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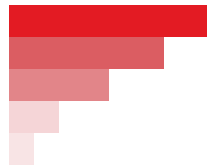
OUR MISSION

We believe in the power of philanthropy and we are passionate about creating opportunities in the communities we serve.

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Improving Our Community

American Career College (ACC) and American Career College Educational Foundation (ACCEF) are committed to important causes that aim to provide educational opportunities and support for underserved and at-risk children and families in its surrounding communities.

We believe that health, research, innovation and life-long education are the cornerstones to healthy communities. To that end, we work alongside community organizations through purposeful giving, impactful partnerships and innovative programs that increase access to healthcare and create life-long educational opportunities.

Whether it's through philanthropic giving to programs that share our mission, volunteerism, or inspiring the youth we work with, we are passionate about creating opportunities in the communities we serve.





Expanding Our Culture of Philanthropy

Philanthropy leads to a more healthy, productive and happier world.

The American Career College and American Career College Educational Foundation legacy of philanthropy started over 40 years ago. David A. Pyle, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, set this standard and his passion and vision is clear.

David A. Pyle is driven by a desire to help people reach their full potential. For over four decades, he's been an innovator and leader in private post-

secondary education. He serves as a non-profit advisory board member, is an advocate and philanthropist in the public school and non-profit arenas and hosts a long history of supporting access to healthcare, education, innovation, and research.

Leading by example while inspiring and strengthening supported organizations is his commitment. Engaging students, alumni and staff alongside community members while pushing for all to "think bigger" of what can and will be accomplished, is a constant.



David A. Pyle
Founder &
Chief Executive Officer



Dear Community,

At American Career College (ACC) and American Career College Educational Foundation, we believe that healthcare and education are the pillars of healthy communities. As leaders in healthcare education, it is our responsibility to serve our neighbors, especially those who are low income and at-risk youth, with high touch programs that will lay the groundwork for their future. It is an investment in our neighbors, our health and our leaders of tomorrow.

We are pleased to share that in 2019, we donated more than \$180,000 to over 50 organizations to support the underserved, provide healthcare access, and deliver educational opportunities.

But it's about more than just donating money. For philanthropy to be have a lasting impact, it needs to include service, partnership and interaction with the community. That's why for more than 40 years, ACC has dedicated ourselves to providing medical services, invested in civic training resources, and engaging with the community through innovative programs and an open dialogue so we can understand what the community needs to truly thrive.

Our students, alumni, faculty and staff continue to expand our philosophy and engage in community service through a number of programs and opportunities we provide them. We are honored to see our culture of philanthropy continue with the next generation of healthcare providers.

We are proud to have our students serving as family ambassadors at Ronald McDonald House, volunteer for Bahamas Hurricane relief, provide no-cost High School Equivalency training and testing, and working with partners to provide health and wellness screenings. We strive to inspire the next generation of healthcare providers and ACC will continue to listen to our communities and engage our associates in community service to find where we may best support those we serve.

We thank all who supported and partnered with us in 2019 as we furthered our mission to improve communities through strategic giving, purposeful partnerships and supporting programs to increase access to healthcare. We focus on where the need is greatest and look forward to serving our communities in the years to come.

Sincerely,



Susan Pailet

Chief Academic Officer
American Career College



Tim Lee

Chief Operating Officer
American Career College

Overall Impact

American Career College is passionate about supporting underserved community members through programs and initiatives that provide the resources, supplies and educational access necessary for life-long learning.



Educating Our
Community



Keeping Our
Community Healthy



Investing in Our
Community



Innovation &
Research to Support
Our Community

50

Organizations
Supported

97

Gifts Made

\$183,628

Total Dollars Given



Education

Providing Access To Higher Education And Life-Long Learning

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Students Learn Valuable Lessons

ACC is committed to providing students with valuable lessons through hands-on experiences. In fall 2019, ACC Dental Assisting students volunteered at the annual OC Free Health Fair. This opportunity provided students with a great deal of practical first-hand experience while offering our community access to quality dental care.

"At the end of the day, our students were so excited to share what they did, the procedures and the doctors they assisted with, connecting what they had learned in class and applying it in real life. Best of all, some of them received a business card from the volunteer doctors who wanted to connect once they are done in school."

ACC-Orange County Dental Assisting program director Cecilia Cabrera

Putting Education In Reach For The Underprivileged

More than 15 million students in the U.S. do not have money for school supplies, according to the National Center for Children in Poverty. We believe it is important that all students have access to the materials they need to succeed. In 2019, ACC-LA participated in the inaugural back-to-school event for REACH Center Los Angeles, where we distributed more than 1,000 backpacks filled with school supplies and over 500 new pairs of shoes to those in need.

