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UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENT RECEPTION AT CABRILLO WATSONVILLE CENTER

Cabrillo College, UC Santa Cruz Join Together to Welcome New Students

- WHAT:** **2nd Annual Underrepresented Student Welcome Reception**
Co-sponsored by Cabrillo College and UC Santa Cruz, the 2nd Annual Underrepresented Student Reception at Cabrillo College Watsonville Center welcomes new students to the community college system and helps connect first-generation, low-income, and immigrant students with resources, programs, and services to help them succeed on their academic journey. Students will hear from key Cabrillo leaders, attend an information fair with representatives from Cabrillo support programs, and attend breakout sessions with UCSC and Cabrillo staff. The event is a collaborative effort between Cabrillo and the UCSC Educational Partnership Center's (EPC) Transfer Partnership Program, which identifies and supports prospective community college transfer students through academic planning and guidance services to strengthen the transfer process and help students make the successful transition to a four-year institution.
- WHO:** Confirmed Cabrillo leaders include: Pegi Ard, Vice President, Business Services; Dr. May Chen, Assistant Superintendent/Vice President, Student Services; Sesario Escoto, Dean of Student Services; Rebecca Garcia, Governing Board Member; and Katy Stonebloom, Governing Board Member.
- WHEN:** Thursday, August 28, 2008
5:30 – 6:00 p.m.: Welcome, Introductions by Cabrillo Leaders & Information Fair
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.: Breakout Sessions & Workshops
- WHERE:** Cabrillo Watsonville Center (Multipurpose Room 4330)
318 Union Street, Watsonville CA 95076
- WHY:** The focus of the welcome event is to help new community college students connect to programs and resources at both Cabrillo and UCSC to develop a successful academic plan and start preparing to transfer to a four-year institution. Cabrillo is ranked first in transfers to UCSC. The reception is an inspirational event for students, many of whom are first-in-family college students and come from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. UCSC programs represented include: EPC Transfer Partnerships Program and Bridge to Transfer Initiative, Educational Opportunity Programs, Chicano Latino Resource Center, and Services for Transfer and Re-Entry Students. Cabrillo programs and departments include: Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, Honors Transfer Program, Transfer/Career Center, Watsonville Center, Puente Project, and Financial Aid.

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