



ACC President's Report
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TRANSFORM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- **DR. MATYE EDWARDS APPOINTED TO AACC COMMISSION**

ACC Vice President for Student Affairs [Dr. Lisa Matye Edwards](#) has been appointed to the American Association of Community Colleges' [Commission on Student Success](#) (term is July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025). The Commission focuses on initiatives that facilitate student access and success, as well as organizational transformation

- **ACC HOSTS ACHIEVING THE DREAM WORKSHOPS DURING BCC WEEK**

ACC hosted three [Achieving the Dream](#) workshops during Fall 2022 Building Campus Connections Week (Aug. 15-19) in continued efforts to improve student success. Over 160 combined faculty, instructors and staff participated in workshops entitled *Equitizing Syllabi*, *Culturally Responsive Curriculum Analysis*, and *Equity-Minded Course-Level Data*.

TRANSFORM OUR OWN WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE

- **INNOVATIVE EDUCATION – ALLEVATO FEATURED BY CBS4**

ACC graduate Luke Allevato was featured by CBS4 in June 2022. Allevato, who completed his [Secure Software Development associate degree](#) in the spring and is now employed by Lockheed Martin, began his bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems (via CSU Pueblo) at the ACC Sturm Collaboration Campus at Castle Rock this fall. [VIDEO](#)

- **ACC, LOCKHEED MARTIN DEVELOPING TECH WORKFORCE**

Seven ACC students and graduates have launched their careers with positions at Lockheed Martin through the Software Associate Degree Program (SWAP) and Community College Pathways to Space (CCPS) programs. Lockheed Martin recruits students in pursuit of technical 2-year degrees to attract, develop and retain early-career technical professionals who seek employment in software and cyber-related fields. Students gain experiential learning and are subsequently retained as employees upon graduating with their associate degree and completing Lockheed Martin's clearance process. [FULL STORY](#)

- **C3 LEGISLATIVE TOUR COMES TO ACC**

The [Colorado Competitive Council \(C3\)](#) legislative tour was on site at the ACC Littleton Campus on Aug. 15. The C3 visit focused on ACC's full vision for the new Health Innovation Center.

- **ACC PARTNERS WITH CAMPUS COMPACT ON CRCorps**

ACC is now working in partnership with [Campus Compact](#) on the CRCorps initiative, which will employ ACC students enrolled in industry-based certificate/degree programs to serve as near-peer college ambassadors. CRCorps' goal is to fuel the next generation of workforce talent in a variety of sectors, including transportation, distribution, logistics, advanced manufacturing, and technology.

- **GOVERNOR POLIS VISITS ACC FOR CARE FORWARD COLORADO**

Governor Jared Polis visited the ACC Littleton Campus on Wednesday morning, Aug. 24, to highlight Care Forward Colorado (through [SB22-226](#)). Care Forward Colorado is revitalizing Colorado's healthcare workforce through zero-cost, short-term training programs at community and technical colleges.

CREATE EDUCATION WITHOUT BARRIERS THROUGH TRANSFORMATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- **EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING – AMEY PRESENTS AT CYBER SUMMIT**

Former ACC Computer Networking Technology Department Chair / Faculty [Nina Amey](#) presented a program development session emphasizing the importance of integrating both technical and interpersonal skills into Cybersecurity curriculum at the 2022 Community College Cyber Summit on May 23-25 in Dayton, Ohio.

- **ACC/ARAPAHOE COUNTY RECEIVE \$739K FROM COSI**

The Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) board approved 66 proposals in May 2022 to provide \$4.97 million in scholarships for under-resourced Colorado students. COSI's Matching Student Scholarship Program leverages community scholarship dollars with a one-to-one match. ACC, on behalf of Arapahoe County, will receive an allocation of \$739,420 from this round of COSI.

