



**ACC President's Report**  
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## **TRANSFORM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE**

- **ACC ALUMNA RESEARCHES PHOTOVOLTAICS AT NREL**

ACC alumna Amanda Behmer talks about organic photovoltaics and transforming sun rays into energy as part of her prestigious internship with NREL in this [CCCS blog post](#).

## **TRANSFORM OUR OWN WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE**

- **HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE / GENDER DISPARITIES FORUM**

The ACC EMS Academy and Nursing program hosted [Breaking Down Stigmas](#), a forum on gender disparities in the healthcare workforce, on Sept. 4 at the Littleton Campus.

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

- **ACC LAUDED FOR A DECADE OF COSI PARTNERSHIP**

ACC was recognized for 10 successful years as a [Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative \(COSI\)](#) partner at the COSI Symposium on June 12-13 in Pueblo. COSI leverages public and private investment to make post-high school education available to more Colorado students.

- **COAKLEY HIGHLIGHTS AEROSPACE PROGRAMMING IN CCCS BLOG**

ACC Dean of Communications, Humanities, Art, and Design [Tom Coakley, Ph.D.](#), talks about the growing aerospace industry, innovative aerospace engineering programming to meet workforce needs, and the [U.S. Space Command's Academic Engagement Enterprise](#) in this CCCS ["Campus Spotlight" blog post](#).

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

- **ACC 2023-24 ANNUAL VIDEO REPORT**

ACC continues to be a leader in providing academic pathways to develop a sustained pipeline of workforce talent in our communities. Thank you to all of our students, employees, supporters and community members for an unprecedented year of success & innovation at ACC in 2023-24. [VIDEO](#)

- **ACC JOINS ASSOCIATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH**

ACC has joined the [Association for Institutional Research \(AIR\)](#) as part of continuing efforts with [Achieving the Dream \(ATD\)](#) to facilitate a culture for data-informed decisions. AIR connects and equips professionals in higher education who produce, analyze, and interpret data so they can more effectively, efficiently, and ethically use that data for the success of their organizations and the students they serve. For over 50 years, AIR has been committed to building and sustaining strong data-informed decision cultures within higher education institutions.

## OTHER NEWS

- **STOKES EARNS BRONZE AT SkillsUSA NATIONALS**

ACC Automotive Service Technology student Cody Stokes earned the bronze medal in the Related Technical Math competition at the [SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference](#) on June 24-28 in Atlanta. Alex Brainerd (Job Interview competition) and Noah Wilson (Automotive Service Technology competition) also competed in Atlanta. All three students qualified for the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference by virtue of their gold medal victories at the SkillsUSA State Leadership & Skills Conference in April. [FULL STORY](#)

- **HAUG TALKS ABOUT HB22-1073 WITH STATELINE**

ACC Mortuary Science Faculty / Program Chair [Faith Haug](#) talks about the importance of [HB22-1073](#) legislation to regulate Colorado's funeral industry in this [Stateline article](#) (by Kevin Hardy).

- **KLEIN NAMED AAG HESS SCHOLAR**

ACC alumnus Jayce Klein has been awarded the American Association of Geographers' [Darrel Hess Community College Geography Scholarship](#). This prestigious award is presented to only two community college recipients throughout the nation each year. His abstract entitled "[Surface Velocity Variations and Bar Formation in Ephemeral Waterways](#)" was also recently accepted for publication by the Geological Society of America. Klein fulfilled the NSF's National Science Foundation's [Geo-Launchpad](#) grant-funded internship for community college students during the summer of 2024.

- **ACC/RRCC RockSat-X PROJECT EXPLORES MICROGRAVITY**

NASA's [Wallops Flight Facility](#) launched a sounding rocket carrying student-developed experiments for a [RockSat-X](#) mission on Aug. 13. This rocket included an ACC / [RRCC](#) RockSat-X project to explore how microgravity affects the mechanical properties of lunar regolith simulants sintered during suborbital flight. [FULL STORY](#)