

My name is Benjamin Finke, and I am a candidate for Cabrillo College Board of Trustees, Area 6. I am a lifelong Aptos resident, attended local schools, and attended Cabrillo College. As a Bus Operator for Santa Cruz METRO, I see every day how Cabrillo connects students with opportunities that change lives.

I am seeking this position to represent students, faculty, staff, and our community with thoughtful leadership. Cabrillo plays a vital role preparing students for transfer to four-year universities and today's workforce through career education, healthcare training, and high-demand programs.

Our community benefits when Cabrillo expands access to affordable, high-quality education, meeting the needs of local employers and regional industries. Strong workforce partnerships help students gain skills for living-wage careers while supporting the economic vitality of Santa Cruz County.

As Trustee, I will advocate for students to have the support they need to succeed, and for faculty and staff to have the respect and resources they deserve. I will preserve Cabrillo's tradition of affordable education while expanding opportunities for lifelong success.