Transform the student experience

Key Activities:

- There were 1,097 attendees at this year’s Colorado Family Community and Career Leaders of America (FCCLA) conference. Additionally, FCCLA accomplished the following:
  - Held a rally at the State Capitol, which was attended by Mayor Hancock.
  - Partnered with the Children’s Hospital and the Colorado State Patrol for interactive teen driving workshops.
  - Partnered with the Governor's State Highway Association to assess four major intersections in Denver on driver safety for the city and county of Denver.
  - Awarded $36,000 in scholarship money to students.
  - State First Vice President Paige Beckman received the Boettcher Scholarship and State Vice President of Publications Sally Jane Ruybalid received a full tuition scholarship through her Ph.D. from Princeton University.

- Colorado HOSA, a student organization for health pathways, had 751 participants who competed in more than 1,500 events specific to health professions, leadership, teamwork, and emergency preparedness.

- The Colorado HOSA State Leadership Conference hosted more than 76 individuals from System partner organizations. There were 30 exhibitors, 36 symposiums, and 126 judges.

- The (SC)² Student Leadership Conference took place at the Community College of Aurora at the Centre-Tech campus where 25 schools and 190 attendees participated throughout the day.

- Colorado TSA, an organization for students in STEM related pathways, had its annual conference that included 1,602 attendees from 68 chapters and 200 judges from the business, industry and education sectors.
SkillsUSA, the student organization for students in the skilled trades pathways, had an 11 percent overall membership growth for the 2016-17 academic year and a 31 percent growth rate in the college post-secondary division.

The 2016-17 State Leadership and Skills Conference was held April 5-7 in Colorado Springs with 583 advisors and students in attendance, making it the largest conference to date. Gold medalists from this event are eligible to represent Colorado at the National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, KY on June 19-23.

**Transform our own workforce experience**

Key Activities:

- Program Director for Agriculture and Energy Mike Womochil was awarded the Person of the Year award by the Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado (ALCC) for his work on Career Pathways in Landscaping Industry. He is the first non-industry professional to ever receive this honor.

- Assistant Provost Sarah Heath was selected to serve on the National Transportation Career Pathways Advisory Committee. She will provide direction to the National Highway Administration as well as the collegiate program partners in the network around education and training in transportation.

- Program Director of Career Guidance and Equity Lauren Jones supplied training for the full CCCS staff on cultural literacy on April 18.

- The FACS program director is serving on a national FCCLA Star Event and Industry Credential Alignment Focus Group.
  - The National FCCLA staff has convened a focus group comprised of the following: state CTE/FACS administrators, industry partners and post-secondary and secondary FACS educators. This focus group will assess and revise current FCCLA competitive events, create industry partnerships for each career cluster area and work to determine what industry credentials can be offered to students who complete and excel in these events.
  - Colorado is given the opportunity to be instrumental in these alignment efforts.

- Colorado Career and Technical Education (CTE) staff attended the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Region V Conference to gain knowledge around best practices for high quality career and technical education. CCCS will host the 2018 conference, allowing CTE and the System as a whole to showcase themselves in Colorado to all 16 western region states.
Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships

Key Activities:

- The Perkins Plan Manager conducted another workshop for new administrators and those seeking CTE Director credentials on Perkins grant topics. Thirty-three people attended this workshop. Additional training on these topics will occur around the state throughout May.

- Career and Technical Education (CTE) staff participated in the monthly Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) implementation meeting hosted by the Colorado Workforce Development Council.
  - Three metro area colleges in the Arapahoe Douglas workforce area are negotiating infrastructure funding agreements as part of the implementation of the WIOA.
  - Processes resulting from this initial infrastructure agreement will be replicated as appropriate throughout Colorado as the other nine infrastructure funding agreements are negotiated.
  - All post-secondary recipients of federal Perkins funds are required to contribute a maximum of 5 percent of their award to help offset workforce center infrastructure costs based on the partnerships in place and benefit received by the college(s) from the workforce center services and activities.

- The construction career pathway officially kicked off in April.
  - Denver hosted the Construction Sectors Partnership meeting in January.
  - The pathways director and program director for skilled trades and technical sciences are working with the Colorado Association of General Contractors (AGC) and will be serving on their Talent Pipeline/Education Pathways and Marketing & Industry Outreach Committees, respectively. Both will be working on the Construction Navigators project, which aims to increase professional mentoring to students and Career and Technical Education programs.

- The program director for skilled trades and technical sciences is working with the Regional Business Alliance in Colorado Springs to host a construction talent development meeting.
  - Pikes Peak Community College is launching new construction programming this fall, which will provide beneficial feedback for the college and local high school programs.
- The Business Roundtable committee for the Dream It, Do It campaign met to establish goals. Year one goals include:
  - Introduce an ambassador program for manufacturing that is similar to the Junior Achievement programming.
  - Create a resource bank for teachers.
  - Dream It, Do It is hosting a national conference in Chicago on May 22-24.

- The Colorado Teacher Cadet training team, along with the FACS program director have presented to and connected with state school districts, Superintendent and School District Administrator Associations, and post-secondary partners to promote Colorado Teacher Cadet, and create new concurrent enrollment opportunities for students.
  - Aligning of teacher preparation competencies between secondary, community college and Teacher Cadet University partners continue to take place as the need to expand Colorado's Teacher workforce is critical in the state.
  - There is greater momentum in expanding Colorado Teacher Cadet in the high needs rural districts. The FACS program director is coordinating with Robert Mitchell of CDHE, and the UNC Rural Education Center to connect high school administrators and teachers with Teacher Cadet Program details, application processes and a 2017 summer training plan. They are also connecting high school administrators and teachers to their community college partners. This work stems from the directives within Colorado Senate Bill 16-104.
  - Colorado Teacher Cadet training is scheduled for July 2017.
  - Networking will continue with the Colorado BOCES groups and other rural districts to expand a statewide strategic plan to increase student access to the Colorado Teacher Cadet Program.

- Assistant Provost Sarah Heath reviewed Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Colorado with Colorado Succeeds, a business professional special interest group, to better explain the CCCS CTE alignment to in-demand careers and career development in K-12 and post-secondary. It is hoped that this information will inform their white papers on the status of education in Colorado.
Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence

Key Activities:

- The program director for skilled trades and technical sciences and the program director for STEM, arts and IT completed the National Construction Curriculum (NCCER) Master Trainer course. They can now offer NCCER training to CCCS construction programs.

- The VE135 follow up survey for secondary schools closed with 98 percent of students being reported. This information provides the Colorado CTE as well as the US Department of Education with data on where CTE students are a year after completion of their CTE program. This data includes: work related to their program of study, work unrelated to their program of study, military, unemployment, or post-secondary enrollment. The follow up survey for post-secondary schools have until the end of May.

- CCCS received the CDLE WORK ACT grant totaling $194,390 to address marketing for health science programs around the state. The grant will allow CCCS to hire an outreach/recruitment coordinator to plan and facilitate marketing efforts statewide for healthcare science pathways.

- The Colorado Career and Technical Education (CTE) team members created a survey for the college and district CTE directors to review the System’s current Perkins metrics and provide feedback for the metric targets. This information will be beneficial as the System negotiates its targets with the U.S. Department of Education.