

TRANSFORM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- **ACC ALUMNA EARNS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

ACC alumna Annalisa Hamm (Geography Transfer Major, AA) received one of two nationwide Darrel Hess Scholarships in 2022 from the [Association of American Geographers](#). Hamm is now studying Geography at CU Denver.

- **MERLANO HONORED BY SPJ**

ACC student / [Arapahoe Pinnacle](#) Co-Editor-in Chief [Angela Merlano](#) was recognized in the 2022 Society of Professional Journalists [Mark of Excellence Awards](#) (Region 9). Merlano's article entitled "[Faces of ACC - Jack Armstrong](#)" was chosen as a finalist in the Sports Writing category. SPJ's Region 9 is comprised of publications from Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

- **ACC HOSTS 2023 COMMENCEMENT**

ACC held its 56th annual commencement on May 12 at Magness Arena on the campus of the University of Denver. The class of 2023 included over 1,500 non-duplicated graduates (over 1,120 total graduation applications) from fall 2022, spring 2023 and summer 2023. A grand total of 424 graduates participated in the commencement ceremony. SBCCOE Board Member [Dr. Karen McNeil-Miller](#), President and CEO of [The Colorado Health Foundation](#), was on hand to deliver encouraging remarks to ACC graduates and their families.

TRANSFORM OUR OWN WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE

- **GOV. POLIS ATTENDS SBDC EVENT AT STURM COLLABORATION CAMPUS**

Colorado Governor Jared Polis was on hand at the ACC Sturm Collaboration Campus at Castle Rock on April 27 for the official ribbon cutting of the new [Small Business Development Center \(SBDC\)](#). This SBDC office is a partnership between ACC, the CSU System, and the [Aurora-South Metro Small Business Development Center](#). This partnership leverages diverse resources to serve small business owners and engage the next generation of entrepreneurs.

- **INNOVATION - ACC HOSTS ANNEX RENOVATION CELEBRATION**

ACC hosted its kickoff event, the Annex Renovation Celebration, for the development of the [new Health Innovation Center](#) on May 4. The project will address critical healthcare workforce shortages while serving students, residents and healthcare industry partners now and in the future through the development of a talented healthcare workforce. [FULL STORY](#)

CREATE EDUCATION WITHOUT BARRIERS THROUGH TRANSFORMATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- **SQUIRES APPOINTED TO KIEA PANEL BY StudyColorado**

ACC Senior CTE & International Programs Advisor [Sara Squires](#) was appointed by [StudyColorado](#) to sit on a panel for the Korean International Educators (KIEA) delegation of Fulbright Grantees. The group visited three U.S. cities, including Denver, to learn more about the higher education system in the U.S.

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

- **ACC JOINS ATD NETWORK**

ACC has been accepted as a new member of the [Achieving the Dream \(ATD\) Network](#), the most comprehensive non-governmental reform movement for student success in the nation. ATD is a partner and champion of more than 300 community colleges across the country. ATD's vision is for every college to be a catalyst for equitable, antiracist and economically vibrant communities. Drawing on its expert coaches, groundbreaking programs, and national peer network, ATD facilitates Whole College Transformation by providing institutions with integrated, tailored support for every aspect of their work, from foundational capacities such as leadership, data and equity, to intentional strategies for supporting students holistically, building K–12 partnerships, and maximizing the student experience.

- **ACC FOUNDATION HOSTS ART, WINE & DESIGN**

The [ACC Foundation](#) hosted a soiree of creativity and exploration with its *Art, Wine & Design* event on May 18 at the ACC Art & Design Center. Patrons enjoyed a variety of 30-minute hands-on projects in various mediums (photography, silk-screening, ceramics, jewelry and more), art exhibitions, and a fashion show. Festivities included a silent auction with hors d'oeuvres, and proceeds from the event benefitted the ACC Foundation in support of students and programs.

OTHER NEWS

- **PRESIDENT FUJII CO-AUTHORS ARTICLES IN CC DAILY**

ACC President [Stephanie J. Fujii, Ph.D.](#), co-authored (with Dr. Rowena Tomanang) articles entitled "[AANHPI Heritage Month: Advancing Knowledge, Visibility and Alliances](#)" and "[Celebrating AANHPI Heritage Month: Representation Matters](#)" in May for the online edition of the American Association of Community Colleges' (AACC) *Community College Daily*. Dr. Fujii is [President-Elect for the National Asian/Pacific Islander Council \(NAPIC\)](#).

- **PRESIDENT FUJII HONORED BY APAHE**

ACC President [Stephanie J. Fujii, Ph.D.](#), was honored as an Outstanding CEO by [Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education \(APAHE\)](#) during the 2023 APAHE conference in late April. Dr. Fujii also participated as an invited panelist on the topic of "[Representation Matters: Amplifying Voices of AANHPI Leaders](#)" at the event.

- **DR. CALHOUN SELECTED FOR SQUAD LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

ACC Provost & Vice President for Instruction [Dr. Cheryl Calhoun](#) has been selected to participate in the first annual [Lesbians Who Tech & Allies SQUAD Leadership Program](#). SQUAD is a leadership program and network designed to connect, support, and help promote more LGBTQ+ women, non-binary leaders, and underrepresented allies into senior leadership positions.

- **ELEVATED ROLES FOR BEGGS, LOEHFELM**

Following the departure of Dr. Eric Dunker (former ACC Vice President for Workforce & Economic Development), ACC Dean of Workforce & Community Programs [Julie Beggs](#) will assume greater responsibility for facilitating workforce programming and opportunities with external community organizations. Likewise, [Courtney Loehfelm](#), Executive Director of the ACC Foundation, will assume responsibility and oversight for working with external partners at the ACC Sturm Collaboration Campus at Castle Rock and the DCSD Legacy Campus.