

## THE TRI-C FOUNDATION – A WINNING TEAM



Mr. Rick Chiricosta,  
Chairperson,  
Tri-C Foundation

On behalf of all Foundation Directors, thank you to everyone who supported Team Tri-C for the 2015 Presidential Scholarship Luncheon. A special thank you goes out to the stars of our team – Directors Jerry Kelsheimer, regional president, Fifth Third Bank, Northeastern Ohio, presenting sponsor of

the Luncheon and Kerry Bubolz, president of business operations, Cleveland Cavaliers, for providing mascots, tickets and activities this year.

Every team has a leader and the person behind the winning team in the Tri-C Foundation is Gloria Moosmann, vice president, development & Tri-C Foundation. For over 15 years she has led the Foundation, working aggressively to ensure that Tri-C remains accessible to our community. During her tenure, the Foundation has secured over \$227 million in funding for programs and scholarships. With the generous support of donors, the net assets of the Foundation have increased from \$6 million to \$61 million, including oversight of over 150 scholarship funds supporting student success.

In January, Gloria will be transitioning from vice president to serve the Foundation in a half-time capacity. It's not an exaggeration to say that she really is one-of-a-kind. She is a very special person and I am proud to have worked with her. On behalf of the Foundation and the students who benefit from its mission and work, I extend heartfelt appreciation to Gloria for her dedication to the students of Tri-C – we can't thank you enough!

Rick Chiricosta  
Chairperson,  
Tri-C Foundation

## Magic Johnson Scores Big at Presidential Scholarship Luncheon



Earvin "Magic" Johnson and College President Dr. Alex Johnson share their excitement with the establishment of the Earvin "Magic" Johnson Scholarship Fund at the 2015 Presidential Scholarship Luncheon.

"I believe in what you are doing," said keynote speaker Earvin "Magic" Johnson at the 2015 Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Presidential Scholarship Luncheon, presented by Fifth Third Bank.

Noting he was warmed by the mission of the Tri-C Foundation, Magic, who parlayed his success on the basketball court to the boardroom to become a successful entrepreneur, philanthropist and motivational speaker, shared his story with the crowd of more than 1,100 gathered at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel on October 8, focusing on his childhood, sports, business, and philanthropy. This year's luncheon raised over \$1.4 million benefiting student scholarships at Tri-C.

The sports legend was greeted with fervor by guests showing they were ALL IN for Tri-C, twirling Cavs rally towels and tee shirts amid mascots provided by the Cavaliers, along with pre-season Cavs tickets and activities for a fun-filled luncheon.

John Michael, Radio Network Play by Play Announcer for the Cleveland Cavaliers, led an engaging Q&A session with Magic Johnson, who recognized that a dollar goes a long way at

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

ALEX JOHNSON



A handwritten signature of Alex Johnson in blue ink, written in a cursive style.

Alex Johnson, Ph.D.  
President  
Cuyahoga Community College

## Success through Teamwork

On the heels of an engaging Presidential Scholarship Luncheon with Erving “Magic” Johnson, I am encouraged by the success that can be achieved through teamwork. The luncheon exemplified what can be accomplished when a team of people – beginning with our generous donors – come together to benefit students through scholarships.

Throughout the years, that team has been successfully led by Gloria Moosmann, vice president of development and the Tri-C Foundation. We are forever grateful for her dedication to the students of Tri-C and for her commitment with the Foundation to ensure that our students persist and complete their education. As Gloria transitions to another role within Tri-C in support of various college-wide initiatives, we will continue to benefit from her knowledge and expertise. We are very proud of Gloria’s work and look forward to her continued contributions.

As we approach the holiday season and the beginning of a new calendar year, I want you to know how very thankful we are for your continued support of the college. Tri-C is the community’s college and your support benefits the entire region. Thank you for being on our team and best wishes as you celebrate with your families in the coming weeks! ■



2015 recipients of a Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Hispanic Scholarship at the Hispanic Scholarship Luncheon on July 17, 2015.

## AT&T Continues Long-term Support of Hispanic Students

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation is grateful for the continued support of AT&T for scholarships for Hispanic students.

Their recent gift will help more Hispanic students access higher education, helping them to succeed on pathways to completion of their degrees and credentials. As the college continues to increase and enhance efforts to expedite student progress and completion, scholarship support provides critical financial assistance to help students remain enrolled in their programs of study.

“AT&T has been a long-term supporter of the College and the Foundation,” said Gloria Moosmann, vice president, development & Tri-C Foundation. “We truly appreciate the continued passion and advocacy of Tri-C Foundation director Mylayna Albright, vice president of external affairs, who is also dedicated to helping community members achieve their educational and workforce goals.” ■



Students express their appreciation to donors at a recognition event for those in the College's Aerospace Academy.

