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Cabarrus College Receives College Access Grant from NCICU

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Concord, NC, April 15, 2010- Cabarrus College of Health Sciences recently received a College Access Challenge Grant of \$3,360 from North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (NCICU). The grant is being used to expand the Guided Study Session (GSS) program, an initiative targeted towards first year students enrolled at Cabarrus College.

The GSS program is designed to improve student knowledge, comprehension, and critical thinking skills, which often results in improved student persistence and retention. The program is tailored to help first year students improve the skills they need to perform well on lecture quizzes and exams. Guided study sessions are led by student leaders and held regularly as review sessions for specific courses. The College Access Challenge Grant enabled Cabarrus College to triple the number of students serving as mentors to six. This allowed five sessions to be offered in the spring semester, resulting in 82 students participating to date, more than double the number of students in previous semesters.

“This program is unique in that we are utilizing students as mentors who only a semester or two prior were enrolled in the same class. The GSS leader has the chance to reinforce knowledge they learned previously, and empower others to reach their potential as motivated learners. As future workers in the caring professions, they are able to refine teaching skills similar to those used in patient teaching,” stated Angela Ferguson, Director of Student Affairs.



Angela Ferguson



Dr. Dianne Snyder

Cabarrus College was one of 18 private colleges and universities in North Carolina to receive a grant. The funding was provided to NCICU from a \$200,000 federal grant aimed at helping colleges and universities implement programs that will help first-generation, low-income, minority, or students at risk of educational failure to reach success in college.

“This grant will enable Cabarrus College to provide an extra level of support to our students as they strive for educational excellence. We are grateful that NCICU has supported us in this initiative,” stated Dr. Dianne Snyder, Chancellor of Cabarrus College.

For more information on the GSS program at Cabarrus College please contact Julie Holland at 704-403-3207.

About Cabarrus College of Health Sciences

Cabarrus College of Health Sciences is located on the campus of CMC-NorthEast in Concord, North Carolina. 507 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). Cabarrus College has experienced tremendous growth this decade, with enrollment doubling and applications for admission increasing nearly 200% since 2003. For additional information visit online at www.cabarruscollege.edu.