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Cabrillo College Wins 2008 Pacific Regional Equity Award From the Association of Community College Trustees

APTOS, CA—Cabrillo College is pleased to announce that its board of trustees and president have received the 2008 Pacific Regional Equity Award from the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT), making the college eligible for the prestigious Charles Kennedy Equity Award.

The ACCT Regional Equity Award is given to an ACCT member's governing board and chief executive officer for demonstrating leadership in setting policies and in assuring results for the enhancement and expansion of opportunities for minorities and women in such areas as: enrollment, successful completion, participation in better paying, higher mobility college majors, campus environment, employment and promotion, among others.

Cabrillo College Board of Trustees Chair Claudine Wildman states, "This award recognizes Cabrillo's campus wide commitment to meeting the varied needs of students from diverse backgrounds in every aspect of campus life. It acknowledges that as the face of our community changes, we always respond with innovative solutions to achieve equity."

Cabrillo trustee Rebecca Garcia says, "As the first Latina elected to the Cabrillo Governing Board, I am proud to be a role model and member of a leadership team that continually advocates for equity and diversity in higher education. Once again, this award shows how Cabrillo College is a leader in helping all students fulfill their potential, regardless of the circumstances life has thrown at them. We are thrilled to receive this award."

Among some of the many reasons Cabrillo was selected for this regional award were three innovative programs: Cabrillo Advancement Program (CAP), Cabrillo Digital Bridge Academy (DBA) and the Cabrillo Women's Education Success Program (WES).

For a single mother, or any women with limited resources, financial emergencies can be an impossible barrier to going or staying, in college. WES provides grants of \$100 to \$500 to women with unexpected emergency expenses, including car repairs, bus passes and replacement of stolen items.

CAP has increased the enrollment of at-risk Latino students into Cabrillo. Starting with the first year of middle school and continuing through high school,



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CAP students and their parents receive comprehensive information and preparation for college. In 2003, CAP received the California Community College Board of Governors statewide prestigious Rice Diversity Award.

DBA inspires and supports under-prepared and at-risk young adults in their quest for academic achievement and teaches skills needed for success in today's knowledge intensive workplace. In 2007, DBA received the statewide prestigious Rice Diversity Award, making Cabrillo College the only three-time recipient of the award.

About Cabrillo College

Cabrillo College is a leading California community college serving Santa Cruz County with locations in Aptos, Scotts Valley and Watsonville. It is ranked #1 in transfers to UC Santa Cruz. Founded in 1959, the college offers over 100 academic and career technology programs that serve multiple educational goals such as A.A. and A.S. degrees, certificates of proficiency, skills certificates, transfer to 4-year institutions or for lifelong learning and personal enrichment. Its mission is to enhance the intellectual, cultural, and economic vitality of our diverse community by assisting all students in their quest for lifelong learning and success in an ever-changing world.