



CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

SUMMER 2014

INVEST IN TRI-C; INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY



Richard A. Chiricosta, Tri-C Foundation Chairperson

As we look ahead to the beginning of another academic year, I am so pleased to serve as the Chairperson of the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation. Throughout the years, the Foundation has grown and achieved much success. I have seen first-hand that so much of that success is due to the tireless dedication of my colleagues serving as Foundation Directors. Their support and energy help

us achieve great things. I would like to particularly acknowledge and thank Cathy Kilbane for her leadership as Chairperson of the Foundation the past two years. There are opportunities for so much more and I look forward to leading our team to achieving even greater goals, especially in raising funds to provide more scholarships. As you know, scholarships for students in need of financial assistance help to put the completion of a college degree within the reach of so many. Tri-C provides a great financial option to students to complete the first two years of their bachelor's degree at the lowest possible cost before transferring to a four-year institution. Through enhanced funding, the Foundation can help provide more scholarship funds and thereby increase the quality of our region's workforce.

You are an important member of the Tri-C community and your support is critical to helping Tri-C remain our college- the community's college. I want you to know that I personally appreciate the support you provide. Through partnerships, works of good will and financial contributions, your support of Tri-C keeps our community strong.

Supporting Tri-C is a win-win. Thank you to all who have supported the Foundation, the College and the students we serve. I look forward to engaging with many of you as we work to build an even stronger Tri-C for the future.

Richard A. Chiricosta Chairperson

Tri-C Foundation

Support from the Cleveland Foundation Launches *One Door – Many Options for Success* Initiative

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation is grateful for the Cleveland Foundation's generous support for the *One Door – Many Options for Success* initiative. This will establish an integrated College-wide



service model that will enable students and community stakeholders to access College programs, connect students with the most appropriate programs and customize services to meet their needs.

Mr. Ronald B. Richard, president and CEO of the Cleveland Foundation, said "This grant provides key funding to promote the success of young people in Cleveland, which has been a consistent focus in our first 100 years. The journey from cradle to college is not an easy one. We know that enrolling in college is just the first step in a journey toward college completion and hope that our early support of this project will help lead to its long-term success."

Tri-C President
Dr. Alex
Johnson said
of the project,
"This is a
high priority
initiative for
Cuyahoga
Community
College that
will benefit our
community by



The new *One Door – Many Options for Success* initiative will support the college completion effort at Tri-C.

expediting college completion and increasing the number of area residents who obtain college degrees, certificates and workforce-related credentials. The Cleveland Foundation's long-term partnership with our institution has had a major impact on the lives of thousands of area residents. We look forward to a continued partnership as we work to transform the student experience and provide structured educational and career pathways for all students at all levels."

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

ALEX JOHNSON



Alex Johnson, Ph.D.

President Cuyahoga Community College

Tri-C: The Community's College

Thank you for helping to make my first year as president enjoyable and productive. Many actions designed to promote access and success have been completed and your support, particularly for scholarships and programs, has been beneficial.

In addition to a continued focus on completion, this year is critical for another reason. The proposed levy, which the Tri-C® Board of Trustees voted to place on the November 4 ballot, is meant to sustain Tri-C's vital educational and economic impact in Northeast Ohio. As an affordable entry point to higher education, Tri-C is crucial to the success of the Greater Cleveland economy and families.

Many of you know first-hand the value of a Tri-C education, either through your own experience or that of a friend or family member. Tri-C has served more than 900,000 students since 1963. Each year Tri-C serves more than 60,000 students in more than 140 certificate and degree programs. More than 500,000 residents attend Tri-C-sponsored cultural and community programs annually. And, for every \$1 invested in Tri-C by Cuyahoga County residents, the College provides \$10 in economic benefit to the County. Tri-C truly is the community's college.

I want to thank you again for all that you do to help keep Tri-C strong and for all of your support as we embark upon a critical time, forging the path for the next 50 years.

Consolidated Solutions Supports Scholarships for Student Success



The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation appreciates the generous support of Consolidated Solutions. Through the Tri-C Foundation's Lanci, Moeritz and Reville Family Foundation Scholarship Fund, Consolidated Solutions is making a difference in the lives of Tri-C students by providing funding for scholarships.

"Scholarship support is so very critical for many students. The partnership of Consolidated Solutions is helping members of our community complete their degrees. We appreciate their support and commitment to student success," said Ms. Gloria J. Moosmann, vice president, development & Tri-C Foundation.

"All of us at Consolidated Solutions value the importance of education and the difference it can

make in a person's life. We also appreciate the long-term commitment Tri-C has in our community. That is why my family and I are so very pleased to support the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation, Tri-C and the students they serve," said Mr. Matt Reville, chief operating officer, Consolidated Solutions.

