

TRANSFORM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- **ACC HOSTS ANNEX VIP SNEAK PEEK**

ACC hosted a VIP Sneak Peek at the [Health Innovation Center \(Annex renovation\)](#) on March 5 at the Littleton Campus. The event included networking, tours by students and faculty, and comments from ACC President [Stephanie J. Fujii, Ph.D.](#) ACC showcased how interdisciplinary healthcare simulation training provides a consistent, guaranteed set of experiences for students. ACC is currently working on approvals and funding for the next phase of this project, which will add additional square footage, more simulation and experiential learning technology, and more interdisciplinary experiences.

TRANSFORM OUR OWN WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE

- **VIOLA TALKS WITH CBS COLORADO ABOUT ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

ACC Director of Automotive Service Technology [Doc Viola](#) spoke with CBS Colorado reporter Ashley Portillo at the ACC Auto Tech shop on Feb. 7 about how ACC is educating the future electric vehicle workforce and preparing students for high-demand careers as EV technicians. [FULL STORY](#)

- **MORTUARY SCIENCE FEATURED BY 9NEWS**

The ACC [Mortuary Science program](#) was featured by 9NEWS on March 7 to highlight the importance of mortuary science education pertaining to [Senate Bill 24-173](#). [FULL STORY](#)

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

- **ACC HOSTS CCCS STRATEGIC PLANNING LISTENING TOUR SESSIONS**

ACC hosted [CCCS Strategic Planning Listening Tour](#) sessions for students, employees, and workforce/education/industry/civic/community partners on March 18 at the Littleton Campus. CCCS is currently seeking input from a wide range of local stakeholders to address long-standing workforce shortages while developing innovative ways to deliver community college education and training that aligns with emerging workforce and industry trends.

- **ACC EMS EARNS REACCREDITATION**

The CAAHEP has awarded continuing accreditation to the [Emergency Medical Services-Paramedic program](#) at ACC.

- **ACC RECEIVES OVER \$61K IN OER GRANTS FROM CDHE**

ACC has been awarded \$61,477 in open educational resources (OER) [grant funding from the Colorado Department of Higher Education](#) as part of a \$1 million state program to expand use of OER. ACC's funding will be used to develop OER for the [Early Childhood Education](#) and [Nursing](#) programs, incentivization of additional programs to transition towards utilizing OER materials, and the development of full "z-degrees" (zero-textbook cost degrees) that use OER exclusively. By using OER materials, nearly 22,000 [ACC students have saved more than \\$3 million](#) in textbook costs since the fall of 2019. Collectively, CCCS students have saved over \$18 during the past six years with OER.

OTHER NEWS

- **FUJII CHAMPIONS *EDUCATION FOR ALL* IN CHRONICLE**

ACC President [Stephanie J. Fujii, Ph.D.](#), talks about how the work of *Education for All*, a group of nearly 150 campus leaders (mostly at community colleges), aims to support a wide range of diverse students and counteract negative stereotypes about DEI programs & initiatives in this [Chronicle of Higher Education article](#) (by Eric Kelderman).

- **FUJII SERVES AS AAUA / HERS WEBINAR PANELIST**

ACC President [Stephanie J. Fujii, Ph.D.](#), served as one of four panelists during the American Association of University Administrators (AAUA) and Higher Education Resource Services (HERS) women's leadership webinar "[Power-Influence-Kindness](#)" on March 7 in celebration of Women's History Month and International Women's Leadership Day.

- **FUJII MODERATES SMDC EVENT AT ACC**

ACC President [Stephanie J. Fujii, Ph.D.](#), served as the moderator during the South Metro Denver Chamber's (SDMC) [South Metro City Updates: A Regional Perspective](#) event (presented by the SMDC Economic Development Group) on Friday morning, March 8, at the ACC Littleton Campus.

- **ACC EARNS ALL IN ACCOLADES**

ACC has earned the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge [Highly Established Action Plan Seal](#) for 2024. ACC, which is one of 93 campuses to have earned this recognition thus far during the 2024 election cycle, received this honor for developing a non-partisan democratic engagement action plan that received at least 31.5 of 36 possible points based on the [Strengthening American Democracy Action Planning Guide \(SADG\) Rubric](#).

- **STURM EMPLOYEES VOLUNTEER AT HELP & HOPE**

Employees from the ACC Sturm Collaboration Campus at Castle Rock volunteered at the [Help & Hope Center](#) on Feb. 28. Volunteers included [Dr. Jay Egger](#), [Sarah Homer](#), [Cindy Nguyen](#), [Beverly Rawlings](#) (CSU Pueblo advisor), [Kristi Strother](#), [Brandon Thomas](#) and [Taylor Treen](#).