- **COLLABORATION – EXECUTIVE ORDER SIGNED**

ACC Medical Assistant Apprenticeship student Danielle Whelchel spoke about the value of the [ACC / Centura Health Medical Assistant Apprenticeship Program](#) on June 16 at Governor Polis' signing of an Executive Order to expand registered apprenticeship programs for Colorado's workforce. [FULL STORY](#)

- **INNOVATION – CHCC FEATURED BY THE DENVER POST & 9NEWS**

ACC's [Colorado Health Careers Collaborative \(CHCC\)](#) was featured by *The Denver Post / YourHub* on Aug. 4, as well as by *9NEWS* on Aug. 12. More than 150 students successfully completed the inaugural CHCC Academy during the summer of 2022. The CHCC was created to provide seamless pathways from school to employment in healthcare fields for high school and college-age students in Colorado. The CHCC Academy, which is free for eligible participants, is comprised of six weeks of instruction and mentoring delivered in a self-paced virtual format from Monday – Thursday, as well as 5-6 hours of on-site training/instruction each Friday. Graduates of the summer 2022 CHCC Academy

represented multiple Denver-area school districts, as well as five community-based organizations. In the fall of 2021, ACC and the Community College of Denver were awarded \$2 million through ZOMALAB's SyncUp Colorado Workforce Design Challenge to develop and implement the CHCC. [Denver Post story](#) / [9NEWS story](#)

- **\$3.5M ARPA SUBRECIPIENT GRANT FROM ARAPAHOE COUNTY**

ACC has received an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subrecipient Grant from Arapahoe County in the amount of \$3.5 million for renovations and the construction of ACC's new Health Innovation Center at the Littleton Campus. The Subrecipient Grant is made possible through an agreement between ACC, the Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners, the State of Colorado, the Colorado Department of Higher Education, and the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education. A disbursement of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) was provided to Arapahoe County by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to support pandemic recovery efforts by rebuilding a stronger, more equitable economy. Arapahoe County selected ACC and the Health Innovation Center project as a subrecipient of SLFRF.

REDEFINE OUR VALUE PROPOSITION THROUGH ACCESSIBILITY, AFFORDABILITY, QUALITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- **DUNKER TO DISCUSS INDUSTRY & EDUCATION**

[Eric Dunker, Ph.D.](#), ACC Vice President for Workforce and Economic Development, will serve as a panelist at Career Connected Education - A Colorado Pathways Conference on Sept. 15-16 at the Auraria Campus in Denver. Dr. Dunker will discuss education and industry practices regarding healthcare stackable pathways.

OTHER NEWS

- **EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING - HAUG NAMED TO NFDA PANEL**

ACC Mortuary Science Faculty [Faith Haug](#) has been selected to participate in the 2022-23 class of the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) [National Emerging Leaders Program](#). The National Emerging Leaders Program features practical and theoretical approaches to advanced leadership topics. Participants will have access to mentors, engage in high-level networking, and work with fellow program participants on a group project to facilitate application of the National Emerging Leaders Program curriculum in real-world scenarios. Developed in partnership with expert consultants in leadership development, the National Emerging Leaders Program covers ethical leadership, employee relations, mentorship, collaborative decision making, strategic planning, servant leadership, communication skills, and small business ownership. The year-long program will start and end at the 2022 and 2023 NFDA Leadership Conferences, and participants will also meet virtually throughout the year to learn from experts within – and outside – the funeral service profession. [FULL STORY](#)

- **PRESIDENT FUJII SERVES AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER, PANELIST**

ACC President [Stephanie J. Fujii, Ph.D.](#), served as the commencement speaker at CEC Douglas County commencement ceremonies on May 20 in Castle Rock. Dr. Fujii also recently served as the keynote speaker at the [Colorado-Wyoming Network of Women Leaders/American Management Institute Reunion](#) (June 10 in Denver), as well as on the *Bold Leadership: Inclusive Transformation* panel as a part of the [Higher Education Resource Services \(HERS\)](#) Leadership Institute 50th Anniversary Symposium (June 15 in Golden).

- **DR. FUJII ELECTED BY NAPIC AND CAMPUS COMPACT**

ACC President [Stephanie J. Fujii, Ph.D.](#), was recently elected as President-Elect for the [National Asian/Pacific Islander Council \(NAPIC\)](#), an affiliate council of the [American Association of Community Colleges](#). Dr. Fujii has also been elected to the Campus Compact [Board of Directors](#). Campus Compact is a national coalition of colleges and universities committed to advancing the public purposes of colleges and universities.

- **INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE – WOEGENS NAMED CO-CHAIR**

[Jennifer Woegens](#), Director of Elevate at ACC, has been appointed as the Co-Chair of the Community College Affinity Group for the national coordinating center, [Think College: Institute for Community Inclusion](#). *Think College* is dedicated to developing, expanding and improving research and practice in inclusive higher education for students with intellectual disabilities. Woegens' appointment begins in October 2022.