

TRANSFORM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- **ARMSTRONG NAMED FUTURE LEADER BY CBS DENVER**

ACC Concurrent Enrollment student Jack Armstrong was named a Future Leader by [CBS Denver](#). Armstrong, who is taking [Robotics & Automation Technology \(Mechatronics\)](#) classes at ACC, will earn his diploma from STEM School Highlands Ranch in May. He plans to transfer into Oregon Institute of Technology to study Mechanical Engineering this fall. [VIDEO](#)

- **ARAPAHOE PINNACLE LAUDED BY SPJ**

ACC's student-produced [Arapahoe Pinnacle](#) has earned Best Independent Online Student Publication (Region 9) recognition in the 2021 Society of Professional Journalists' [Mark of Excellence Awards](#).

- **SIX HONORED AT CCCS STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

ACC students Andrew Ahrendts (PTK All-Colorado Academic Team), Ashlyn Cross (PTK All-Colorado Academic Team), Allison Pason-Guy (PTK All-Colorado Academic Team), Dayriana Sanders (PTK All-Colorado Academic Team, Rising Star, Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholar), Sineca Williams-Boettcher (Inclusive Excellence Champion) and Isaac Emmanuel Winchester (Rising Star) were all honored on April 13 at the CCCS Student Excellence Awards Ceremony. [FULL STORY](#)

- **SANDERS NAMED 2022-23 PTK INTERNATIONAL CO-PRESIDENT**

ACC student Dayriana Sanders has been elected as 2022-23 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society International Co-President. Dayriana, who was honored by the [Colorado Community College System \(CCCS\)](#) as a 2022 Rising Star and as a member of the 2022 PTK All-Colorado Academic Team, is also the President of ACC's Sigma Phi Chapter of PTK as well as the President of the PTK Colorado/Wyoming Region. Earlier this spring, she was recognized as a 2022 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholar for academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service. Dayriana's selection as a Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholar, which includes a \$1,250 scholarship, was based on her scores from the All-USA Academic Team competition. [FULL STORY](#)

TRANSFORM OUR OWN WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE

- **OPHTHALMIC TECHNICIAN AAS DEGREE PROGRAM**

ACC plans to launch the new [Ophthalmic Technician Associate of Applied Science \(AAS\) degree program](#) in the fall of 2022. The AAS degree program introduces students to the anatomy of the eye – and diseases affecting the eye – while building the skillset needed to assist ophthalmologists. Students will receive instruction in core medical and eye care principles while gaining valuable industry knowledge. Coursework includes anatomy and physiology, optics, vision care, pathology, and pharmacology. The program offers courses in a traditional face-to-face format, including hands-on office and lab experience in clinical settings and practicums. The program prepares students for the UCAHPO certification exam, as well as entry-level positions – working under the supervision of an ophthalmologist – in hospitals, clinics, multispecialty offices, private practices, and eye surgery centers. Full-time students can complete the Ophthalmic Technician AAS degree in just two years in preparation for the workforce or transfer to a four-year institution.

- **PARALEGAL PROGRAM RANKED #2 IN COLORADO**

[Online Paralegal Programs](#) has ranked ACC's Paralegal program as the second best in Colorado. Programs are ranked according to cost, job placement and salary potential, based on data from IPEDS and College Scorecard.

- **AUTO TECH SWEEPS MEDAL CEREMONY AT SkillsUSA**

ACC [Automotive Technology](#) students Nick Karl (state champion), Caleb Sandoval (second place) and Liam Keller (third place) swept the medal ceremony at the [SkillsUSA Colorado](#) State Leadership & Skills Conference on April 6-8 in Colorado Springs. ACC will compete in the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Competition on June 20-24 in Atlanta, Ga. ACC Auto Tech Faculty Jake Tipsword serves as ACC's SkillsUSA Colorado club advisor.

- **AUTO TECH PROGRAMS REACCREDITED**

Each of the [ACC Automotive Technology](#) programs have been reaccredited through the [ASE Educational Foundation](#) at the highest level (Master Certified) for another five years.

CREATE EDUCATION WITHOUT BARRIERS THROUGH TRANSFORMATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- **NAVRAN SPEAKS WITH LOCAL 55+ RESIDENTS**

[Darius Navran](#), Dean of Health and Public Services, is expanding ACC's community outreach efforts by serving as a facilitator for conversations about critical global challenges and American foreign policy with residents at the [Vita Littleton](#) 55+ apartment community.

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

- **WOGENS PROVIDES TESTIMONY FOR HB22-1255**

[Jennifer Woegens](#), Director of [Elevate at ACC](#), provided testimony on March 16 in support of [HB22-1255 Improve Higher Education for Students with a Disability](#) (regarding measures to improve postsecondary education outcomes for students with a disability). The bill passed, as [amended](#), unanimously, by the vote of 9-0. Woegens' testimony begins at 11:25:35 in this [recording](#).

OTHER NEWS

- **EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR HONORED BY CCCS**

[Javon Brame](#) (Administrator of the Year), [Richard Corbetta](#) (Faculty of the Year), Jackson Culpepper (All-College Instructor of the Year / Adjunct of the Year) and [Tia Le](#) (Classified Employee of the Year) were all honored as ACC's 2021-22 Employees of the Year during the annual CCCS Employee Excellence Awards Ceremony on April 12. [VIDEO](#) / [FULL STORY](#)^{OBJ}