## NASA Funds Hands-on, Inquiry-Based Learning for K-12 Students

A Tri-C project recently funded by NASA, known as the Minority University Research and Education Project Aerospace Academy (MAA), will deliver an engaging inquiry-based curriculum with goals of improving STEM literacy and increasing participation and retention of historically underserved youth in STEM fields.

In 1993, NASA and Tri-C began a national program called the Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and Aerospace Academy. Today, with this MAA funding, Tri-C will continue to deliver academic year and summer programs to enhance learning in math and science concepts related to aeronautics and earth sciences. The MAA components are curriculum enhancement activities, an aerospace education laboratory, and the Family Café. Twelve hundred underrepresented, minority and other students, 500 parents/caregivers and K-12 teachers will be served by the project annually. Tri-C will engage NASA, community-based organizations, local

school districts, and Central State University in project implementation.

Dr. JaNice Marshall, the college's associate vice president of Access & Community Engagement said, "This is an outstanding opportunity for Tri-C to provide underserved and underrepresented youth with STEM career and college exploration. MAA affords us unique new opportunities to introduce students to experimentation, visits to NASA facilities, and to pilot in-school programming with the mobile StarLab."

An MAA K-12 Teachers Professional Development Institute will also be created by the project to provide professional development to science teachers from the participating school districts. Dr. Marshall adds, "Preparing a number of educators to deliver a NASA-inspired, inquiry-based science curriculum will impact a larger number of underserved, underrepresented students than could be reached through the Tri-C MAA program alone." ■

## The Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Supporting Youth Programs at Tri-C

The Tri-C Foundation appreciates the recent support from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation which provides opportunities for students from the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to enroll in youth programs at the college. The first gift will support the Minority University Research and Education Project Aerospace Academy (MAA). It provides funding for program enhancements and innovations, enriching community engagement activities, and additional science, technology,



MARTHA HOLDEN  
JENNINGS FOUNDATION

engineering and mathematics-related career and college exploration activities to engage students from the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

A second gift from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation is providing support for Tri-C's Strings Attached and The Orchestra Program. These programs provide music education opportunities for students. The Martha Holden Jennings Foundation has supported Tri-C initiatives for 15 years. ■



The Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Humanities Center at Cuyahoga Community College.

## Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Humanities Center Dedicated at Tri-C

More than 200 guests gathered at the Eastern Campus of Cuyahoga Community College on September 29, 2015 to celebrate the dedication of the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Humanities Center.

The celebration ushered in a new era of humanities education at Tri-C, made possible with a generous \$10 million gift from the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation and the Mandel Supporting Foundations.

Dr. Alex Johnson, Tri-C president, said of the historic gift, “Mr. Morton Mandel, the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation and the Mandel Supporting Foundations have entrusted Cuyahoga Community College with an endowment whose



Dr. Alex Johnson, president, Tri-C; Dr. Jehuda Reinhartz, president, Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation; Mr. Morton Mandel, chairman, Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation.

proceeds will fund, in perpetuity, the Chair for Humanities/Dean, the Mandel Scholars Academy and other world-class and innovative activities to provide a holistic experience for students and faculty through research, exploration, and service. We greatly appreciate their faith and

confidence in the Tri-C community to advance and nurture the Mandel Family legacy to promote the educational, social, and economic well-being of our community.”

Describing the impact that the new center will have, Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Chairperson, Rick Chiricosta stated, “The Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Humanities Center

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will provide a technology-rich environment for individual and collaborative learning to support lecture and research projects. It will showcase presentation spaces for students and project teams and dedicated classroom space, along with areas for conferences, quiet study and individual learning. This innovative center will impact more than 4,000 students annually and will enable the college to recruit high-performing liberal arts students to participate in the community of excellence. The Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Humanities Center will establish a center of excellence in the humanities and liberal arts at Cuyahoga Community College. This is an investment that offers the greatest return – an investment in people, helping us to build a community of leaders for our future.”



**Mr. Stephen H. Hoffman, president, Jewish Federation of Cleveland; Ms. Penni Weinberg, trustee, Joseph and Florence Mandel Foundation; Mr. Thomas A. Mandel, president and general manager, Rubber City Radio Group**

to Dr. Johnson. He challenged the entire Tri-C family to build upon what has been established with his commitment and to help transform the community. He acknowledged that the dedication ceremony was among the best he has attended and that he is pleased to be a partner with the College.



