

Watsonville native new VP at Cabrillo

Watsonville native Manuel Osorio has climbed another rung at Cabrillo College with his appointment to vice president at the Aptos school.

"It's an incredible step for me," he said today, "because I've worked hard to get to this level."

After serving a four-year tour with the U.S. Air Force in Viet Nam, Osorio enrolled at Cabrillo in 1969 and received an associate in arts degree in 1971.

He went on to earn a bachelor of arts in psychology from UC-Santa Cruz in 1973, then obtained a master of arts in counseling education from San Jose State in 1980. He then returned to Cabrillo and has been there for 23 years.

Osorio returned to Cabrillo between earning those two degrees, being named financial aid assistant in 1973. He served as financial aid director from 1975 to 1982, then served as assistant dean of student services from 1982 through 1984.

In 1984, Osorio was named dean of student services, a post he held until his recent elevation to vice president by the Cabrillo College Governing Board.

One of eight children of Frank and Julia Osorio of Watsonville, the newly named vice president credits his parents for much of his career success.

"Hard work has always been something that my parents put into our minds," Osorio said. "They worked hard and they believed in

working hard."

Osorio has served on several boards of directors in the community, includ-

ing the United Way, the Watsonville Rotary, the League of United Latin-American Citizens (LULAC) and the Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County.

He also was board president for four terms, from 1979 to 1990, of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District.