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

- **ACC receives grant from Sam S. Bloom Foundation.** Arapahoe Community College has received a two-year grant in the amount of $5,000 from the Sam S. Bloom Foundation. The grant from the Bloom Foundation is designated to be used for childcare stipends for low-income student parents who are pursuing their education at Arapahoe Community College and have children enrolled in the ACC Child Development Center. The Sam S. Bloom Foundation supports programs in Colorado designed to bring self-sufficiency to members of highly-motivated, at-risk populations, particularly family units with infants and young children. The mission of the ACC Foundation is to create public awareness and secure funding resources that provide financial assistance and broad-based community support for Arapahoe Community College’s students and programs.

- **The 3rd Annual ‘Grapes to Grads’ Event benefits student scholarship fund:** On Tuesday, November 13, the Arapahoe Community College Foundation partnered with local merchant, LIDO Wine Merchants, to host the ‘Grapes to Grads’ wine tasting and silent auction event. Over 200 community members attended the event which was held in Historical Downtown Littleton. More than 30 items were donated for the silent auction and over 40 wines were available for tasting. All of the silent auction proceeds and 10% of all wine sales that evening were donated to the ACC Foundation to fund scholarships for students enrolled in Liberal Arts. Over $4,000 was raised for ACC and plans for next year’s event are already underway.

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

- **ACC hosted an IGDA event.** The ACC Gaming Club, sponsored by Computer Science chair, Abeer Khaleq, organized and hosted an International Game Developer Association (IGDA) event on November 10th. IGDA members include gaming industry professionals, as well as artists, animators and students from the game development field or related disciplines. Highlights from the event included a presentation about the game development cycle and demonstrations of games and art work from professionals and students.

  ACC students were able to meet and network with people working in the industry and to learn about technology, tools, and trends. In addition, the capstone students presented
their game project and received industry feedback. ACC faculty members also attended to learn more about various Colorado companies and game developers.

- **Interpreter Mentorship Program Implemented.** ACC’s new Assistant Director of Disability Services and Interpreter Coordinator, Rachel Hirshman, implemented an Interpreter Mentorship Program. The program allows new interpreters to work with an experienced interpreter to better serve our students.

- **ACC Classroom to Career Specialist coordinates schedule with Testing Center.** Holly Schmitt, ACC’s TAA grant funded Classroom to Career Specialist, has coordinated a schedule with the Testing Center that allows her to meet with students to discuss their College Prep course options immediately after they complete the ACCUPLACER exam. Holly has also been working closely with members of the Developmental Education Task Force to stay abreast of developmental education reforms. Holly has also reached out to each student in a redesigned College Prep of FLEX course to alert these students of the services provided by the Classroom to Career Specialist.

**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 Concurrent Enrollment program adds courses.** The Concurrent Enrollment (CE) program will offer courses in the Game Design pathway at CEC Middle College (Denver Public Schools), as well as Nursing Assistant courses at Overland High School (Cherry Creek School District). ACC CE staff has worked closely with CE staff at CCD and CCA to provide these courses.

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

- **Khuu earns recognition from CCHS/CR, CESDA.** ACC Student Recruitment Specialist Karen Khuu has earned an Outstanding Service Award from the Colorado Council on High School and College Relations (CCHS/CR) for the 2012 calendar year. CCHS/CR is a statewide non-profit organization comprised of Colorado high school guidance counselors and college admission professionals which promotes post-secondary opportunities to high school students. Khuu chairs the CCHS/CR Admissions Practice Committee and also sits on the organization’s Annual Conference Committee. Khuu also garnered 2011-12 Colorado Educational Service and Development Association (CESDA) Committee Member of the Year accolades earlier this year. CESDA is a statewide organization which helps educate students of color and economically-disadvantaged students about higher education opportunities.
Khuu, who arrived at ACC in February 2009, earned her bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from the University of Colorado Denver.

- **Battle of Wits Trivia Team Tournament.** The 4th Annual Battle of Wits took place on November 9, 2012 in ACC’s Student Success Center. Five teams of students, including one from CCD, competed in an academic challenge for bragging rights to this year’s contest of mental talents. Hundreds of questions, three rounds of play, refreshments and prizes made this quiz bowl fun for all involved. The Battle of Wits Club sponsors events each semester and now opens the competition to other community colleges to join in. These knowledge bowls not only provide opportunities for students to participate but also build relationships between schools by encouraging them to be involved in extracurricular academic activities.

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

- **Safety Training and Evacuation Drill Held.** A shelter-in-place and evacuation training and drill were conducted in the Main Building, Annex Building, North Building, Church Street Building and the Art and Design Center on November 20th, 2012. During the course of the drill the following methods of emergency notification and response were tested:
  - The PA system was used to notify the campus of the need to evacuate and the all clear notification.
  - The ACC ALERT texting notification was tested.
  - The ACC ALERT telephone number notification system was tested.
  - The ACC ALERT campus telephone system was tested to alert staff.
  - The Alarm Systems in all the buildings were tested.
  - The emergency lock down button for the Art and Design building was tested.

- **ACC to Participate in Colorado Gives Day on Dec. 4.** ACC is proud to support this year's Colorado Gives Day campaign on Dec. 4. Colorado Gives Day is an initiative to increase philanthropy through online giving to Colorado charities.