Transform the student experience

Key Activities:
• On June 24th – July 3rd, Colorado Future Business Leaders of America – Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL), the business organization for high school and post-secondary Career & Technical Education (CTE) students attended the National Leadership Conference in Chicago IL. Over 450 FBLA-PBL members attended, competed, learned, and had strong competitive success. Colorado was well represented and excited to attend this wonderful conference and a great representation for CO CTE.

• Colorado DECA, the marketing organization for high school and post-secondary CTE students, hosted their first ever “officer training” which provided the opportunity for locally elected officers to come to training by our state leadership and to take their local organizations and CTE programs to the next level.

• Colorado was represented by 95 students and advisors at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Competition (NLSC) held in Louisville, KY June 22-25. First place winners from the local conference competed in leadership and skills contests. Colorado had several winners: Pueblo County HS, gold-Extemporaneous Speaking, AIMS CC – Collision Repair, Warren Tech- Collision Repair, Pickens Tech Bronze, Entrepreneurship.

• Colorado was represented by over a 100 students and advisors at the National Technology Student Association (TSA) National Conference held in Dallas, TX June 29-July 2. Colorado had several students distinguish themselves during the competition.

• As part of the Colorado Helps Advance Manufacturing Program (CHAMP) grant, three MOOCs (Massive Open Online Course) were launched on July 20th: Technical Math for Industry, Employability Skills for Industry, and Prior Learning Assessment for Industry.

Transform the our own workforce experience

Key Activities:
• During the FBLA-PBL National Leadership Conference, Jacqui Geiselman, the Colorado state adviser served on the National Awards Program committee. This is an influential position that includes the opportunity for professional development. However, it is also a key position to make national FBLA-PBL a better organization by including the great things that Colorado CTE accomplishes.

• Two CCCS CTE staff were selected to do presentations at the San Juan BOCES “Grow Together Summit” for high school teachers in Southwest Colorado – Lauren Jones, Program Director for Career Guidance & Counseling and Lorrie Toni, Perkins Director. Lorrie presented four day-long workshops across the state about how to write quality Perkins Local Plans (Grand Junction, Loveland, Westminster and Pueblo.) Another four half-day WebEx
sessions were conducted, one-to-one, with secondary and postsecondary CTE administrators to help them prepare their Perkins Local Plans for the 2015-2016 grants.

- Our new Assistant Provost of Career and Technical Education, Dr. Sarah Heath joined CCCS on July 13, 2015 and was introduced to 400 members of the CTE community at the Colorado Association of Career and Technical Education (CACTE) summer conference. Dr. Heath holds her Ph.D. in Workforce Education from the University of Georgia, in Athens, Georgia. She also earned her MEd in Business Education and her BBA in Management Information Systems Technology at this institution. Dr. Heath comes to us from Jefferson County Public Schools where she has served as the Career and Technical Education/Concurrent Enrollment Director since 2011. Prior to that position, she was with the Georgia Department of Education as the State Curriculum Specialist for Business Education and Computer Science. She currently serves as the national president for the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE). Throughout her time in Colorado, she has been actively engaged in many CCCS CTE and CDE committees and workgroups as well as the Colorado Association of Career and Technical Administrators (CACTA).

- Most of the CCCS CTE staff participated in the annual Colorado Association of Career and Technical Education (CACTE) summer conference, which was held in Loveland on July 13-16. CTE staff also presented at many of the conference sessions. The CACTE conference provided opportunities for professional development for CTE members across the state of Colorado.

- The Developmental Education Task Force (DETF) met to review year one redesign data.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships

Key Activities:

- Dr. Jerry Migler represented Colorado at the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) Alliance Executive Committee meeting. A primary focus of the meeting was planning and organizing the spring, 2016 conference for chief academic officers at community colleges in the states served by the WICHE region.

- Dr. Thomas Hartman facilitated two new articulation agreements in an addendum to the current pre-engineering articulation agreement between Metropolitan State University of Denver and the Colorado Community College System (CCCS). CCCS students have an opportunity to transfer credits earned at their community college into MSU’s Advanced Composite Materials & Manufacturing Certificate and Additive Manufacturing engineering Certificate programs.

- In the Colorado Online Energy Training Consortium (COETC) grant: completed publishing 85 Redesigning Developmental Education Courses to Open Educational Resources, completed publishing 165 Energy courses to Open Educational Resources.

- Dr. Sacks was invited to assist the Charles A. Dana Center at the University of Texas at Austin in describing how to implement math pathway design.

- Partnered with Colorado Workforce Development Council (CWDC) on the submission of a workforce investment fund grant project.

- Dr. Sacks participated in Jobs for the Future’s Policy Leadership Trust for Student Success: Redesign of Developmental Education.
Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence

Key Activities:

- Dr. Jerry Migler participated in the professional development workshop for CCCS senior leadership staff. The workshop was held in Colorado Springs on July 21-24 at the Center for Creative Leadership.