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Medical Assistant Recognition Week is October 18-22

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Concord, NC, October 15, 2010 – The Cabarrus College of Health Sciences Medical Assistant Student Organization is gearing up to celebrate Medical Assistants Recognition Week, October 18-22, as designated by the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA). Medical assistants across the country will be recognized during this week and honored on Medical Assistants Recognition Day, October 20.

In celebration of Medical Assistants Recognition Week, the Medical Assistant Student Group at Cabarrus College has planned the following special events and activities:

-Several silent auctions and a raffle;

-A Little Caesars Pizza Sale to raise funds for students to attend the North Carolina Medical Assistant Convention in April 2011;

-A bake sale, with proceeds benefiting The Angel Tree Project, which assists children of Bostian Elementary School in Rowan County. These families are identified by the school guidance director based on need for assistance with food, shelter and essential medical care. These families have been affected by lost wages, jobs, injuries, illness, domestic violence or divorce.

-A softball game will be played on Saturday, October 23 against the Surgical Technology Student Organization, with proceeds also benefiting The Angel Tree Project.

Cabarrus College offers a one year diploma and two year associate degree in Medical Assistant. Currently 17 students are enrolled in the program. 100% of Cabarrus College Medical Assistant graduates over the past three years have passed the certification exam. Program Chair Stacey Wilson states “the students have worked very hard to ensure that this week will be

a success by raising money for The Angel Tree and holding events that increase the awareness of the medical assistant program.”

Medical assisting is an allied health profession whose practitioners function as members of the health care delivery team and perform administrative and clinical procedures. With their unique versatility, medical assistants are proving to be the allied health professional of choice for this decade and beyond. In fact, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, medical assisting continues to be projected as one of the fastest growing occupations.

For more information about the Medical Assistant Program at Cabarrus College, contact the Office of Admissions at 704-403-1555.

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.