Connecting with our ACC Community: Pizza with the President

On Thursday afternoon, clouds continued to roll in along our Front Range and metro Denver communities, pummeling some areas to the point of evacuations and closures. Here at our ACC Parker Campus, we were lucky to dodge the flashfloods and evacuations experienced by our mountain and neighboring areas. We trudged along, undeterred, to best serve our ACC students and staff. Daily operations went on as planned and we did our best to stay alert, informed, and flexible to ensure the safety of our entire ACC community.

By Thursday evening, the clouds began to dissipate and the smell of pizza filled our Parker Campus. Despite the stormy weather, ACC President Dr. Diana Doyle, Student Government representatives, staff, and students convened at our “Pizza with the President” event. We were pleased to see familiar and new faces and enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with our ACC community. Thank you to all who attended!

If you could not attend our event, please know we have more events planned and we are always interested in hearing your feedback and ideas about how we can best serve our students and ACC community.

In the meantime, check out our interview with ACC President Dr. Diana Doyle on page 2.

Questions, comments, or article ideas?

Please contact Stephanie Flores at Stephanie.Flores@arapahoe.edu

Emergency closures are announced online, via the ACC Notification System, and by calling (303) 792–4222

Sign up for Emergency Alerts

Log into your MyACC account to sign up for our ACC Notification System. In the event of campus closures or emergencies, you will be notified immediately via Connect-Ed.

How do campus events like tonight’s Pizza with the President speak to our ACC culture and community?

We as ACC faculty and staff are an engaged group. Students are our focus and any activities that involves getting us together, getting the employees together with the students, is always an exciting opportunity for us to get to know each other, for us to learn from each other, and for us to help the students feel like they are a part of our community.

What is unique about our ACC community, staff, and students? How do our extension campuses fit into this vision?

We walk our talk at ACC. When we say we are student focused, we are. When we say we are all about student success, we are. And then every day we demonstrate ways to show that those are our goals - that those are strategic priorities that we have. It’s not just giving lip service to being student advocates and being student oriented. It’s showing that in the courses that we teach and the employees that we hire and the services that we provide and the processes that we have, it’s all about helping students succeed.

How Castle Rock and Parker fit into all of that, is that we want to make sure that the students at Parker and Castle Rock have the same opportunities as the students in Littleton. They have the same opportunities to get involved, they have same opportunity for excellence in the classroom, they have the same opportunities for accessing services, they have same opportunities to succeed as the students in Littleton do.

We are ACC. We are one college. Even though we have multiple locations, we are one college and we want all students to feel like they are an important part of ACC.

An Interview with ACC President Dr. Doyle by Stephanie Flores

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ACC President Dr. Diana Doyle

What is your message to our Parker Campus students for the semester?

My message to the Parker Campus students is probably the same message that I give to all students and it’s as simple as your ABCs.

A is ask questions. You’ll get really far in your studies and you’ll do better if you ask questions when you don’t understand something or when you don’t know where to go for a program or a service or help.

B is become involved, become engaged. Be an active participant in your educational experience. Get to know other students. Come to the activities. Take advantage of the resources that are available. Become engaged.

And C is to challenge yourself. College should be enjoyable but it should be a challenge too because most things that are worthwhile should be a little bit of a challenge. Challenge yourself to meet new people, people different than you are. ACC has a wealth of diversity and we want students to get to know each other and get to experience fellow students from different backgrounds. Challenge yourself to learn something new every day, because if you learn something new every day it makes life more interesting and it makes you a more interesting person.
**Spring Semester ACC Scholarship Information**

**Apply for the STEM Scholarship Program at ACC**

Full time students enrolled in the AS-degree program who are U.S. Citizens and are eligible for Federal financial Aid, are eligible to apply for the ACC STEM Scholars Scholarship Program. Transcripts (and/or test scores), letter of interest, and a letter of recommendation from a STEM Teach/Faculty member or STEM Industry Professional are required. **Application deadline for spring 2014 is November 15, 2013.** For more information, visit [http://www.arapahoe.edu/sites/default/files/shared/images-pdf/tuition-financial-aid/acc-stem-scholars-application.pdf](http://www.arapahoe.edu/sites/default/files/shared/images-pdf/tuition-financial-aid/acc-stem-scholars-application.pdf) or call (303) 797-5661 to contact an ACC Financial Aid Representative.

**Spring Scholarship Deadlines are Approaching!**

Check out more scholarship opportunities at [http://www.arapahoe.edu/paying-college/scholarships](http://www.arapahoe.edu/paying-college/scholarships)

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**National Scholarship Information**

**Apply for the Jack Kent Cook Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship**

Current sophomore status students enrolled at ACC who plan to transfer to a 4-year college or university and have a cumulative 3.5 GPA should apply for the Jack Kent Cook Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship.

If you meet the above criteria and have unmet financial need, apply to receive up to $30,000 per year to attend an accredited 4 year college or university. **Application deadline: November 7th!**

Visit [www.jkcf.org/scholarships](http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships) or call 855-509-5253 for more information.

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**Jaime’s Advising Corner**

“Introduce yourself to your faculty members. Find a reason to meet with them before or after class, or during their office hours. They are a great resource for helping you succeed in the classroom and outside of school. Faculty members are often needed as referrals for jobs or to transfer to another school. They have a ton of resources, connections, and networks to help you during your journey and after graduation. They can help you be more successful!”

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Registration for the Spring semester begins November 1st!
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**Library Research Workshop**

**Tuesday, October 8th, 5:30-7:30pm**

*Be a faster, more effective researcher! Learn about research tools and methods, databases, e-books, citation formatting, and much more!*  
ACC Parker Campus, Room 204

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