



ACC President's Report
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TRANSFORM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- **ACC HOLDS 2024 COMMENCEMENT**

ACC celebrated its 2024 commencement ceremony on May 10 at Magness Arena inside the Ritchie Center on the campus of the University of Denver. Nearly 600 graduates were on hand in cap and gown at Magness Arena to participate in ACC's 57th annual commencement. Jaden Netwig, who was selected as ACC's Faculty of the Year and Most Valuable Professor in 2023-24, was the faculty speaker. Diana Joy Conway was the student speaker.

TRANSFORM OUR OWN WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE

- **ACC NAMED BattChallenge YEAR ONE CHAMPION**

The ACC and Colorado School of Mines team has been named as the [Battery Workforce Challenge \(BattChallenge\)](#) Year One champion. The three-year collegiate competition, which launched in the fall of 2023 and will continue through the spring of 2026, charges 12 university / technical school teams to design, build, test and integrate an advanced electric vehicle battery pack into a Stellantis vehicle. The program is an immersive hands-on learning experience for students to gain critical battery design and integration experience while developing engineering and technical skills beyond traditional engineering curriculum. Teams, which are collaborating to examine complex battery engineering and solve manufacturing challenges, were judged on the design of their electric vehicle battery pack in Year One. The teams' focus spanned from the granular level of cell characterization and testing to the broader scope of pack-level design, encompassing thermal, mechanical, and electrical considerations, while upholding stringent safety standards. BattChallenge seeks to build a highly skilled domestic workforce with the hands-on experience and knowledge needed for in-demand positions throughout the electric vehicle / battery industry. [FULL STORY](#)

OTHER NEWS

- **LITTLETON BUSINESS CHAMBER HONORS PRESIDENT FUJII**

ACC President [Stephanie J. Fujii, Ph.D.](#), was presented with the Littleton Business Chamber's (LBC) 2024 Outstanding Community Leader of the Year award during the Women in Leadership Littleton (WILL) [Women's Leadership Conference](#) on April 24 at the Ashley Ridge Event Center. [LITTLETON INDEPENDENT ARTICLE](#)

- **ACC HOSTS CASTLE ROCK CHAMBER EVENT**

The ACC Sturm Collaboration Campus at Castle Rock hosted the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce's [Business Unwind](#) event on May 15.

- **FUJII, HIYANE-BROWN ADDRESS NAPIC's EVOLUTION**

ACC President [Stephanie J. Fujii, Ph.D.](#), recently interviewed Whatcom Community College President Kathi Hiyane-Brown about the evolution of the NAPIC (National Asian/Pacific Islander Council) in *CC Daily*. Since its inception in 2007, NAPIC, an affiliated council of the [American Association of Community Colleges \(AACC\)](#), has elevated voices, increased representation and advanced leadership opportunities for Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islanders (AANHPI) in community colleges across the U.S. Dr. Fujii is NAPIC's 2024-26 President. [Article in CC Daily](#)