

TRANSFORM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- **EQUITY & INCLUSION - ACC RECEIVES GRANT FROM LUMINA FOUNDATION**

ACC has received a mini-grant from Lumina Foundation to support its [REACH Collaborative](#) initiatives (Racial Equity for Adult Credentials in Higher Ed). The REACH Collaborative is focused on creating clear paths for more Black, Hispanic and Native American adult students to grow their skills and advance their careers. Funding from ACC's mini-grant will be used for translation services for appointments, phone calls and presentations. ACC has contracted with a live translation service organization to provide real-time dialogue and support for recruiting, and retaining, Hispanic adult learners. ACC is also actively working on a plan to create a true "sense of belonging" space for new ACC adult learner students. Supported by Lumina Foundation, the REACH Collaborative established a goal for a 2% increase in credential attainment for enrolled Black, Hispanic, and Native American adults - ages 25-64 - at participating community colleges by 2023. REACH's three main components – Credentials to Degrees Pathways, Bundled and Sequenced Supports, and Culturally Sustaining Practices – are intentionally designed to work together to support adult students of color.

- **STUDENT SUCCESS - LOPEZ SPEAKS AT COLORADO STATE CAPITOL**

ACC student Nicole Lopez (Early Childhood Education) spoke about the benefits of [COSI](#) and related support services on March 7 during COSI Day at the Colorado State Capitol. COSI works to reduce barriers to postsecondary education by providing funding across the state for student programming.

- **GROSBOLL SELECTED FOR NREL'S CCI PROGRAM**

ACC student Dani Grosboll has been selected for the [Community College Internship \(CCI\) program](#) through the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL). The CCI program provides students with hands-on technical & research experience in world-class laboratory facilities under the guidance of laboratory staff scientists and engineers. Grosboll, who plans to graduate from ACC (Associate of Science – General) this spring, will be stationed at [NREL's Cold Climate Housing Research Center](#) in Fairbanks, Alaska. She plans to transfer to CU Denver for her bachelor's degree in pursuit of a career in renewable energy.

- **CARE FORWARD COLORADO PROPELS ACC EMT STUDENT**

ACC student Karlie Asman attended a [news conference with Governor Polis](#) on March 14 to talk about how [Care Forward Colorado](#) helped her complete her EMT certificate last fall and enroll in ACC's paramedic preparation program this spring.

TRANSFORM OUR OWN WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE

- **ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES / COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS**

Arapahoe Community College, the Aurora - South Metro Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the Colorado State University System are collaborating to open an SBDC satellite office at the ACC Sturm Collaboration Campus at Castle Rock. This facility will leverage diverse resources to serve small business owners and engage the next generation of entrepreneurs.

- **INNOVATION – AUTO TECH AWARDED ZEV GRANT FROM CODOT**

The [ACC Automotive Service Technology program](#) has been awarded the [Zero Emission Vehicle \(ZEV\) Workforce Development Grant](#) in the amount of \$80,498 from the Colorado Department of Transportation (Office of Innovative Mobility). This grant will allow ACC to acquire and utilize state-of-the-art simulation equipment for the training and upskilling of up to 40 students and/or currently employed automotive service industry technicians. Training will cover safety procedures, operations, and the diagnosis & servicing of electric vehicles.

CREATE EDUCATION WITHOUT BARRIERS THROUGH TRANSFORMATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- **COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS - ACC AWARDED \$4.9M FROM SCC3**

ACC has been awarded \$4,989,434 in the [third round of the Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants Program](#) (SCC3; administered by the U.S. Department of Labor). The SCC Training Grants Program is a commitment to investing in education programs that connect people to quality jobs while creating a more inclusive and equitable workforce. The third round (Feb. 2023) of the SCC Training Grants Program saw the Department of Labor award \$50 million to a grand total of 15 community colleges across 14 states to expand access to education and training. Administered by the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, the third round of the SCC Training Grants Program focuses on increasing educational and economic opportunities for people in underrepresented communities. ACC received the award from the Department of Labor as a consortium grantee and will partner with the Community College of Denver (CCD), Pueblo Community College (PCC), the Colorado Community College System (CCCS; governing entity for all partners), and the Education Design Lab (the Lab) on a project entitled "Year to Career Through Micro-Pathways" (Year to Career) to design and align education/training to respond to regional & state labor market needs through accelerated learning pathways. Year to Career will create six micro-pathways. Three will be focused within the healthcare industry and another three will be focused within the information technology industry to provide scalable, stackable credentialing in the career pathways of Health Information Technology, Behavioral Healthcare, Emergency Healthcare, Allied Health, IT Support, Cybersecurity, Cloud Computing, and Data Analytics. Year to Career will catalyze collaboration and innovation between education and industry by creating skills-focused, market-driven, affordable learning opportunities to support learners and employers within the talent-pipeline and by initiating and sustaining system change within the participating colleges and the CCCS. The project will advance equity,