**Mr. Morton Mandel with Tri-C Foundation director, Mr. James B. Aronoff**

Tri-C Honors Fellowship recipient, Julia Watson, expressed appreciation to Mr. Mandel on behalf of all Tri-C students. Director of Tri-C’s Creative Arts Preparatory Program, Emanuela Friscioni and her student violinist, Hery Rivera, performed a special musical selection in Mr. Mandel’s honor.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Mr. Morton Mandel expressed his excitement for the new Center and his appreciation



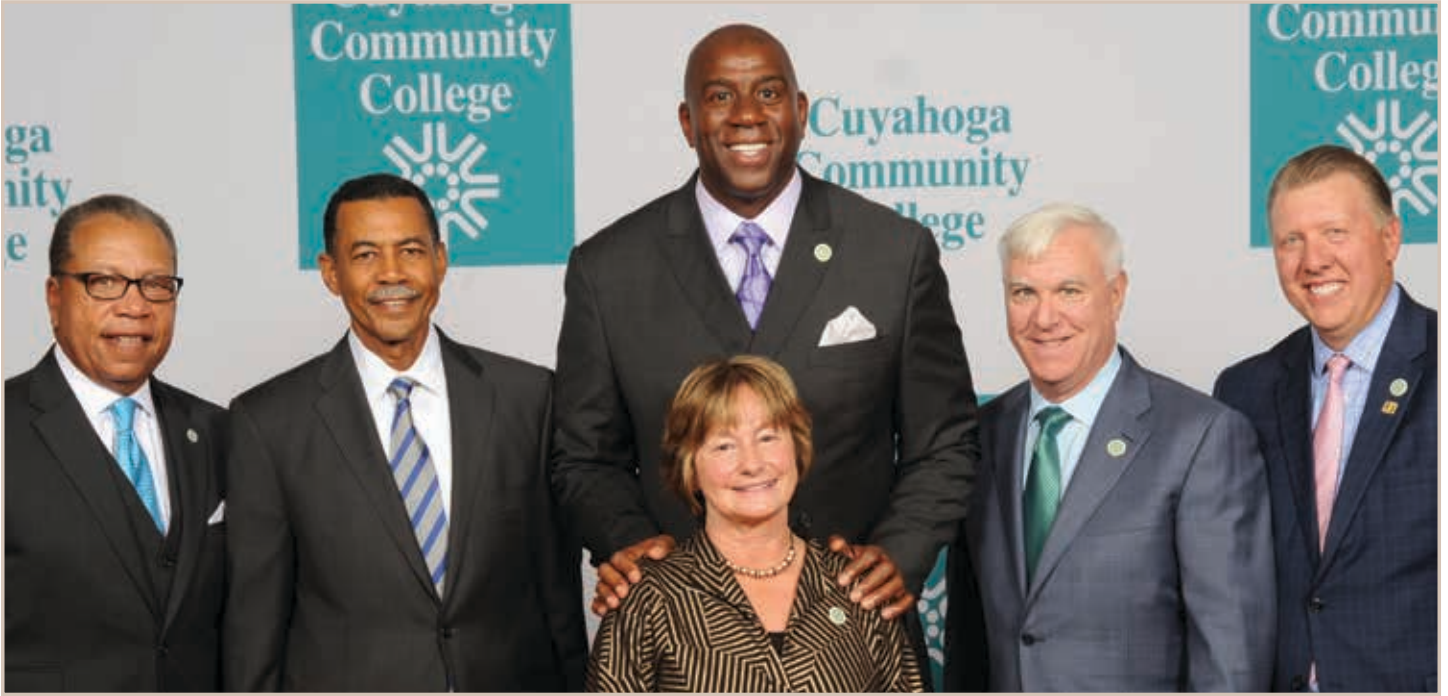
**Student Hery Rivera accompanied Emanuela Friscioni, director of Tri-C’s Creative Arts Preparatory Program, in a musical selection honoring Mr. Morton Mandel.**



**Mr. David W. Whitehead, chair, Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees; Ms. Mary Hovanec, assistant professor and faculty chair, scholars programs.**

Using a football metaphor, Mr. Morton Mandel said, “Dr. Johnson, the Mandel brothers have thrown a pass to you and you are on the 10 yard line. Now it is up to you and your team to get the ball over the line. I wish you every success.” ■

**Magic Johnson Scores Big at Presidential Scholarship Luncheon** *(Continued from page 1)*



**Dr. Alex Johnson, president, Tri-C; David W. Whitehead, chair, Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees; keynote speaker Earvin “Magic” Johnson; Ms. Gloria Moosmann, vice president, development & Tri-C Foundation; Mr. Rick Chiricosta, chairperson, Tri-C Foundation and Mr. Jerry Kelsheimer, regional president, Fifth Third Bank, Northeastern Ohio, presenting sponsor of the 2015 Tri-C Foundation Presidential Scholarship Luncheon.**

Tri-C and underscored the importance of assisting individuals achieve their educational goals.