Educating Non-High School Graduates

We believe it is vital to provide individuals access to the education they need to become active and thriving members of our community. Through the HSE Academy we are dedicated to making a direct impact in the lives of non-high school graduates by offering a high quality HSE preparation program at no cost. In 2019, 745 students were served with 371 certificates earned.

"In less than a year, I have accomplished what I couldn't in the last eighteen years, and I owe all my success to the HSE Academy, the director, the wonderful instructors and family that never gave up on me."

Karla, HSE Alumni



Thank You to Our Partners

OC Free Health Fair / Vietnamese American Physician Association of Southern California (VPASC), REACH



Health

Improving Access To Quality Health Services

American Career College strives to improve the lives of the community by providing access to quality health services and supporting underserved children and families.



Vision For The Community

We appreciate opportunities for our students to escalate their experience while giving back to the community. Optical technician students from ACC-Ontario worked side-by-side with the Lions Club to help nearly 400 patients receive no-cost eyeglasses and eye exams. Students adjusted glasses on patients, learned how to interpret the patient's prescriptions and explained how to wear their new eyewear, from readers to progressives.

"All of our students love to contribute to the community, but I especially appreciate it when program directors find opportunities for our students to put their skills and goodwill into practice at the same time."

ACC-Ontario Executive Director Rita Totten

Making Dental Care Accessible To All

It is one of our core values to give back to our communities and provide no-cost services to individuals without access to the care they need. ACC-LA dental students volunteered their skills at the Care Harbor Health Clinic, practicing many hands-on techniques and assisting with hundreds of patients. Throughout the weekend, students put to use many of the skills they will use upon completing the program, including performing basic patient triage, digital dental radiographs, patient exams and sterilizing instruments.

"Getting the interactions with live patients is very educational in putting together what they have learned in the classroom and laboratory to real-life experiences. And not only are the students learning and practicing their skills, but they are also networking within the community."

ACC-LA Student Services coordinator Ruthy Rodriguez

Fighting Flu Season In The Community

It is estimated that 35 million people in the U.S. had the flu in 2018, according to the CDC. In an effort to fight flu season and lower numbers, ACC students assisted the LA Department of Public Health nurse volunteers with immunizing and registering patient information for about 200 people at the Arroyo Vista Health Center flu clinic. This provided students with valuable hands-on patient experience.

"It's great experience and exposure for our class ambassadors to attend the community clinics and get a little taste of what their expected role would be in the healthcare world."

ACC-LA Career Services Specialist Jason Stoll

Elevating Access To Quality Healthcare

At ACC, we believe our entire community deserves access to quality healthcare. In summer 2019, ACC Medical Assistant students volunteered their skills at the Children's Health Fair, sponsored by the Arroyo Family Health Center. Students were paired with LA County nurses to help check vital signs, conduct glucose monitoring, capture height, weight, and blood pressure, and perform hearing and vision checks.

"This opportunity provided the students with a reality check for the career they are entering by dealing with patients of all ages and backgrounds, building on soft skills used to deal with disgruntled patients and how to properly handle on-the-spot patient questions regarding their health."

ACC-Los Angeles Student Services Coordinator Ruthy Rodriguez



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Care Harbor, Arroyo Vista Health Center, Children's Health Fair, sponsored by the Arroyo Family Health Center, Lions Club



Community

Serving At-Risk And Underserved Communities

At the heart of our mission at American Career College, we are passionate about serving others. Every year, students and faculty donate hundreds of volunteer hours supporting services and organizations for at-risk and underserved communities by assisting initiatives aimed at helping the communities surrounding our campuses.



Caring For Our Communities

From time-to-time, everyone gets sick. But, for those families with children battling serious illness or injury, those times are unimaginably more frightening and stressful than normal. The Ronald McDonald House exists so those families can live close to their hospitalized children. In September 2019, ACC-LA sent 15 student ambassadors to spend the day volunteering at their local Ronald McDonald House. The students hosted a dessert bar to provide a sweet distraction as they listened to stories about families' seriously ill or injured children who are currently receiving treatment.

"It was an honor to be able to visit these kids at the Ronald McDonald House. It was a humbling experience and we will be volunteering again soon."

ACC-LA Academic Retention Specialist Brenda Clydesdale

Preparing Students For Success

Optical Technician students from ACC-LA helped about 200 kids at the 21st Annual Back to School Distribution event in August 2019, sponsored by the Foothill Unity Center. A group of nine ACC-LA students and two instructors provided vision screenings, visual acuity tests and vision education to event attendees.

