Chabot College For Immediate Release

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Chabot College Music Department Receives Prestigious NASM Accreditation

(Hayward, CA) - Chabot College's Music Department recently became the first California community college to receive accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), the primary accrediting body for music schools across the nation.

"Accreditation provides our students with opportunities to transfer to schools that will allow them access to careers in the arts that would otherwise not be available to them," said Chabot College's Dean of Arts, Media and Communications Deonne Kunkel-Wu. "We are the first community college in California to be accredited by NASM and one of only approximately 30 in the nation. This recognition affirms that our students can create and succeed in competitive fields that have traditionally been restricted to those closest to opportunity."

To receive accreditation, representatives from NASM sat in on classes, listened to students perform individually and in groups and conducted interviews. Extensive self-studies were also included as was the need for Chabot to follow reports addressing accreditation standards focused on students access and success, faculty excellence, institutional effectiveness, budget and planning, outcomes assessment, facilities and record keeping.

Out of the 189 schools that applied for accreditation only three including Chabot were given the honor.

About Chabot College

Chabot College in Hayward is a comprehensive community college in the heart of a thriving, diverse community where students of all ages and backgrounds can get a high quality education at an affordable price. The college awards associate degrees and certificates, and specializes in university transfer, workforce training, and lifelong learning opportunities. http://www.chabotcollege.edu/

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