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Surgical Technology Program Recognized with Galaxy Star Award

Concord, N.C. — The Surgical Technology program at Cabarrus College was recognized by the Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) with the Galaxy Star Award in 2012. The award is presented to surgical technology programs that have 75% or more of their students registered as members of AST. Of the 426 programs in the United States only 285 received the Galaxy award.

The AST Galaxy Award is a program to recognize surgical technology programs that promote their students future success in the field by encouraging membership in their national professional organization - The Association of Surgical Technologists. Galaxy Stars receive special recognition at the national conference, in the *Surgical Technologist Journal*, and in the Instructors Newsletter. Programs also receive a gift certificate from AST to use for materials and resources to enhance the classroom, and a certificate of recognition.

For additional information on the Surgical Technology program at Cabarrus College visit www.cabarruscollege.edu, email admissions@cabarruscollege.edu, or call 704-403-1555 to speak with an admissions counselor. An application can still be submitted for fall admission.

Cabarrus College of Health Sciences, an affiliate of Carolinas HealthCare System, is located on the campus of Carolinas Medical Center-NorthEast in Concord, N.C. Five hundred and fourteen students are enrolled in six associate degree and three baccalaureate completion programs. Associate degree programs include medical assistant, nursing, occupational therapy assistant, pharmacy technology, 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. For additional information, visit www.cabarruscollege.edu.

Carolinas HealthCare System (www.carolinashealthcare.org), one of the nation's leading and most innovative healthcare organizations, provides a full spectrum of healthcare and wellness programs throughout North and South Carolina. Its diverse network of more than 650 care locations includes academic medical centers, hospitals, healthcare pavilions, physician practices, destination centers, surgical and rehabilitation centers, home health agencies, nursing homes and hospice and palliative care. CHS works to improve and enhance the overall health and wellbeing of its communities through high quality patient care, education and research programs, and numerous collaborative partnerships and initiatives.

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