1,076 students receiving associate degrees or certificates on Friday, Cabrillo College will have its largest graduation ceremony in five years, according to Kristin Fabos, Cabrillo’s director of marketing and communications.

The ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at the Apts campus. Administrators will hand out 643 associate of arts degrees, 391 associate of science degrees, 234 certificates of achievement and 225 skills certificates, though hundreds of students will receive more than one, Fabos said.

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IF YOU GO

2012 CABRILLO GRADUATION

WHEN: 6 p.m. Friday
WHERE: 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos
(Carl Connelly Stadium on the ocean side of campus)
COST: Free
INFORMATION: 479-6100

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have a sense of direction. Avila enrolled at Cabrillo in 2007 but dropped out after a semester, spending the next 18 months feeling “lost” and with no sense of purpose. So when she re-enrolled in 2009, and her passion for diplomacy was sparked through her involvement in Cabrillo’s student senate.

Being part of the student senate, she said, “gives you a path to follow.”

Serving as the school’s legislative representative, she said she gained an appreciation for meeting people from all walks of life, and for debate, while attending meetings in Sacramento and elsewhere.

Avila said she likes going to meetings because “you get to fight with people, but you don’t throw any punches,” she said with a laugh. “If your argument is the right one, the opposition will usually concede.

The main graduation ceremony takes place Friday evening, but separate ceremonies will be held for different departments at different times. For example, the dental hygiene and radiological technology pinning ceremonies will be held earlier in the day, while the nursing department and Organization of Latin Americans will hold events Saturday.

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