

grants & gifts

Elgin Community College is the recipient of a **\$32,000** grant from the Illinois Board of Higher Education to fund work-study for students. The grant, through the education board's Illinois Cooperative Work-Study Program, enhances public-private sector partnerships, reduces student reliance on loans, encourages permanent employment of Illinois graduates in the state, provides links between academic programs and employment and gives students additional information on their chosen career fields. For eligible internships, businesses can receive a reim-

bursement of a portion of the wages paid to the student during the internship period.

The National Science Foundation has awarded a grant of more than **\$476,000** to **Arapahoe Community College** and **Aims Community College** in Greeley, Colo., for the Advanced Technological Education program. The grant will help the two colleges emphasize essential skills needed within the information technology workforce and will involve more than 12 educational, workforce and industry partners in the Denver metropolitan area. The

Denver region's high-growth industries include aerospace, bioscience, energy and information technology. The project funded by the grant will focus on giving potential and current IT workers employability skills. The project is named the Colorado Advanced Technological Education Partnership. Aims will receive **\$133,320** and Arapahoe will receive **\$343,148**.

Community College of Allegheny County was recently awarded a **\$233,445** grant for the second year in a row by Health Resources and Services Admin-

istration Scholarships for Disadvantaged Nursing Students. The college was ranked second in the nation among two-year nursing programs for its number of nursing graduates. Nearly 95 percent of nursing graduates accept positions in the Pittsburgh area following graduation, helping to alleviate the regional nursing shortage. Nearly 40 percent of the college's full-time nursing students are economically disadvantaged. The grant seeks to support worthy disadvantaged students by providing scholarships to full-time nursing students with the most financial need.

The corporate education unit of **Clark College** in Vancouver, Wash., has received a **\$191,000** Job Skills Program grant to provide customized training for approximately 90 personnel from five Clark County healthcare providers. The consortium includes Southwest Washington Medical Center, Vancouver Radiologists, P.C., Lifeline Connections, Columbia River Mental Health and Northwest Cancer Specialists.