

TRANSFORM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- **ACC HONORED AGAIN BY ALL IN CAMPUS DEMOCRACY CHALLENGE**

ACC has earned a pair of awards in the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge [2020 Colorado Campus Voting Challenge Awards](#) (in partnership with the Colorado Secretary of State's office): Highest Voter Turnout Rate for a Community College and Highest Voter Registration Rate for a Community College. This past fall, ACC was named as the winner of the [ALL IN](#) Best Action Plan Award for the Colorado Campus Voting Challenge (Community College category) and received a Gold Seal of Recognition for excellence in student voter turnout (70-79%) in the 2020 election. ACC was also named to the [Best Colleges for Student Voting Honor Roll](#) for 2021 by *Washington Monthly*.

- **ACC RECEIVES IN-KIND SOFTWARE FROM PARASOFT**

The ACC [Secure Software Development \(SSD\) program](#) has received a significant donation of security testing software from [Parasoft](#), a global leader in automated software testing for over 30 years. The Parasoft Jtest solution, which will be licensed as a 12-month (2022 calendar year) subscription at a heavily discounted educational rate, will benefit students enrolled in ACC's SSD courses and will benefit those enrolled in Introduction to Secure Coding in the future. The in-kind gift is valued at over \$80,000. [FULL STORY](#)

TRANSFORM OUR OWN WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE

- **ACC USHERS IN FIRST COHORT FOR RISE PROGRAM**

ACC now has its first cohort of 10 students for the [RISE program](#) (Rising Together in Search of Excellence). The program is designed to bridge the transition between hospital-based rehabilitation and return to the community for adults living with Acquired Brain Injury (ABI). Program courses address the cognitive and psychosocial skills needed to achieve post-injury social, educational and/or vocational goals. RISE is a partnership between ACC, Craig Hospital and the Colorado MINDSOURCE Brain Injury Network.

- **SKILL ADVANCE COLORADO HIGHLIGHTED**

ACC Workforce Business and Development Coordinator [Emily Martini](#) talks about how ACC administers grant-based, tailored job training programs through [Skill Advance Colorado](#) in this [article by Rob Tann in the Littleton Independent](#).

- **LITTLETON CAMPUS HOSTS SOUTH METRO DENVER CHAMBER**

The Littleton Campus hosted "Collaborating with the local Chamber of Commerce" on March 8. Board members from the South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce discussed their mission, purpose, and how to network. Student attendees had the opportunity to learn more about internships and apprenticeships, all while receiving a free review of their resume. The ACC Sturm Collaboration Campus at Castle Rock hosted "Collaborating with the local Chamber of Commerce", featuring board members from the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce, on Feb. 9.

- **CAREER FORWARD FEATURED IN CPR NEWS**

ACC Career Forward participant Ussiel Rubio is featured in this [article in CPR News](#) (by Jenny Brundin). [Career Forward](#) provides tuition assistance and support resources for individuals who lost their jobs due to COVID-19. The program offers education and training for participants to start - and finish - a certificate or degree program to advance their career opportunities.

CREATE EDUCATION WITHOUT BARRIERS THROUGH TRANSFORMATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- **DUNKER APPOINTED TO STATE APPRENTICESHIP AGENCY COUNCILS**

ACC Associate Vice President and Dean of Business, Technology & Workforce Partnerships [Dr. Eric Dunker](#) has been appointed as a non-voting member of the two councils within the State Apprenticeship Agency (State Apprenticeship Council, Interagency Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship).

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

- **IEC HOSTS CAMPUS ECOLOGY PRESENTATION**

ACC's Inclusive Excellence Council (IEC) hosted a virtual professional development session for employees on Feb. 18 to examine the dynamics of campus ecology at institutions of higher education. The training, hosted by [James H. Banning, Ph.D.](#), featured analyses of photographs and imagery in relation to understanding – and developing – campus culture.

- **BRAME SPEAKS TO PRESENT-DAY EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS**

ACC Dean of Students [Javon Brame](#) illustrates about how expectations and pressures have changed by generation for high school and college students in this [interview](#) with Thelma Grimes at the *Littleton Independent*.

- **OER GRANT FROM CDHE**

ACC has been awarded a [grant for \\$56,250](#) from the Colorado Department of Higher Education for Open Educational Resources and related projects. OER have saved ACC students more than \$1.56 million since 2019.

OTHER NEWS

- **DR. FUJII MODERATES SOUTH METRO CHAMBER PANEL**

ACC President Stephanie J. Fujii, Ph.D., served as the moderator for the South Metro Chamber's Economic Development Group / Women in Business "South Metro City Updates" speaker series on March 4. The panel included: Castle Pines Mayor Tracy Engerman, Centennial Mayor Stephanie Piko, Englewood Mayor Othoniel Sierra, Greenwood Village Mayor George Lantz, Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter, and Lone Tree Mayor Jackie Millet.

- **STAPLES FEATURED IN AACC COMMUNITY COLLEGE JOURNAL**

ACC Dean of Communication, Humanities, Art & Design [Dr. Danielle Staples](#) talks about the importance of student services, transfer to four-year universities, and diversity in the workforce pipeline in this article by Dennis Pierce in the [February/March 2022 edition](#) of the *AACC Community College Journal*.

- **EDUCATIONAL ADVERTISING AWARDS**

ACC has earned a pair of awards in the Miscellaneous Collateral / Special Promotional category in the [37th Annual Educational Advertising Awards: Gold Award](#) (Puma Facts) and *Bronze Award* (Advising Super Heroes). Entries were submitted from over 1,000 colleges, universities and secondary schools from across all 50 states and several foreign countries. A total of 410 institutions earned Gold Awards, 256 institutions were presented with Silver Awards, and 162 institutions received Bronze Awards. A national panel of higher education marketers, advertising creative directors, and marketing/advertising professionals served as judges for over 2,000 entries.