Magic discussed his success as an entrepreneur, including his initial investments in Starbucks, his purchase of the Los Angeles Dodgers, and the development of his cinema complex. He stressed recognition of the purchasing power of urban

communities and the impact that can develop from customizing products to meet the needs of the surrounding community.

Johnson launched a game-winning shot when he auctioned off a package of floor seats to the Cavs versus Lakers game in Los Angeles in March 2016

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**Tri-C Foundation director, Ms. Mylayna S. Albright, vice president - external affairs, AT&T Ohio with Magic Johnson**



**Ms. Lena Koury and Tri-C Foundation director, Mr. Fred L. Koury, president and CEO, Smart Business Network with Magic Johnson**

## CONTINUING THE SUCCESS OF THE

# CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

## *Thank You Gloria Moosmann*

With yet another very successful Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Presidential Scholarship Luncheon in the books, we are pleased to extend very special appreciation to Ms. Gloria Moosmann, vice president, development and Tri-C Foundation. For over 15 years, she has led the Tri-C Foundation to unprecedented success as our champion for our *Invest in People* initiative. Her leadership has turned this event into one of the best business luncheons in the region, garnering national recognition. The Presidential Scholarship Luncheon has resulted in more than \$16 million raised to benefit scholarships for Tri-C students and their efforts in degree completion.

Ms. Moosmann holds the distinction of working for all four of the College's presidents. For more than 45 years, she has worked aggressively to ensure that Cuyahoga Community College remains the place where futures begin, with unresolved commitment to the Foundation, the College, and the students we serve. For this, we extend our congratulations and our appreciation to her.



**Rick Chiricosta**  
Chairperson  
Cuyahoga Community College Foundation



**Alex Johnson, Ph.D.**  
President  
Cuyahoga Community College



## CONTINUING THE SUCCESS OF THE

# CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION ★ PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON ★

## *Through the Years*

Since 1992, the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation's Presidential Scholarship Luncheon has raised over \$16 million with proceeds benefiting student scholarships. Thank you for *your* support!



President Bush spoke of his ongoing commitment to the value of education and to meeting the needs of our Veterans and their families. He commended Cuyahoga Community College for its Veterans programs, noting that Tri-C is “doing an excellent job of educating Vets and helping them find jobs.”

President George W. Bush, 2014



“You should be very proud. This community college has kept costs low and results high and has done so, I think, in no small part because so many of you have supported it for so long. But I hope you will keep doing it. Because the world we want to leave to our children and grandchildren has to work more the way that this college does.”

President Bill Clinton, 2013

“Knowledge is the most precious liberator of the human spirit. My own path to success came through education, and I have never forgotten this ... there is nothing sadder or more unjust or more wasteful than to see a young person of extraordinary innate ability– and most people have that extraordinary innate ability in them – (they are) just never given the opportunity, never given the chance to learn, never given the possibility of opening their minds to the future, never understanding what they could achieve, and that’s the thing that education does.”

Right Honorable Tony Blair, 2011

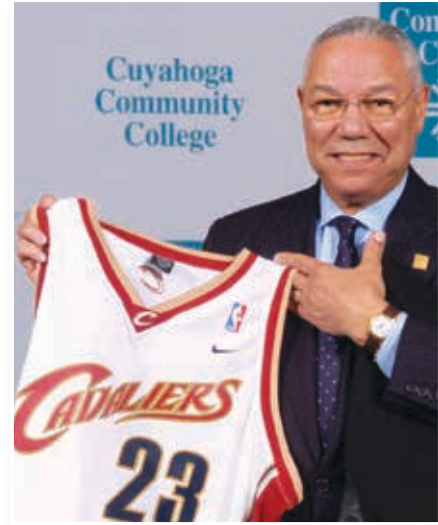






“The transforming power of education is what you are supporting in Tri-C students today. You’re supporting them in getting and bringing into their lives the transforming power of education and there isn’t any greater gift.”

**Dr. Condoleezza Rice, 2010**



“Tri-C and similar institutions around the world are performing a magnificent service as we compete in this much broader world. Don’t just see it as a Cleveland thing. Just don’t see it as an Ohio thing. It’s a national and international imperative that we support places like Tri-C.”

