

## **TRANSFORM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE**

- **ACC EARNS HUNGER FREE & HEALTHY MINDS DESIGNATIONS**

The Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) has conveyed Hunger Free and Healthy Minds campus designations to ACC. [FULL DETAILS](#)

## **TRANSFORM OUR OWN WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE**

- **TASKER EARNS BOARD EXAM SCHOLARSHIP**

ACC [Mortuary Science](#) student Cora Tasker was selected to receive one of five Harvey Leavitt, III National Board Examination (NBE) scholarships. [DETAILS](#)

- **ACC HOSTS "THE BIG BLUR DEEP DIVE"**

ACC and [Reach University](#), in partnership with [Jobs for the Future](#) and the [Walton Family Foundation](#), hosted "The Big Blur Deep Dive" on Nov. 17 at the ACC Sturm Collaboration Campus at Castle Rock. This networking event was held to facilitate conversation about the successes and challenges in bringing together K-12, higher education, workforce development organizations, and small businesses to provide greater opportunities for all learners. Topics of discussion included work-based learning, dual enrollment, student-centered scheduling, pathways, and credit for work experience. Officials from ACC, CSU, the Douglas County School District, the Castle Rock Economic Development Council, private philanthropic organizations, area workforce centers, and local government were all in attendance.

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

- **AUTO TECH COMPETES IN BATTERY WORKFORCE CHALLENGE**

Students from the ACC [Automotive Service Technology program](#) will collaborate with a team from [Colorado School of Mines](#) in the [Battery Workforce Challenge \(BattChallenge\)](#) competition. BattChallenge, which launched in the fall of 2023 and will continue through the spring of 2026, charges 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. A total of 12 university / technical school teams will collaborate to examine complex battery engineering and solve manufacturing challenges. BattChallenge is sponsored by the [U.S. Department of Energy \(DOE\)](#) and Stellantis, and is managed by [Argonne National Laboratory](#). [FULL STORY](#)

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AFFORDABILITY, QUALITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND  
OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

- **LITTLETON LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

ACC will be restarting, and serving as the new home for, the [Littleton Leadership Academy](#) (beginning in Jan. 2024). Individuals who work for employers within Littleton city limits are [eligible to apply](#). This is a 10-month leadership development program (one full-day meeting each month) for individuals from all sectors of the Littleton business community (corporate, nonprofit, government, education & entrepreneurs). The Littleton Leadership Academy will provide an opportunity for participants to engage with civic leaders & organizations about systems & socioeconomic issues impacting Littleton. The program is designed to help facilitate professional networking while providing aspiring leaders with the skills they need to help implement positive changes in our community.