

## **TRANSFORM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE**

- **SQUIRES ATTENDS COLORADO INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION DAY 2023**

ACC Senior CTE Advisor (International Programs) [Sara Squires](#) was on hand for Colorado International Education Day 2023 (organized by [StudyColorado](#)) at the State Capitol on April 6 to help promote awareness of the benefits of international education to legislators.

- **CHRISTIANSSEN RECOGNIZED BY CU BOULDER**

ACC Director of TRIO Student Support Services [Lisa Christiansen](#) was selected to receive an Outstanding Colorado Community College Educator Award from CU Boulder. This recognition is presented annually to educators across the state of Colorado who have demonstrated a commitment to helping students achieve their higher education goals. Christiansen was recognized alongside other award winners from across the state at CU Boulder's Outstanding Colorado Student & Educator Award Night on April 28.

- **SEVEN HONORED AT CCCS STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

ACC students Armando Astorga (Rising Star), Janaye Culton (Rising Star), McKenna Curran (PTK All-Colorado Academic Team), Morgan Fechter (PTK All-Colorado Academic Team), Billy Richards (PTK All-Colorado Academic Team), Janelle Schwarting (Inclusive Excellence Champion) and Ryan Wade (PTK All-Colorado Academic Team) were all honored on April 12 at the CCCS Student Excellence Awards Ceremony. [FULL STORY](#)

## **TRANSFORM OUR OWN WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE**

- **ACC CELEBRATES ANNEX RENOVATION / HEALTH INNOVATION CENTER**

ACC celebrated the beginning of its [Annex Renovation](#) on May 4. ACC is expanding its programming to address critical healthcare workforce shortages. In May 2023, renovations will begin at the Littleton Campus to construct the Health Innovation Center. The expansion of ACC's on-site healthcare programs is necessary to best serve students, residents and healthcare industry partners in Arapahoe and Douglas counties. The renovation of the Annex and development of the ACC Health Innovation Center is central to ACC's mission of preparing students for academic and career success while serving its communities now and in the future through the development of a talented healthcare workforce.

- **ACC STUDENT VISITS WITH GOV. POLIS & FIRST LADY DR. BIDEN**

ACC student Karlie Asman was at the State Capitol on April 3 alongside Colorado Governor Jared Polis and First Lady of the United States Dr. Jill Biden to highlight House Bill 1246 (expanding Care Forward Colorado) and how state officials are prioritizing investments in community college workforce training programs.

## **OTHER NEWS**

- **AUTO TECH STUDENTS SWEEP AWARDS AT SkillsUSA COLORADO**

A trio of ACC Automotive Service Technology students swept the awards during the annual SkillsUSA Colorado State Leadership & Skills Conference on April 3-5 in Pueblo. Liam Keller took first place, Erik Montiel placed second, and Joey Petrucelli finished third. Additionally, ACC Auto Tech Faculty [Jake Tipsword](#) was selected as the Post-Secondary SkillsUSA Colorado Advisor of the Year. Keller will now travel to Atlanta for the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference in June.

- **CALHOUN TABBED AS RISING PRESIDENTS FELLOW**

ACC Provost & Vice President for Instruction [Dr. Cheryl Calhoun](#) has been selected as one of 35 up-and-coming community college leaders to participate in the Aspen Institute's Rising Presidents Fellowship. These fellows were selected for their commitment to student success and equity and their demonstrated ability to lead change. As a Rising Presidents Fellow, Dr. Calhoun will spend almost a year collaborating with top community college experts and developing new skills to support ACC.

- **ACC EMPLOYEES HONORED BY CCCS**

Cristina Elizondo (Classified Employee of the Year, Erin Jordheim (Adjunct of the Year), Kelli McCarthy (Faculty of the Year) and Dr. Danielle Staples (Administrator of the Year) were all honored as ACC'S 2022-23 Employees of the Year during the annual CCCS Employee Excellence Awards Ceremony on April 11. [FULL STORY](#)