Big moment

1,076 students graduate Friday in Aptos

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APTOS — Cabrillo College honored the largest graduating class in five years during a commencement ceremony Friday evening on the campus.

In total, 1,076 students received degrees or certificates: 643 Associate of Arts degrees, 351 Associate of Science degrees, 215 certificates of achievement and 215 skills certificates, according to a news release.

Seventy-eight students graduated with perfect 4.0 GPA, 321 with high honors (3.75 to 3.99 GPA), 200 with honors (3.5 to 3.74 GPA) and 992 with honorable mentions (3.0 to 3.49 GPA), according to the release.

Transferring students will begin studies in the fall at UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz and the University of Southern California, among others.

After the processional, Cabrillo Vice President of Student Affairs Dennis Bailey-Pouliquen welcomed students and guests, followed by speeches from various administrators including Cabrillo’s president, Dr. Brian King, and Dr. Michael Mangin, Cabrillo’s faculty senate president.

Graduating students from Cabrillo College’s Culinary Arts Program opted for chef hats instead of traditional mortar boards.

Cabrillo College graduates celebrate as they enter the football stadium for Friday’s ceremonies.