"Community involvement is crucial to the success of events like these. It helps children and their families become familiar with their community, its agencies and its leaders."

ACC-LA Student Services Coordinator
Ruthy Rodriguez

Giving Back And Giving Hope

American Career College is committed to supporting the underserved. In Summer 2019, ACC-OC students and staff volunteered their time to unload and organize thousands of donated medical and food supplies for Giving Children Hope, a nonprofit organization that provides resources to vulnerable children and families both locally and abroad.

"Giving Children Hope has been responding to crises for the last 26 years. Being here today as a community shows that American Career College is committed to not only sharing awareness with students on where pockets of trouble are, but also the bigger picture of what's going on in the world and how nonprofits like us are responding to it."

Director of Program and Partner Development at Giving Children Hope Christine Sanchez



Supporting Communities Through Disaster Relief

When natural disaster strikes, Orange County, Calif.-based charity Giving Children Hope is there to provide relief support. So is ACC. In September 2019, about 20 ACC-OC student volunteers spent their day packing 11,000 pounds of clothes and 27,000 pounds of donated supplies to be shipped to the Bahamas/ Florida region for hurricane relief efforts.

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Ronald McDonald House, Giving Children Hope, 21st annual Back to School Distribution event, sponsored by the Foothill Unity Center



Research & Innovation

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Saving Lives Through Innovative Research

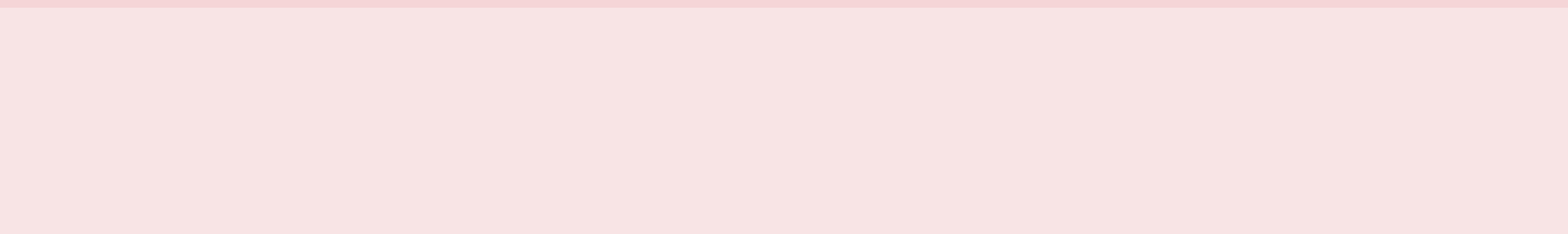
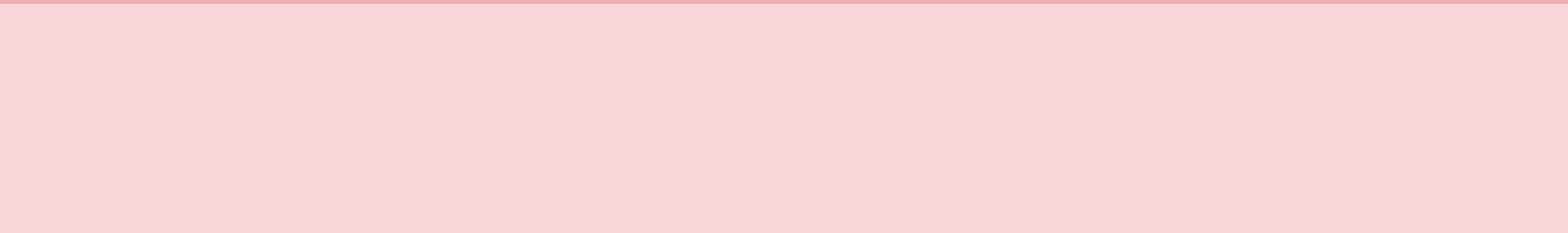
The American Heart Association (AHA) is a leading force of research and innovation in the field of heart disease. Every year the organization sponsors the “Heart and Stroke Walk” to raise funds for this critical work. More than 300 volunteers from American Career College and West Coast University took part in the 2019 Orange County event on March 16. The team, entitled ACC/WCU Heart Beats, raised nearly \$172,000, finishing among the top four fundraising teams overall. In total, the events raised \$1.6 million for the AHA in 2019.



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2019 Orange County Heart and Stroke Walk







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