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### Alumni Spotlight: **Dwayne Dawson**

*Dwayne Dawson, President/CEO, Dawson Mortgage Corporation: Tri-C Class of 1995*

**At Tri-C:** A graduate of the Eastern Campus, Dwayne took courses at all three Tri-C campuses to earn his Associate of Applied Business degree majoring in Real Estate.

**After Tri-C:** Owner and President/CEO of Dawson Mortgage Corporation in Richmond Heights.

**What made you decide to attend Tri-C?**  
I always wanted to own my own business, which required me to further my education. Tri-C was the logical choice because of its reputation for high-quality education at a low-cost. The proximity of its campuses made it easier to work full-time while taking classes.

**What are your best memories of Tri-C?**  
Learning that I could receive credits for life and business experience was great news as it allowed me to graduate ahead of time. The faculty was great too. I still apply the public speaking techniques that I learned from my business administration instructor.

**Have you come back to Tri-C since you graduated? For what?** I take advantage of Tri-C's entertainment offerings and most recently participated in an alumni focus group at the Eastern Campus. I'm also a member of the advisory council for the College's Small Business Management program.

**Describe your experience serving on the advisory council.** It's been a privilege to be part of the council. We meet quarterly to discuss the program's curriculum and how it can enable students to succeed as small business owners. It's also a great opportunity to interact with Tri-C faculty and give back to the school that helped me get to where I am today.

**What advice would you give to the recent graduating class of Tri-C students?**

Follow your dreams.  
Stay connected to your alma mater and your hometown.  
Never stop learning.  
Become productive citizens who give back to the community.



Do you have a Tri-C story to tell?  
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