



**ACC President's Report**  
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## **TRANSFORM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE**

- **ACC RECEIVES \$2.2M GRANT FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

ACC has been awarded a Title III Part A Strengthening Institutions Program grant in the amount of \$2,244,127 from the U.S. Department of Education. The five-year grant, which will be used to develop the Pathways to Equity, Access to Knowledge (PEAK) program at ACC, began Oct. 1, 2021. The initiative includes three main objectives: 1) Strengthening advising through reduced caseloads and holistic student support and providing individualized academic and career plans; 2) Building a culture of equity and inclusion to reduce course success inequities; 3) Bolstering data analytics and predictive analytics for proactive support of student success and completion. The program helps eligible institutions of higher education to become self-sufficient and expand their capacity to serve low-income students by providing funds to improve and strengthen their academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability. [FULL DETAILS](#)

- **ACC and CCD AWARDED \$2M IN COLO. WORKFORCE DESIGN CHALLENGE**

ACC and the Community College of Denver, in partnership with Centura Health, HealthONE and DaVita, have been awarded \$2 million through ZOMALAB's [SyncUp Colorado Workforce Design Challenge](#) to develop and implement the Colorado Health Careers Collaborative (CHCC). CHCC, a SyncUp mid-stage scale solution, will collectively bring modern apprenticeships and hybrid college approaches to create equitable education-to-employment health career pathways, postsecondary certification, career navigation, and job shadowing opportunities across fast-growing industries in Colorado. CHCC partners also include Beyond Campus Innovations, College Invest Colorado and *Arapahoe/Douglas Works!*, and well as the Denver, Englewood, Elbert, Kiowa, Littleton, Elizabeth and Cherry Creek school districts. [FULL DETAILS](#)

- **ACC'S SUPPORT OF STUDENTS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE DENVER POST**

Vice President for Student Affairs [Dr. Lisa Matye Edwards](#) talks about how ACC has supported students with grocery gift cards and technology during the pandemic, and student Brittany Lee speaks to the importance of on-site childcare at ACC, in this [story in The Denver Post](#).

- **ACC TO SERVE AS A LEAD INSTITUTION FOR CO-TECH**

ACC will be one of four CCCS institutions to serve as a lead for the new [CO-TECH information technology & cybersecurity apprenticeship program](#). ACC will be focusing its grant on expanding partnerships and apprenticeship pathways with area technology companies in close collaboration with CyberUp, an established leader in tech apprenticeships in the U.S. that leverages strategic partnerships with colleges, universities and training organizations across the country to grow and scale the cybersecurity workforce. ACC will partner with CyberUp to co-create apprenticeship programs with companies in the south metro Denver area to systemically address their tech talent pipeline challenges.

## **TRANSFORM OUR OWN WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE**

- **ACC INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE STRATEGIC PLAN**

ACC's Inclusive Excellence Council Leadership Team is meeting with students, staff, and faculty groups to gather feedback on the new [Inclusive Excellence Strategic Plan](#). This plan is in alignment with the current College 2020-2025 plan but will be an active working plan-meaning it can be adjusted throughout the next four years to better meet the needs of students and the institution. This plan was informed by campus climate data, student and employee outcomes data, and literature on the Inclusive Excellence Framework. The actions within this plan will provide guidance for the institution to embed diversity, equity, and inclusion in the classroom, in support of students, and in ACC practices and procedures.

## **CREATE EDUCATION WITHOUT BARRIERS THROUGH TRANSFORMATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS**

- **ACC AND CSU PUEBLO PARTNER FOR RN-MSN PROGRAM**

Officials from ACC and CSU Pueblo convened for a signing ceremony on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 26, at the Sturm Collaboration Campus for a partnership on a new RN-MSN Nurse Educator program. The program provides an efficient pathway for nursing students to dually enroll at both institutions to complete their BSN and MSN degrees simultaneously. Students may also complete ACC's RN-BSN program – which is now fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Nursing Education (ACEN) – in advance of transferring into CSU Pueblo for the completion of their MSN. [FULL STORY](#)

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

- **FUJII AND FUGLEI SHARE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES TO BUILD BACK BETTER**

ACC President Stephanie J. Fujii, Ph.D., and English Department Chair / Faculty Monica Fuglei talk about the challenges and opportunities presented by the Build Back Better proposal for free community college with [The Littleton Independent](#).

## OTHER NEWS

- **2021-22 DISTINGUISHED FACULTY**

[Richard Corbetta](#), [Terry Harrison](#), [Christina McKellips](#), [Ashley Vasquez](#) and [Amy Wilkerson](#) were all honored as ACC's 2021-22 Distinguished Faculty during the all-instruction meeting on Aug. 18 at the Littleton Campus. Additional nominees for Distinguished Faculty this year included [Tracy Bacon](#), [David Botarelli](#), [Janie DiDonna](#), [Tracy Dobbs](#) and [Lance Rubin](#).

- **MASTER TEACHER CERTIFICATION**

[Terrie Bechdel](#) (Level III), [Jennifer Kellogg](#) (Level I), [Andrea Mason](#) (Level II), [Rachel Newlon](#) (Level II) and [Susan Stafinbil](#) (Level I) were recognized for completing Master Teacher certificates during the all-instruction meeting on Aug. 18 at the Littleton Campus.

- **REPRESENTATIVE ORTIZ VISITS ACC**

State Representative [David Ortiz](#) (House District 38; Arapahoe County) held a Town Hall event at the ACC Littleton Campus on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 23, to speak about what he's done thus far in his term, discuss ways for ACC students to get involved at the Capitol, and facilitate a question/answer session.

- **ACC STUDENT LILLIAN FUGLEI MOVES MOUNTAINS AS A SUB**

ACC student Lillian Fuglei has earned her licensure as a substitute teacher in K-12 classrooms for Littleton Public Schools and the Douglas Country School District. Lillian, a 2021 graduate of Heritage High School, successfully completed ACC's Concurrent Enrollment (CE) Teacher Academy last spring and is currently working towards her Associate of Arts degree in Journalism (transfer major). [FULL STORY](#)