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

- **ACC receives grant for Plus 50 Encore Completion Program.** Arapahoe Community College is one of 11 community colleges from across the country recently chosen to join a national program designed to train 10,000 baby boomers for new jobs in healthcare, education and social services. The program is sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). The College’s Community Education Program will be part of the Plus 50 Encore Completion Program and will assist adults age 50 and over in completing degrees or certificates in high-demand occupations that give back to the community.

  The $15,000 three-year grant, combined with roughly $85,000 of in-kind funding from ACC, will be devoted to impacting retention/completion rates in ACC’s Health Information Technology (HIT) program, one of the most highly-enrolled programs by 50+ students at ACC. Plus 50 HIT students will be offered the support they need to succeed academically and professionally.

  In addition to grant funds, ACC will gain access to thousands of dollars in marketing materials such as toolkits and training webinars that will make the work of reaching out to students age 50 and over easier. ACC will also benefit from the advice and support of staff at other community colleges that have successfully implemented programs for older learners. ACC leads the charge among Colorado community colleges for educating and training the 50+ demographic.

- **ACC Child Development Center (CDC) was awarded $25,000 Temple Hoyne Buell grant.** The Temple Hoyne Buell grant provides $25,000 for operating expenses and childcare tuition stipends for the 2012-2013 academic year.

- **Financial Aid services offered in unique setting.** In order to provide higher visibility and easier access to ACC students, the Financial Aid office set up temporary office space in the student lounge in the main building of the Littleton Campus. Students were able to log in through the SARS tracking system and wait in a more comfortable setting which reduced the stress levels of students and counselors. Over 3,200 students met with financial aid counselors from August 1 to 20.
Student Success Goal: The demands of Colorado businesses and communities shall be met through the development of a high skilled work force.

- **Nursing program earns national recognition for NCLEX results.** Arapahoe Community College's nursing program was ranked first in three separate jurisdictions for National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) results from Oct. 2011 - Mar. 2012. For Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) programs in the College's jurisdiction, ACC ranked first out of 18 schools. For all similar ADN programs across every jurisdiction in the United States, ACC ranked first out of 614 institutions. For all BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) and ADN programs across every jurisdiction in the country, Arapahoe Community College was ranked atop a list of 1,035 schools. Furthermore, December 2011 graduates of ACC's nursing program had a 100% pass rate on the NCLEX-RN exam.

- **ACC's Career & Transfer Center offered job search strategy workshop.** Recent ACC graduates attended a job search strategies workshop titled "You've Graduated, Now What?" This workshop, coordinated with the ACC Foundation's alumni outreach efforts, focused on job search strategies, interview preparation, writing resumes and cover letters, and effective use of the Internet in a student's job search. Due to the popularity and success of this inaugural event, another program will be offered each semester for recent and soon-to-be ACC graduates.

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.

- **Concurrent Enrollment gears up for another big enrollment.** The Concurrent Enrollment Program at Arapahoe Community College will soon be enrolling students from 21 different high schools and 7 different school districts. ACC-approved faculty at all partner high schools in the Arapahoe Community College service area will be teaching approximately 90 classes in dozens of disciplines including: Astronomy, Early Childhood Education, Multi-Media Graphic Design, Business, Automotive, Communication, Archaeology, Economics, History, Humanities, English and Math and more.

- **ACC Advising holds annual Transitions Dinner.** The annual Transitions Dinner was held by the Advising department in July. More than one hundred scholarship recipients (ACC's First Generation, College Launch, President's, and Connect Scholarships) with their families attended information sessions designed to ease their transition to higher education and promote strategies to help these students succeed academically. Information sessions were also held for parents and student supporters to explain college processes, financial aid and their new “support” role for their students. Resources designed to improve student success through personal and academic development were also presented.
Arapahoe Community College’s Pre-Enrollment Services department has changed its name to Student Recruitment and Outreach. This name change better reflects the functions of the office and aligns with most Denver-area colleges to include “recruiting” in the title of the department.

The Student Recruitment and Outreach department serves as the first point of contact for prospective students, providing information about the educational opportunities at ACC. This includes engaging with more than 40 area high schools, government agencies such as Arapahoe/Douglas Works!, juvenile correction facilities and the at-large service area community.

Last year, the department met individually with over 8,000 prospective students, almost 30% of whom applied for admission to ACC. Additional responsibilities include: coordinating underage and home-school admissions, as well as advising and registration for all high school students taking classes at ACC – including on-campus concurrent enrollment.

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

ACC Chorus sings National Anthem at Colorado Rockies game. The ACC Chorus sang the National Anthem prior to the Colorado Rockies game on Sunday afternoon, July 15, at Coors Field in downtown Denver. For video footage and a photo gallery, visit the official ACC Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/ArapahoeCC.

ACC Faculty Member Co-authors New Book on Vaccinations. Faculty member Allison Hagood, Psychology Faculty at Arapahoe Community College, released a new book on August 19. Your Baby’s Best Shot, Why Vaccines are Safe and Save Lives was co-written by Hagood and Stacy Mintzer Herlihy. The book has already received positive reviews, notably: “Written in a clear, concise, no-nonsense fashion, this book is a must read for any new or expecting parent as it is a wonderful resource, giving parents and caregivers the opportunity to truly understand the real science behind vaccinations.”

Before becoming a professor, Hagood was a clinician and researcher specializing in adults with severe mental illnesses. She is a member of the American Psychological Association, the Association for Psychological Science, and the Society for the Teaching of Psychology.
Operational Excellence Goal: The financial stability of the system’s institutions and the physical safety of its students shall be ensured.

- **ACC Parking Lot / Safety Upgrades.** Summer improvements to the ACC Littleton Campus include resurfacing and restriping the parking lots and upgrading the Blue Light Emergency Phones to accommodate the new VoIP phone system. In addition, procedures are now in place that allows the Douglas County Sheriff’s department to immediately respond to all emergency calls from the ACC Parker Campus.

- **Campus Safety Presentations.** A campus safety presentation was given by Chief Goodwin to thirty-five (35) new full time employees and sixty (60) new adjunct instructors. Topics included in the training were:
  - Services provided by the police department
  - Overview of crime on campus
  - ACC emergency notification system
  - Vortex concept for reporting concerning behavior
  - Evacuation & shelter in place procedures
  - Overview of the emergency plan and responsibilities

All employees will attend emergency plan training and evacuation drills in November.