

Student Access Goal: All Coloradans shall have access to comprehensive community college educational programs.

- Forty-four students from area high schools have received the President's Success Scholarship (increased to \$1,800/student) for the fall 2009 and spring 2010 semesters. Five qualified students received the scholarship for a second year. Students must have recently graduated from a Colorado high school and must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher. Students may receive up to 80% of ACC tuition and fees for their first year. The students were recognized at a reception held in their honor July 28.
- The Colorado Community College System Foundation chose Christine Sandoval as ACC's outstanding applicant to receive the 2009-2010 Credit Union of Colorado Scholarship (CU of CO) in the amount of \$1,500. The CU of CO Scholarship is renewable for up to one additional year of study providing the student maintains a 2.5 GPA and continues enrollment in one of Colorado's Community Colleges. Christine has chosen to apply her scholarship and further her educational and career goals through ACC's Mortuary Science program.
- In May, ACC's Pre-enrollment department established the pilot "Summer Bridge Program," which assisted under-served, at-risk and under-represented students from the Denver metro area. The program is designed to prepare students who tested into developmental "060" level classes in the summer of 2009 to transition into "090" level classes in the fall 2009 semester. Of the initial students, five successfully transitioned into the 1st Generation Scholarship program, which will provide them with financial assistance for the next two years.

Student Success Goal: The demands of Colorado businesses and communities shall be met through the development of a high skilled work force.

- A 2009 graduate of Sheridan High School has received a Daniels Fund Scholarship through ACC's TRiO/Educational Talent Search program. Mercedes Hernandez-Queen graduated from Sheridan High School with honors and now wants to attend the University of Denver and pursue a major in Spanish and a minor in Biology. She has already received her CNA through the Arapahoe/Douglas Career and Technical School of which ACC is a partner. The ACC TRiO program received its first grant in 2002 and was created to serve underrepresented students within the Sheridan, Englewood and Denver school districts.

- Several ACC staff members, in the areas of Pre-Enrollment Services, TRiO, Advising, Testing, and Student Services are developing a new recruitment initiative which will target GED completers. This project is intended to encourage those students to continue their education at the college level as well as help them make a successful transition into classes at ACC.
- The Eldercare Specialist Program was developed in collaboration with Windcrest Community (an Erickson Retirement Community) and the Colorado Culture Change Coalition. The Long Term Care industry is undergoing a transformation from an institutional model to a community model. This is a national movement and this certificate will prepare workers for the new industry standard associated with this culture change movement. Domains of self-directed care, honoring resident choices, planning and facilitating social activities, assisting with preparation and serving meals, and meeting sanitation requirements will be components of study. Leadership principles of decision making, problem solving and conflict resolution are competencies that will be addressed in the program. This certificate program will be the first in the nation.
- This fall ACC announced a new online Associate of Applied Science degree in telecommunications technology, a program that was designed with the help of industry experts from Quest, Comcast and NCTI.
- CSU, ACC and the Douglas County School District, as well as other partners, have been awarded a grant through the Department of Energy to provide technology and training for the conversion of gas-powered vehicles to plug-in electric hybrid vehicles. In addition to providing training for professional technicians, the grant will enable ACC's automotive technology program to be among the first in the country to provide hands-on training with hybrid vehicles for automotive students. The grant also allows ACC to train first responders on the safety issues inherent in responding to incidents involving hybrid vehicles.

Student Success Goal: Colorado students shall have seamless opportunities to transition from high school into college and from two-year institutions into four-year institutions.

- ACC and Regis University's College of Professional Studies have formed a partnership to offer a bachelor's degree and teacher licensure in secondary mathematics education. Students in the new program can take classes for three years at ACC to earn an Associate of Science degree with an optional plan of study in secondary math education. They then can transfer to Regis to complete the final 51 hours to earn a baccalaureate degree and licensure to teach mathematics in secondary schools. The need for math teachers is second only to the need for special education teachers. A study just released by the Carnegie Foundation reports that math education must be improved dramatically throughout the nation if the United States hopes to compete in the 21st Century.

- New student orientation efforts at ACC have reached over 1,500 students during the fall 2009 semester registration period. New student orientation sessions are required for ACC students who are new to college and have declared a major. Every student who applies to the college, regardless of their status, is offered the opportunity to orient themselves to the ACC experience. In an effort to make more meaningful contact with new students, the format for orientations was changed to allow more one-on-one time between students and Academic Advisors. The change in format has been viewed as an improvement by both students and advisors as each party now has an opportunity to carefully review a student's program of study, course selection, and academic goals.
- The ACC Academic Advising department hosted a Transition program for First Generation, 21st Century Scholars and Denver Scholarship students August 6 – 8. The three-day Transition program was kicked off with a bbq for students and their parents or adult mentors. Evening activities addressed academic goals, fears and time management as well as other topics. Weekend sessions included presentations about ACC's student campus resources that foster student success as well as team building activities that involved group strategies and collaboration skills. The Transition program was attended by 55 students and was a very successful introduction to college life at ACC.
- ACC has convened a task force of full-time employees charged with developing and implementing solutions to improve success rates in REA and ENG 030. In particular, the task force is focusing on two populations of students who score less than 25 on the Accuplacer test: low-literacy students and students who speak English as a second language.

Student Success Goal: Colorado students shall have the opportunity to succeed through high quality, cutting-edge instruction and educational services.

- The 2008-2009 Distinguished Faculty were recognized at the fall 2009 All Instruction meeting held August 13.
 - Erica Hastert – nominated for displaying all the qualities that make a competent leader – timeliness, transparency, geniality, effective time management / meeting management, and the ability to acknowledge other people's hard work.
 - Tracy Lawrence – nominated for being truly outstanding in every aspect as a faculty member, specifically – her own teaching style, which is dynamic and engaging; her impact on math students, which extends outside her classroom with the work she does with the math instructors, including College Ready faculty.
 - Jody Johnson – nominated for her enthusiasm and knowledge that draws the learners into an environment of success. She strives to find creative and innovative ways of teaching and is always seeking course development opportunities. Through her efforts, the ACC Cadaver Lab is viewed by hundreds of individuals every semester, including outside high school and medical groups. Visit Jody's classroom presentations and you will be privileged to witness a master teacher.

- ACC's Automotive Technology program was featured in the July 13 edition of Community College Week. Reporter Paul Bradley wrote: "... Arapahoe Community College is building on its much-praised auto technician program. The school is recruiting more women – 10 of its current cadre of 60 students are female – and continuing to push to infuse its program with rigorous academics, prodding students to obtain a college degree rather than merely obtaining a certificate".
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- On August 28 ACC faculty members in the Multimedia, Graphic Design and Illustration Department will exhibit their work at the Colorado Gallery of the Arts. The exhibition, which runs through October 2, will include oil paintings, videos, posters, photography, an Illustration piece, a print from Illustrator and multimedia pieces produced on a MAC computer.

Operational Excellence Goal: The financial stability of the system's institutions and the physical safety of its students shall be ensured.

- The new Luminis portal, providing easy and convenient access to pertinent services and information for ACC students, faculty and staff, went live July 20. **myACC** is ACC's new portal which serves as a gateway to personalized 24x7 access. ACC's Intranet, SSB, Blackboard or D2L, managing class rosters and enrollments, locating forms, accessing FAQs, and much more can now be accessed through **myACC**.