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Alumni Spotlight: *Alicia Marotta*

Alumni of Cuyahoga Community College often credit the College for the professional success they have after graduation. While some say the College helped them determine their futures, others used their experiences at the College as a tool to achieve goals they had already set for themselves. Alicia Marotta is an alumna who took advantage of the affordable education offered at Tri-C to help her accomplish a lifelong goal.

“Since I was five years old, I wanted to own my own restaurant near my home. Tri-C helped me achieve that goal,” said Alicia who graduated in 1997 with an Associate of Applied Business Degree in Hospitality Management with a concentration in culinary art. She put her degree to work when she opened her own Italian restaurant, Marotta’s, in Cleveland Heights. Alicia not only created the entire menu but she also oversees all business aspects of the restaurant. “Owning a restaurant is a lot of hours and hard work, but the rewards are excellent. The best part is being my own boss.”

“My experience at Tri-C was the basis of my career,” stated Alicia. “The culinary art courses prepared me to be a chef while the formal education I received helped me to run my own business. Richard Fulchiron and the faculty of the Hospitality Management program are well versed in culinary arts and they want to see everyone in the program succeed.”

Alicia also knows the importance of scholarship support — she was a recipient of the Tri-C Foundation’s Hospitality Management Scholarship. “Receiving a scholarship was very helpful. I had to work full-time and go to school part-time and the scholarship allowed me to take more courses and graduate faster.

Without it, I don’t think I would have been able to continue my education.”



Do you have a Tri-C story to tell?
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