A full-service marketing company, Consolidated Solutions is dedicated to producing personalized solutions designed to increase brand awareness and fuel growth with a menu of products and services including technology services, printing, promotion solutions and consulting.

New Leadership Team Announced at Annual Meeting

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation announced its leadership team for the 2014-2015 year at its annual meeting in June.

Mr. Richard A. Chiricosta, chairman, president and CEO of Medical Mutual of Ohio, has been elected chairperson. Mr. Chiricosta previously served as a vice chairperson and has been a Foundation director since 2009. He succeeds Ms. Catherine M. Kilbane, who has led the Foundation since 2012.

"We are fortunate to have such an exemplary group serving the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation," said Dr. Alex Johnson, president of Cuyahoga Community College. "Under Rick's leadership, we look forward to new initiatives and great success. We are the community's college, which is so well illustrated by the Foundation's leadership. They are the driving force as we invest in people to benefit the community we serve."

Other Foundation board officer appointments include: vice chairpersons: Mr. James B. Aronoff, Esq.,



Richard A. Chiricosta, Chairperson



James B. Aronoff, Esq., Louis G. Joseph, Vice Chairperson



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Gloria J. Moosmann, Vice President. Development

partner-in-charge, Thompson Hine LLP; Mr. Louis G. Joseph, president and CEO, The Brewer-Garrett Company; Ms. Gena C. Lovett, chief diversity officer, Alcoa, Inc.; and Mr. Bernie Moreno, president, The Collection Auto Group; secretary: Ms. Katherine T. O'Neill, community leader; treasurer: Mr. Gregory J. Skoda, chairman, Skoda Minotti; vice president, development & Tri-C Foundation: Ms. Gloria J. Moosmann.

JPMorgan Chase Supports Tri-C

JPMorgan Chase & Co. and the JPMorgan Chase Foundation are generously investing in Cuyahoga Community College to launch a model program that will help create pathways to jobs in the construction industry and provide scholarships to Tri-C students. The project will leverage the College's construction industry programs to develop integrated training, education and career pathways to facilitate enhanced career planning for the construction industry and engage our community's youth.

Mr. James Geuther, Regional President, Commercial Banking, Chase, said, "We are proud to support the Pathways to Success in the Construction Industry program and partner with Cuyahoga Community College. Tri-C has been a major part of the fabric of our community and our investment will help ensure the College's legacy of community strength and student success."

The College is grateful to have supporters like JPMorgan Chase who share our vision to help

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Chase representatives from left to right, Mr. David Reynolds, Managing Director, Private Bank, Ms. Courtney Hodapp, Vice President, Global Philanthropy, Ohio and Mr. James Geuther, Regional President, Commercial Banking present gift to Tri-C representatives Ms. Gloria J. Moosmann, Vice President Development & Tri-C Foundation and Dr. Alex Johnson, President.

individuals, including our youth, acquire the experience and knowledge necessary to succeed in the workforce.

Tri-C Alumnus Supports Veteran Scholarships

Mr. William Stuehr, Tri-C Class of 1974, has a story with a beginning not unlike many Tri-C alumni. After high school, he worked for a military supplier until he was drafted at the age of 21. Mr. Stuehr served in a non-combat role in the JAG Corps in Washington, D.C. Once home, Mr. Stuehr worked full-time in an engineering-related job and attended Tri-C business and engineering classes at night for four years. In 1974, Mr. Stuehr's hard work paid off and, after he graduated from Tri-C with an associate degree, he decided to forge a new path and open his own business.

Mr. Stuehr's experience as a Veteran and Tri-C alumnus inspired him to create a multi-year gift to

Tri-C. The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation is grateful for Mr. Stuehr's gift to provide scholarships to Veterans currently enrolled at Tri-C.



Mr. Stuehr is the founder and CEO of Induction Tooling, Inc. The North Royalton-based company designs and manufactures induction tooling (a type of electromagnetic heat transfer) for the automotive, aerospace and medical industries around the world. It is also a supplier for green energy industries such as wind turbines. Mr. Stuehr is proud to keep his company based right here in Northeast Ohio.

Tri-C Graduates Largest Class

Cuyahoga Community College hosted its largest graduating class this spring. More than 2,700 students who petitioned to graduate bring the total number of graduates during the 2013-14 academic year to more than 4,300, which represents a seven percent increase over last year. This increase can be attributed to the College's efforts to increase the number of students completing their degrees by providing enhanced student support.

During the ceremony, the College presented honorary degrees to Foundation Director Shelley Roth and the Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.,

recognizing their contributions to the College and community.

