PROPOSITION 30
Cabrillo College adds classes and faculty, avoids cuts

Fall enrollment down slightly from last year possibly from better economy

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APTOS — Cabrillo College students have more classes and faculty this fall, thanks to Proposition 30, an income and sales tax increase passed in November that prevented further campus budget cuts.

Enrollment has exceeded college's capacity since 2009 due to more than $11 million in budget cuts, but now students can get the classes they need, said Fabe. Students can enroll in classes until Saturday, and Fabe said she expects enrollment to meet or exceed last year's numbers. Official fall enrollment will be released next week.

Students also have a newly renovated Basdin Technology Center, which provides lab space for science, technology, engineering and math classes. The center was funded in part by a $4.8 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, which also funded increased academic support for science students.

Additions to campus include a new president. Laurel Jones began her first school year as president with a listening and speaking tour of the campus and local community, which she plans to continue for two to three months.

She said she's asking questions and getting a feel of the community before she begins planning her vision.

One message she's hearing is that people are tired of budget reductions, she said. "I think people have done a woman's job in getting Cabrillo through those budget reductions in an extremely professional and student-centric manner," said Jones. "But just like everyone else, people are tired about reduction."

The other theme she's hearing from the community is how well-regarded the college is, she said. "I'm really thrilled to be working for this great group of people," Jones said.

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