Transform the student experience

Key Activities:

- Colorado HOSA has clearly defined that all HOSA members statewide are being asked to participate in the 20/20 challenge. Each HOSA chapter is asked to gain 20% in membership and to raise $20 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This is the first time our State Officers have challenged existing members to reach out to their communities and asked them to really consider donating a large amount (totaling $30k) towards our National Service Project.

- The Agriculture Team provided a 5 day intensive professional development conference for secondary agriculture instructors to enhance student engagement and instruction. This event was delivered through a partnership between Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska agriculture program directors.

- The Agriculture Team is nearing completion on end-of-program technical assessments for secondary agriculture, business and skilled trades. The majority of these should be operational for spring semester use.

- Through a grant with the American Council on Education (ACE) and the Alternative Credit Project almost 50 faculty members from across the state reviewed 120 alternative courses for our prior learning assessment (PLA) matrix and made recommendations about PLA acceptance.

- Faculty and staff from CCD, ACC, CCA, FRCC, RRCC, CCCOnline, and CCCS attended training on competency based education (CBE) as the kick-off to technical assistance from a grant we have in partnership with The Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) to provide support in building System capacity around CBE.

- Brenda Perea is partnering with CCD on their student e-portfolio systems research group.

Transform the our own workforce experience

Key Activities:

- Robert Van Dyke, FCCLA State Adviser, was elected as the Pacific Region Representative to the FCCLA National Leadership Team.

- Academic program staff all completed web accessibility training.
Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships

Key Activities:

- FCCLA created a partnership with Jana’s Campaign (a foundation to promote healthy domestic environments for teens in relationships) to offer curriculum to FACS teachers and grant funding for chapter projects.

- FCCLA also solidified a partnership with the Colorado Culinary Academy for state conference and classroom presentations.

- Lauren Wojcik (State Adviser for HOSA) was a part of the 10th Annual Kaiser Permanente Diversity Scholarship Awards Event as a contributor on the Evaluation Committee. 24 Kaiser Scholars were celebrated, including several students who were a part of the Community College System before advancing to continue their degree at 4 year institutions. It was fantastic to see our students being recognized by industry as future health professionals.

- Colorado HOSA met with Donor Alliance. Outcome: A commitment of scholarship funds for our Colorado HOSA members, use of conference space and AlloSource teaching materials, as well as connections to a plethora of new symposium speakers which will strengthen the number of healthcare representatives from Allied Healthcare at our State Leadership Conference.

- The Business and Marketing Education Team meet with the Daniels Fund on Monday, August 17th – providing input/support on the development of Business Ethics curriculum which will be developed specifically for Colorado. However, it will be shared nationally through the MBA Research Consortium. A $1.5 million grant was given to MBA Research to use over the next five years for this effort.

- “Futuring” panels were held for Marketing, Finance and Business Management and Administration – these were three days where senior level management representing Colorado businesses discussed the future of marketing, finance and business management and administration. Discussion included: What should we be teaching in our classrooms to prepare students for their future, Business Trends and Ethics.

- The Agriculture Team is working with the oil & gas and utilities industries to create competitive events for our students enrolled in our new secondary energy programs (which provide exposure and training for students to enter careers either at high school graduation or after completion of a post-secondary program of study).

- The Agriculture Team is continuing to work with Colorado State University to finalize transfer agreements between agriculture programs in our colleges and the College of Agriculture. Five agreements have been approved with a 6th in Equine Science underway.

- Dr. Migler, Dr. Sacks, and Dr. Heath met with project staff from the Markle Foundation and LinkedIn to discuss System involvement in the Rework America project in Denver.
• Dr. Hall-Ellis convened college grant directors for an annual strategic planning session to determine grant opportunities and possibilities for collaborative partnerships and initiatives consistent with known funding streams in the coming year.

• The IMS Global Learning Consortium (IMS GLC) reached out to Brenda Perea for help in two working groups:
  o IMS Digital Credentialing Currency Framework initiative
  o IMS + Open Badges: the IMS Digital Credentials initiative

• Brenda Perea met with Donnell-Kay Foundation’s Colleen Broderick with “ReSchool Colorado” to help the organization understand digital badges and routes to competency based education (CBE) and the community college system.

• The success of the Colorado Helps Advanced Manufacturing Programs (CHAMP) grant was highlighted at the “Hi-Tec conference” in Portland, Oregon.

• A new Transfer & Articulation Handbook was drafted.

• A new articulation agreement with CCCS and Metropolitan State University’s Advanced Composite Materials & Manufacturing Engineering Certificate and Additive Manufacturing Engineering Certificate was completed.

• An annual review was conducted on Transfer & Articulation Agreement between CCCS & Argosy University.

• Through the CHAMP grant, a workshop was held for college navigators and workforce center staff to encourage interagency collaboration and increased partnerships.

• The Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) invited Dr. Casey Sacks to participate in an initial planning call with Complete College America staff to brainstorm future project initiatives.

Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence

Key Activities:

• The CTE Team participated in a one day in-service to review accessibility training materials and apply them to new documents.

• Due to feedback from the OCTAE Perkins Monitoring visit, Perkins Local Plans are being reviewed this year with a more focused eye on the performance metrics of sub-populations such as minorities, students with disabilities, and students who are economically disadvantaged.

• Tara Bell (CTE Program Director for Health and Public Safety) was at a meeting with Jeana Capel-Jones from the Greater Denver Metro Health Partnership where Jeana expressed a need for graduates from Surgical Technology programs. Based on information from Jeana, there had been 6 proprietary colleges with Surg Tech programs
and now there are 3. There is a demand for graduates – and especially for programs that
can offer the programs in a cost effective manner. The response was immediate and
representatives from the Colorado Community College campuses met with Tara to begin
collection surrounding which campus would be the best candidate for hosting a

- Brenda Perea presented CCCS’s efforts on creating a micro-credential ecosystem to the
  Badge Alliance Higher Education working group.

- Brenda Perea collaborated with PCC’s Amanda Corum (Economic and Workforce
  Development) on Non-Credit Digital Credentials/ Micro-Credentials and the possibility of
  implementation at PCC in workforce development.

- The grant monitoring response for the CHAMP project has been completed and
documentation submitted to the Department of Labor.

- The Colorado First application deadline of August 7 netted 30 approved grants totaling
  training budgets of $1,846,386.03. These grant companies will have until April 30 to
  accomplish specific customized training for new Colorado employees.

- The Existing Industry application deadline was August 21. We received 56 applications to
  assist in training incumbent workers in Colorado. Grant applications and financials will be
  under-going reviews.

- The number of applications for Colorado First and Existing Industries indicates the
  importance of workforce training for Colorado companies with both new employees and
  existing workers. A well-trained employee base is recognized as one of the keys to Colorado
  companies’ success.

- On July 17, the U.S. Department of Education awarded TRIO Student Support Services
  grants totaling $14,891,260 to 10 colleges (Community College of Aurora, Community
  College of Denver, Front Range Community College, Northeastern Junior College, Otero
  Junior College, Pikes Peak Community College, Pueblo Community College, Red Rocks
  Community College, and Trinidad State Junior College). These five-year awards (2015-2020)
  support outreach and student services for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, low
  income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities, foster
  care youth or homeless children and youth—to help them progress through the academic
  pipeline from middle school to post baccalaureate programs.