Ms. Roth has served as a Foundation Director for more than 18 years, since July 1996. Throughout this time, she

Ms. Shelley Roth with Mr. Jerry L. Kelsheimer.

has taken an active role on the Board, serving as Foundation Vice Chairperson from 2002-2004 and Chairperson of the Board from 2004-2006. She has also served on various Board committees. Ms.



Dr. Johnson congratulates a graduate in May 2014.

Roth received The Heath Oliver Distinguished Director Award in 2013.

Rev. Moss is recognized as one of America's most influential leaders and an advocate for education, civil rights and social

justice. He spent 33 years as pastor of Cleveland's Olivet Institutional Baptist Church before retiring in 2008, and has delivered the invocations and/or benedictions at numerous events, including the Presidential Scholarship Luncheons.



The Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, Jr. with Mr. Jerry L. Kelsheimer.

Scholarships are an Investment in Student Success. Thank You for Helping Tri-C Students Reach New Heights!



"The importance of earning this scholarship is the prestige and honor it carries. This scholarship has taught me that opportunity has no limit. Thank you!"

Jason Medrano Associate of Arts



"Thank you for this scholarship. It will allow me to further my education at Tri-C and will help pave the way to my graduation!"

Tanisha Cromwell
Business
Management/
Human Resources



"A scholarship that encourages knowledge has an immediate impact in making the world a better place. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to gain that knowledge."

Izmir VodinajBusiness Management

"The Tri-C Foundation scholarship has given me an opportunity to change my life. It has put my mind to rest for the costs of my studies!"





"Behind every dream is a big dreamer. This scholarship is turning my dream into my story. Thank you for helping me write the next chapter."

Stephanie Maldonado Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology



Ms. Margaret W. Wong Receives Heath Oliver Distinguished Director Award

Congratulations to Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Director Margaret W. Wong, Esq., president and managing partner, Margaret W. Wong & Associates Co., LPA, who received The Heath Oliver Distinguished Director Award for 2014.

Director Wong has long been a part of the Tri-C family, and has served on the Foundation Board for 21 years. Throughout this period she has taken an active role on the Board, serving on the Executive Committee and on the Committee on Directors for the past fourteen years.

The Heath Oliver Distinguished Director Award was established in memory of long-time Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Board Director, Mr. Heath Oliver, president of Bardons & Oliver for over 40 years. Mr. Oliver served as a valuable

member of the Foundation Board from May 1988 until his death in 2009.

"Ms. Wong exemplifies the commitment to education and extraordinary support of the Cuyahoga



Ms. Margaret W. Wong

Community College Foundation that Mr. Heath Oliver himself so uniquely demonstrated. She has been a long-time supporter of the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation, the College and the students we serve. We are truly honored to present her with this well-deserved recognition," said Gloria J. Moosmann, vice president, development & Tri-C Foundation.

Generous Supporters Raise Funds for Music Scholarships at Tri-C

The Tri-C Foundation celebrated the 35th anniversary of Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland with two special receptions, which raised more than \$127,000 for music scholarships at Tri-C.

A memorable Funk It Up With Trombone Shorty and Orleans Avenue pre-concert event on Friday, June 27th at PlayhouseSquare set the stage for guests who celebrated Mardi-Gras style. A special thanks to the entire host committee, led by Tri-C Foundation Directors Mr. Adam Fishman, Mr. Tom Laird, Mr. Jon

Pinney and Mr. Jim Strassman, for helping us make this event a great success.

On Saturday, June 28th, guests gathered for An Evening of Smooth Jazz, with special guest Mr. Dave Koz. We appreciate the generosity of Tri-C Foundation Director Ms. Gena C. Lovett for Alcoa's support of this event. Following the jazzy reception and meet-and-greet with Mr. Koz, everyone enjoyed his fabulous concert in the Palace Theatre. The two events were attended by over 400 guests.



Mr. Dave Koz poses with reception musicians, Mr. Brent Hamker (former Tri-C student) on guitar, Mr. Mike Forfia on bass and Mr. Dan Fernandez (former Tri-C student) on drums at An Evening of Smooth Jazz.



Ms. Margot J. Copeland, Chair & CEO - KeyBank Foundation, with Mr. Dave Koz



Mr. Dave Koz with Ms. Gena C. Lovett, Tri-C Foundation Director



Ms. Lauren Foley, Mr. Wayne Foley, Tri-C Foundation Director, Ms. Barbara Foley and Ms. Amanda Foley at An Evening of Smooth Jazz



Dr. Harry Graham, Cuyahoga Community College Trustee, with Mr. Dave Koz



Ms. Cindy Panzica and Mr. Tony Panzica at Funk it Up with Trombone Shorty



A Mardi-Gras theme set the stage for Funk It Up With Trombone Shorty, benefiting music scholarships for Tri-C students.



