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CABARRUS COLLEGE RECEIVES GRANT TO IMPROVE COLLEGE ACCESS

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Concord, NC, January 20, 2011- Cabarrus College of Health Sciences recently received a grant of \$5,850 from the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (NCICU) to implement an initiative designed to increase access to health science degree programs.

The COMPASS program (College Outreach and Mentoring Providing Access for Student Success) is designed to increase the awareness of and access to higher education opportunities in the health professions. The objectives of the COMPASS program are to educate students about career opportunities in healthcare; guide students on what they need to do to prepare academically for admission to a healthcare related degree program; and provide assistance in navigating the admission and financial aid processes. To facilitate this outreach initiative, student ambassadors will be selected from the Cabarrus College student body. Ambassadors will participate in on-campus and off-campus outreach activities designed to raise awareness of opportunities available in the health sciences. Ambassadors will serve as mentors to individuals considering a degree in the health sciences and provide guidance and support as they determine their programs of interest, and subsequently navigate the application process.

Dr. Dianne Snyder, Chancellor of Cabarrus College states, "we are thrilled to receive funding from the NCICU to support this outreach initiative. This will help us communicate more broadly the career opportunities available in healthcare."

For additional information about the COMPASS program contact Dr. Mark Ellison, Director of Admissions, at 704-403-1616, or email mellison@cabarruscollege.edu.

About Cabarrus College of Health Sciences

Cabarrus College of Health Sciences is located on the campus of CMC-NorthEast in Concord, North Carolina. 514 students are enrolled in five associate degree and three baccalaureate completion programs. Associate degree programs include medical assistant, nursing, occupational therapy assistant, surgical technology and associate in science. Baccalaureate completion programs include health services leadership and management, medical imaging and nursing. The College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). For additional information go to www.cabarruscollege.edu.

