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CABARRUS COLLEGE ENROLLMENT INCREASES 3.6%

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Concord, NC, September 19, 2008- Cabarrus College of Health Sciences enrolled 372 students for the fall semester, a 3.6% increase compared to fall 2007. Since 2000, enrollment has more than doubled at Cabarrus College.

The average age of enrolled students is 27 years, which is slightly higher than 2007. Eleven percent of students are from an ethnic minority background. Ten percent of enrolled students are men.

A few highlights of students enrolling at Cabarrus College for the first time include: Minority enrollment of new students increased 3.3% for the fall 2008 entering class compared to the previous year; the average SAT score for new students was 1003 (on the math and critical reading sections only); and students entering directly from high school had an average GPA of 3.34.

Admission to the associate degree nursing program was particularly competitive. Over 320 applications were received for approximately 45 spaces. Students entering directly from high school had an average GPA of 3.46. The average SAT score of students entering the nursing program was 1116 (math and critical reading only), and the average ACT score was 25.

Cabarrus College's primary service area is the six county region of Cabarrus, Rowan, Mecklenburg, Stanly, Iredell and Union counties. The counties of origin for students enrolled at Cabarrus College since 2005 are: Cabarrus (45%); Rowan (20%); Mecklenburg (18%); Stanly (6%); and Iredell (3%).

For additional information about Cabarrus College please call 704-403-1556.

About Cabarrus College of Health Sciences

Cabarrus College of Health Sciences is located on the campus of CMC-NorthEast in Concord, North Carolina. Over 430 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.