Dr. Alex Johnson, President, Cuyahoga Community College, Mr. Tom Laird, Tri-C Foundation Director, Ms. Gloria J. Moosmann, Vice President, Development & Tri-C Foundation and Mr. Adam Fishman, Tri-C Foundation Director, at Funk it Up With Trombone Shorty.

GUEST COLUMN

BOB ECKARDT



Robert E. Eckardt, Dr. PH Executive Vice President Cleveland Foundation

Changing Lives In Our Community

This is an exciting year for the Cleveland Foundation, as we celebrate 100 years of impact in our community. Created in 1914 as the world's first community foundation, we improve the lives of Greater Clevelanders by building community endowment, addressing needs through grantmaking and providing leadership on vital issues. Similar to the Tri-C Foundation, we are supported by local donors and governed by a board of private citizens who work toward the greater good of all citizens.

The Cleveland Foundation has witnessed the growth of Cuyahoga Community College throughout its 50+ year history. In 1963, when state legislators authorized the establishment of community colleges but neglected to fund pre-development, the Cleveland Foundation provided planning grants that led to the eventual creation of Tri-C. Since then, the College has been a springboard to a brighter future, providing academic programs and workforce training for more than 900,000 members of our community since its inception.

Throughout our first century as the community's foundation, we have helped drive the growth of Cleveland and its people. We have engaged in major transformative initiatives that are enriching the lives of those in our community. The Cleveland Foundation believes that the future growth of our region requires long-term investments in secondary and postsecondary education.

We have supported many of Cuyahoga Community College's collaborative academic improvement and college transition initiatives throughout the years. Currently, the Cleveland Foundation is pleased to support the College's new *One Door – Many Options for Success* initiative that will reduce the time to college completion and increase the number of students who obtain degrees, certificates or other job-related credentials.

Together, the Cleveland Foundation and Cuyahoga Community College are working to prepare individuals for success in the global economy, now and for generations to come. ■

Employee Donor Spotlight

Mr. Aaron Altose is an assistant professor of Mathematics at the Eastern Campus. A Tri-C faculty member since 2006, Mr. Altose is the College-wide math counterparts chair, president-elect of the Ohio Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges and, since 2010, has been working with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching on designing new curriculum and programs at Tri-C. He is also a 2013 graduate of the faculty cohort of the Mandel Leadership Development Program.

Mr. Altose believes that giving back to Tri-C students sends a valuable message, not only to the students, but to the community as well. "The awarding of scholarships is an important human expression. We show students that we care about their success and that individuals pursuing education can make lasting impacts on our community." The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation greatly appreciates the support of Mr. Altose and all of the faculty and staff who generously give back to support student success at Tri-C.



Mr. Aaron Altose Assistant Professor of Mathematics

PNC Continues Support for Youth Through Investment in High Tech Academy



The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation appreciates the significant investment of the PNC Foundation for High Tech Academy (HTA). This generous support will allow more Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) students to enroll in the rigorous dual-enrollment program that includes a half day of class at the home high school and college classes on the Metropolitan Campus. In addition to earning college credits prior to high school graduation, HTA scholars are engaged in mentoring, test preparation, community service, leadership development, financial literacy, career exploration and other academic enrichment activities. HTA scholars complete an average of 25 college credits prior to high school graduation and 95 percent continue their postsecondary education. Since the program's launch in 2000, nearly 1,100 CMSD students have earned college credit prior to graduation, and 57 CMSD students have simultaneously earned their high school diploma and their associate degree.

For the 2013 – 2014 academic year, nearly 300 high school students were enrolled in High Tech Academy and 92 students graduated, having earned between

"Thanks to the opportunities presented by High Tech, I have been fortunate to take many classes at Tri-C to prepare me for the future and take classes not otherwise available, and also have the ability to earn an associate degree by the time I graduate high school."





22 and 74 college credit hours. At the College's Spring Commencement, three High Tech Academy students earned their associate degree, and an additional three HTA graduates will earn their associate degree this summer.

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation extends its deep appreciation to the PNC Foundation for its ongoing commitment to this important program. There are no greater accomplishments than helping youth who are committed to learn and preparing them for successful futures.

Estate Planning Can Benefit Individuals and the Community



Have you reviewed your will recently? It is important to make sure estate planning documents are current and reflect your preferences for remembering your family and your preferred charitable institutions. A yearly review of your estate planning documents is beneficial.