grow accelerated career pathways, create results-driven designs for curriculum and systems, and work for sustainable systems change.

- **ACC FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$150K FROM ANSCHUTZ FOUNDATION**

The [ACC Foundation](#) has received a \$150,000 award from the Anschutz Foundation for the ACC Sturm Collaboration Campus at Castle Rock *Lift the Gift* campaign. This award will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Sturm Family Foundation and will be split between the Scholarship Endowment Fund and the Innovation Fund. Since 2020, the Anschutz Foundation has provided \$250,000 toward *Lift the Gift*, making them a top-three contributor to this effort.

- **ACC HONORED BY ABILITY CONNECTION COLORADO**

[Ability Connection Colorado](#) has selected ACC as the winner of its 2022 Outstanding Corporate Sponsor of the Year award. ACC has earned this recognition for its continued commitment to, and outstanding support of, the annual Concours d'Elegance car show.

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

- **UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL COLORADO AT ACC**

ACC's Child Development Center is a participating provider for the [Universal Preschool \(UPK\) Colorado](#) program that begins in the fall of 2023. UPK pays for children to attend a minimum of a half-day of preschool (15 hours/week; subject to provider participation and capacity) during the year prior to kindergarten eligibility. Families with at least one qualifying factor may be eligible for additional childcare.

OTHER NEWS

- **PRESIDENT FUJII INTERVIEWED BY LINKEDIN**

ACC President [Stephanie J. Fujii, Ph.D.](#), talks about community college leadership, the importance of a workforce mindset in today's higher education landscape, and transformational change in this [LinkedIn blog](#).

- **BALSKI SELECTED AS PTK DISTINGUISHED COLLEGE ADMINISTRATOR**

ACC Director of Student Life [Dan Balski](#) has been selected as a [Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished College Administrator](#) in recognition of outstanding support of student success. The award is presented to college administrators who have demonstrated a strong level of support for Phi Theta Kappa and its members by working directly with student leaders to provide them with more opportunities and stronger pathways to completion, transfer, and employment. Balski will be recognized alongside fellow Distinguished College Administrator honorees at [PTK Catalyst 2023](#) (April 20-22) in Columbus, Ohio.

- **GRIESHEIMER WINS COLORADO LICENSE PLATE DESIGN CONTEST**

ACC alumnus Evan Griesheimer (Computer Graphics certificate) was selected as one of two winners for the design contest for Colorado's 150th anniversary licence

plates. Griesheimer (13+ artist division) was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Department of Motor Vehicles. The plates will be available for purchase beginning in August 2023. More than 300 entries were submitted, and over 30,000 votes were cast to determine the winning designs.

- **FUJII SERVES AS PANEL MODERATOR**

ACC President [Stephanie J. Fujii, Ph.D.](#), served as a panel moderator at the [South Metro Denver Chamber](#) speaker series entitled *South Metro City Updates: A Regional Perspective* on March 3 at the Lone Tree Arts Center.

- **STAPLES SELECTED FOR WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

ACC Associate Provost & Dean of Communication, Humanities, and Art & Design [Dr. Danielle Staples](#) has been selected to participate in the 2023 [Western Academic Leadership Academy](#). The Academy is a year-long professional development program for academic leaders aspiring to become chief academic officers in the [WICHE \(Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education\)](#) region's postsecondary sector. The Academy, sponsored by the Western Academic Leadership Forum and the Western Alliance of Community College Academic Leaders, seeks to encourage the talents of the next generation of Western chief academic officers by helping to build the knowledge and skills of academic leaders who are poised to advance to that level.