

TRANSFORM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

• OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES UPDATE

Open Educational Resources (OER) are being adopted in courses across all ACC Pathways resulting in big savings fostering equity and student success for students. Below are updates including savings to students and improved identification of OER savings for students.

- By replacing high cost print textbooks with OER, ACC saved 2,221 students \$308,465.62 this past spring. Since fall 2019, 7,209 students have saved \$996,217.69 in textbook costs! We are so close to reaching our \$1 million dollar goal! To see student textbook savings for other semesters, take a look at our [OER guide](#).
- Cara Idol, eLearning's Instructional Designer of Accessibility and Universal Design, will also serve as the OER Grant Accessibility Specialist. Anyone receiving funds from the ACC Incentive Funding Program have Cara, as their identified resource person, to ensure all posted material meets accessibility guidelines as required by the Colorado OER Grant.
- eLearning's Amanda Hardman designed the OER icon shown below which can be added to any D2L shell using open educational resources. This will help to easily identify and communicate to students cost saving course materials.



This course uses open educational resources, which are openly accessible and free learning materials, to meet your needs as a learner!

• ACC RECEIVES A \$300K NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT FOR MECHATRONICS NAVIGATOR

ACC received a \$300K, 3-year grant from the National Science Foundation which will provide funding for a new Mechatronics Navigator.

The new Mechatronics Navigator will work to increase the number of students, with a specific focus on underrepresented students enrolling in ACC's Mechatronics Engineering Technology program. The position will also work to engage students in mechatronics

exposure, career and degree planning activities, and enhance students' capacity to apply mechatronics knowledge.

The Navigator is a key member of the Mechatronics and Advising departments and is responsible for day-to-day interactions with student participants. Position responsibilities include maintaining a caseload of Mechatronics students, providing coaching and support to enhance student engagement and success, guiding students toward completion of their Mechatronics degree, and facilitating career exploration and securing employment.

The Navigator will meet with students one-on-one and in small groups, provide information about on-campus and off-campus resources, monitor and track student progress. The Navigator will collaborate with key institutional offices to address student need, work with the other Navigators and Advisors, collect student data for evaluation purposes, and submit monthly student progress reports.

- **SUMMER BRIDGE – SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH MULTIPLE MODALITIES**

ACC revamped the Summer Bridge program four years ago and has seen positive results from the intensive experience. Students completing this program demonstrate an 87% persistence rate (Summer to Fall enrollment) and a Fall-to-Fall retention rate of 76%. Students in Summer Bridge earn one free credit college for the student success course, AAA 101, thanks to a generous donation by Mr. Follett.

In alignment with course offerings for the 2020-2021 school year, Summer Bridge 2021 is being offered in multiple modalities serving four specific populations: TRIO Student Support Services, Englewood Scholars, Elevate, and Englewood's Finest Highschool of Choice Cosmetology program. One session is in-person and three sessions are virtual.

This summer has been a terrific Summer Bridge experience for students! Our in-person students were excited to be on campus and actively participated throughout the entire experience. For the Summer 2021 participants, 88% of them have enrolled in Fall courses.

ACC's Summer Bridge program is our way of connecting students to campus resources and starting your first year on the right foot. It's filled with activities, instruction, and information critical to your college success. Our Summer Bridge includes:

- Student Orientation (learn more about this [2-part experience](#))
- Introduction to ACC and an overview of what to expect in college
- FREE college credit (AAA 101): this one-credit course is centered on creating your plan to stay successful throughout college, degree completion, and assists you with academic and career planning
- Registering for fall courses
- Fun activities to get you connected with your classmates
- Special sessions with staff from the [Library](#), [Career](#) & [Transfer](#) Services, and [Financial Aid](#)

TRANSFORM OUR OWN WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE

- **DACA SOLIDARITY GATHERING HELD**

In response to the recent U.S. District Court decision impacting DACA recipients, ACC hosted a virtual space of solidarity and discussion to support our employees, students and their families. The gathering provided an opportunity to share reflections on the ruling and to connect individuals with available resources at ACC and in the community.

CREATE EDUCATION WITHOUT BARRIERS THROUGH TRANSFORMATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- **ACC ELEVATE PARTNERS WITH THE DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION**

Elevate has developed a partnership with the Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) to provide direct, intentional pre-vocational support services to our students. This partnership has created a revenue stream that contributes to overall sustainability of the Elevate program. We are working collaboratively with DVR and families over the summer to get new students approved for services and develop individualized plans for employment. DVR is a division of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) that provides individualized services for people with disabilities to allow them to reach their employment goals.

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

- **DR. DIANA M. DOYLE PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**

To honor the legacy of leadership and service that retiring Arapahoe Community College President Dr. Diana M. Doyle has provided to the ACC community, the ACC Foundation has established the Dr. Diana M. Doyle Presidential Scholarship Endowment. The endowment will provide scholarships and program support for the ACC First Generation Student Scholars program. [DETAILS](#)

OTHER NEWS

- **DR. STEPHANIE J. FUJII BEGINS PRESIDENCY AT ACC**

Stephanie J. Fujii, Ph.D., assumed the presidency at ACC on July 12, 2021, succeeding Dr. Diana M. Doyle after her retirement at the end of June. Dr. Fujii is a seasoned higher education executive with more than 25 years of experience in community college education, including service as a tenured community college faculty member and progressive college leadership positions. She is a nationally recognized higher education leader and scholar who has a demonstrated record of developing and launching innovative programs in partnership with business and industry, facilitating programs to increase outreach, retention, and completion of all students, and focusing on ensuring excellence in teaching and learning. [FULL STORY](#)
- **FORNEY NAMED 2021 COCA-COLA LEADERS OF PROMISE SCHOLAR**

ACC student Emily Forney is one of 207 Phi Theta Kappa members to be named as a 2021 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar. The Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship Program helps new Phi Theta Kappa members defray educational expenses while enrolled in associate degree programs. Scholars are encouraged to assume leadership roles by participating in Society programs and are selected based on scholastic achievement, community service and leadership potential. More than 900 applications were submitted, and recipients received a \$1,000 scholarship. Forney earned academic honors on the ACC President's List (4.0 term grade point average) for both the fall and spring semesters during the 2020-21 academic year.