

TRANSFORM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- **ACC RECEIVES \$457K IN FUNDING FOR STEM FIELDS**

ACC has received over \$457,000 in grant funding from the National Science Foundation to accelerate improvements in the quality and effectiveness of undergraduate education in STEM fields. The award, made possible through the NSF's [Innovation in Two-Year College in STEM Education \(ITYC\)](#) program, aims to support potentially transformative projects that will advance innovative, evidence-based practices in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education. [AWARD ABSTRACT](#)

- **CUSINATO HONORED AS NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOW**

ACC student [Ripley Cusinato](#) has been selected as a Newman Civic Fellow by [Campus Compact](#), a national coalition of colleges and universities working to advance the public purposes of higher education. The [Newman Civic Fellowship](#) is a year-long program that recognizes students who stand out for their leadership potential and commitment to creating positive change in communities. Through the program, Campus Compact provides Fellows with learning and networking opportunities to nurture their development as civic leaders. Programming emphasizes personal, professional, and civic growth. [FULL STORY](#)

TRANSFORM OUR OWN WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE

- **PHASE 1 COMPLETION OF THE ACC HEALTH INNOVATION CENTER**

ACC celebrated the completion of the first phase of its [Health Innovation Center](#) with healthcare and education leaders, state and county officials, donors, civic and industry partners, and ACC students and employees on Oct. 7 in Littleton. *"Our Health Innovation Center was developed to expand critical programming and address growing healthcare industry workforce needs," said ACC President [Stephanie J. Fujii, Ph.D.](#) "ACC's simulated and active-learning experiences are paving the way to increase the pool of well-trained professionals for high-growth, high-demand healthcare jobs in south metro Denver and beyond. At ACC, we are proud to provide the best educational and work-based training opportunities for the healthcare professionals who serve our communities."*

OTHER NEWS

- **FUJII SERVES AS SYMPOSIUM PANELIST**

ACC President [Stephanie J. Fujii, Ph.D.](#), in her role as president for the [National Asian Pacific Islander Council \(NAPIC\)](#), was invited to, and served on, a panel with

National Community College Hispanic Council (NCCHC) President Dr. Mike Muñoz and National Council on Black American Affairs (NCBAA) President Dr. Tammy Robinson as a part of the NCCHC Annual Leadership Symposium in Arizona on Sept. 12-14. The panel's discussion focused on allyship and advocacy amongst the three councils in strengthening the voice of community colleges nationally.