Would you like to help members of your community achieve their educational goals? If so, consider including the Tri-C Foundation in your estate plans. A designated amount or a percentage of your estate can support scholarships for Tri-C students. You can further designate your support for a specific fund, including first generation college students, Veterans, health careers students, music students, workforce training or a variety of other Tri-C programs. Often, donors receive tax benefits as well.

Always consult your financial advisor or attorney before making any decisions about estate plans. The Tri-C Foundation is here to help you match your estate plans to your philanthropic goals. For more information visit the Foundation website at www.tri-c.edu/plannedgiving or call the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation at 216-987-4868.

VICE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

GLORIA MOOSMANN



Gloria Moosmann
Vice President, Development &
Tri-C Foundation

Investing in Our Students

At the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation, supporting student success to help students complete their education is a top priority. Last year, Tri-C Foundation scholarships provided funding exceeding \$1.5 million for more than 2,070 students. However, when compared to the need, we have a long way to go.

We cannot achieve success without your help. Each year, thousands of individuals, organizations and companies support the Foundation's funding initiatives. Our responsibility is good stewardship for those dollars, ensuring the funds are properly administered. For many donors, the return on investment is knowing that their philanthropic dollars are helping those in need achieve their dreams. For others, the return on investment is an educated pool of skilled workers to fill positions in their organization. For all of us, the return is a stronger region.

We need your help to raise additional dollars for student scholarships. As our country works to make education accessible to more students Tri-C is doing its part, focusing on the completion agenda. We need your help to ensure success for our students and our region. Thank you for your support of the Foundation, the College and the students we serve.

Thank You to **Outgoing Directors**

The Tri-C Foundation thanks three members of the Board for their past service:

Mr. Paul N. Harris, Esq., who served on the Board from 2002-2014, served as Vice-Chairperson of the Board, and served on the Committee on Directors and the Executive Committee; Mr. Donald **T. Misheff**, who served on the Board from 2008-2014, and served as Chairperson from 2010-2012; and Mr. Joseph J. Morford. **Esq.**, who served on the Board from 2010-2014 and also served on the Development Committee. We appreciate their dedication to the Foundation, the College and the students we serve.

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Welcomes New Directors



Mr. Kerry W. Bubolz

Mr. Kerry Bubolz is the president, business operations for the Cleveland Cavaliers Operating Companies. He also serves as president and alternate governor for the Cleveland Gladiators of the Arena Football League, the Lake Erie Monsters of the American Hockey League and the Canton Charge of the NBA Development League. He graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in business and marketing.



Ms. Micki Byrnes

Ms. Micki Byrnes is the vice president and station manager for WKYC TV – Channel 3 and oversees day-to-day operations. Ms. Byrnes is a graduate of the University of Maine, and also studied in the Philippines as an AFS exchange student.

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The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Welcomes New Directors (Continued from page 10)



Ms. Katrina M. Evans

Ms. Katrina M. Evans is the executive vice president and director of Corporate Center for KeyCorp. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Case Western Reserve University, a Master of Business Administration from Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University and a Master of Banking from the American Banker Association Stonier School of Banking at Georgetown University. She is also a graduate of Key's Executive Experience at Weatherhead.



Mr. Jason Jones

Mr. Jason Jones is the general manager of Turner Construction's Cleveland Office and was recognized by Engineering New Record as one of the Midwest's Top 20 Under 40 for 2013. Mr. Jones received his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Akron and his MBA in Real Estate Finance from Cleveland State University.



Mr. John E. Skory

Mr. John E. Skory is the regional president of The Illuminating Company, a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp. Mr. Skory earned his associate degree from Cuyahoga Community College and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from David N. Myers College.



Mr. Eddie Taylor, Jr.

Mr. Eddie Taylor, Jr. is the president of Taylor Oswald, an insurance agency partnered with Oswald Companies. He has been an entrepreneur in a variety of industries over his career. Mr. Taylor graduated from Allegheny College and Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University.

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Tri-C on November 4th Ballot

Every day, more good jobs require college education. Tri-C is the leading educator for good jobs such as those in our community's technical workforce and health care sectors, as well as for students preparing to enter four-year degree programs.

As an affordable, high quality college, Tri-C is crucial to the success of our local economy and families.

THIS LEVY IS NECESSARY TO:

- ✓ Keep college education affordable and accessible for Cuyahoga County's students and families
- ✓ Protect the local economy and workforce competitiveness with up-to-date education and training
- ✓ Enable students to earn two years of college credit affordably, seek bachelor's degrees, and graduate with far less debt
- Maintain access to high quality technical degrees, university transfer courses and job (re)training with up-to-date technology

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