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**Emily Griffith Technical College Commits to Supporting 104 Students in Honor of 104th Anniversary**

*September 9, 2020 Proclaimed "Emily Griffith Technical College Day" by Denver Mayor Michael Hancock*

DENVER - In honor of the school's 104th anniversary on September 9, [Emily Griffith Technical College](#) and the [Emily Griffith Foundation](#) have committed to going above and beyond to support 104 students over the next year. To commemorate the anniversary and all the school has accomplished over the last 104 years, Denver Mayor Michael Hancock has proclaimed September 9 as Emily Griffith Technical College Day.

"In partnership with the Emily Griffith Foundation, we've made a commitment to provide above and beyond support to 104 students and alumni over the next year as a way to give back to our community, like Emily herself would have done," said Lulu Lantzy, Director of Innovation and Partnerships at Emily Griffith Technical College. "We'll be asking students to submit requests, big and small, and we will fulfill 104 of those requests. On our 105th anniversary on September 9, 2021 we will be recapping everything we were able to do to support our students over the past year."

Students (current or potential) and alumni who are interested in submitting a request for support should visit <https://www.emilygriffith.edu/celebrating-104-years/>. Requests can be submitted anonymously.

To mark the school's 104th anniversary, Denver Mayor Michael Hancock created a proclamation naming September 9, 2020 as Emily Griffith Technical College Day. "This anniversary is especially important because of the major transformations the school has undergone in the last 12 months that will propel the school forward to the next 100 years," said Keo Frazier, Vice President of Communications and Engagement at Emily Griffith Technical College. "Had we not overhauled our technology, added several new courses, updated our communication channels and created a more student-centric intake process, we may not be able to continue to teach our students, especially through the pandemic."

The proclamation states: "Over the last 104 years, more than 2 million people have benefitted from Emily Griffith Technical College's progressive idea that education should be accessible to all... A transformation was made at Emily Griffith Technical College prior to and through the Coronavirus pandemic in order to continue to help students across the Front Range retool their skills for today's workforce and tomorrow's opportunities to fuel the Colorado economy..."



Emily Griffith Technical College continues to innovate for the future, providing training for careers, technical education and trades because these skills are key to our successful future”

Emily Griffith Technical College has touched so many lives in Colorado, helped to start thousands of small businesses, and has consistently jumpstarted individuals into new careers. Emily Griffith is an institution that continues to power Colorado’s economy and workforce.

For more information about Emily Griffith and the Foundation visit [EmilyGriffith.edu](http://EmilyGriffith.edu). To follow the progress, visit [facebook.com/EmilyGriffithTech/](https://facebook.com/EmilyGriffithTech/).

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### **About Emily Griffith Technical College**

The mission of Emily Griffith Technical College is to prepare students for today’s workforce and tomorrow’s opportunities. Each year, Emily Griffith serves approximately 8,000 students through 25 career training certification programs, 13 apprenticeships and a robust adult education and English language program. In 1916, Emily Griffith founded the *Opportunity School* which was later renamed *Emily Griffith Opportunity School* in her honor and, in 2011, renamed *Emily Griffith Technical College* to better represent the mission of the school. Emily Griffith was ahead of her time because she envisioned the school before technical colleges were even a concept. Over the past 100+ years, the college has educated nearly 2 million students who seek pathways toward long-term career advancement. [EmilyGriffith.edu](http://EmilyGriffith.edu)

### **About Emily Griffith Foundation**

Emily Griffith Foundation (EGF) carries on the legacy and vision of Emily Griffith, a teacher and a pioneer for adult education who, in 1916, opened the first public career and technical college in the country—the *Opportunity School*, now *Emily Griffith Technical College* –in Denver. Emily Griffith Foundation exists to provide educational and charitable funding for the support of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and programs of Emily Griffith Technical College which cannot be funded by the financial resources of the College.