**Gen. Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.), 2007**



“Community colleges make it possible for people of varied backgrounds to pursue a quality education while keeping the cost within their means. And people who attend community colleges tend to stay within that community. So there’s a give-back kind of situation. It’s investing not just in the student but in the community itself.”

**Mr. Bob Costas, 2008**



Mr. Brokaw referred to community colleges as the “central nervous system” of our educational framework and praised the work that Tri-C is doing to educate and train workers for the new economy.

**Mr. Tom Brokaw, 2006**

“All that I am or will ever become is because of my spiritual foundation and my educational foundation...”

It is a thrill to be in a room with this many people who understand the essence, the power, the commitment and what can be done when you combine spirit and knowledge.”

**Ms. Oprah Winfrey, 2002**



## CONTINUING THE SUCCESS OF THE

# ★ CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION ★

### *A Special Thank You*

Throughout the years, Cuyahoga Community College has had a significant impact on my life as well as on those of millions of others. It has been a privilege working to continue Tri-C's legacy to benefit students for generations to come through the Tri-C Foundation.

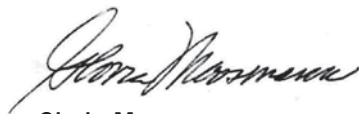
I am so very proud of the leadership and accomplishments that our Foundation Directors and donors have helped us achieve through the Tri-C Foundation and the Presidential Scholarship Luncheon. During the last academic year, we awarded over \$1.7 million – the largest amount ever – to Tri-C students, helping them access and continue their education. But the need is still great.

For many Tri-C students, scholarships help them to complete their education and continue to work on their bachelor's degree or secure their "dream job." Our supporters are building a legacy for the future through the Tri-C Foundation's campaign – *Invest in People*. You have many choices for your philanthropic dollars and we are honored that you have selected Tri-C as your investment. As supporters of the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation, you have made a difference in the lives of our students.

As I transition from the leadership role of vice president, I am extremely appreciative and grateful for the support of so many who, like me, truly believe that Tri-C is "Where futures begin." It has been a rewarding experience knowing that I am associated with an organization that is making a significant impact in our community. Every day, I talk with students and members of our community who confirm this. I have had the opportunity to learn from those individuals that the experience and education secured at Tri-C made a difference in their lives and that of their families.

Again, a special thank you to all who continue to support our program development and enhancement and scholarships for student success.

Sincerely,



**Gloria Moosmann**

*Vice President*

*Development & Cuyahoga Community College Foundation*

# GUEST COLUMN

**KERRY BUBOLZ**



**Kerry Bubolz**  
*President of Business Operations  
Cleveland Cavaliers  
Tri-C Foundation Director*

## Building A Winning Team for Cleveland

Achieving success requires teamwork. This is true on the court in the case of the Cleveland Cavaliers and off the court in higher education, as evidenced by Cuyahoga Community College.

The Cleveland Cavaliers were pleased to partner with the Tri-C Foundation for the 2015 Presidential Scholarship Luncheon featuring Magic Johnson on October 8, 2015. This fun and entertaining event was successful because of the teamwork of many individuals, especially generous donors. As a result, our entire community will benefit from the Tri-C student scholarships the event provides, helping to make college education more accessible.

Tri-C has been an integral part of our community for more than half a decade, serving nearly one million students. These individuals comprise a large part of the skilled workforce in our region. Tri-C's partnerships with community organizations and businesses help meet workforce needs and expand access to higher education.

The college's transfer agreements with public and private universities across the country help make the completion of a bachelor's degree seamless, while saving students thousands of dollars in student loan debt.

Cleveland has shown it really is ALL IN for the Cavs and I am proud to serve as a Tri-C Foundation Director and be ALL IN for Cuyahoga Community College, another one of our community's winning teams. ■

## Magic Johnson Scores Big at Presidential Scholarship Luncheon *(Continued from page 6)*

to benefit Tri-C student scholarships, along with personal appearances at guest-sponsored events. His philanthropic generosity generated an additional \$95,000.

"Our supporters help change lives by contributing toward scholarships that provide access to higher education," said Rick Chiricosta, chairperson of the Tri-C Foundation. "This luncheon opens doors and makes dreams possible."

Dr. Alex Johnson, president of Cuyahoga Community College, brought the crowd to its feet when he announced the establishment of the Earvin "Magic" Johnson Scholarship Fund of the Tri-C Foundation for deserving and underserved youth, noting that Magic's visit will have a lasting impact on the futures of Tri-C students.

To view the 2015 Tri-C Foundation Presidential Scholarship Luncheon video, featuring a special message from Cavs Coach Blatt along with success stories of Foundation scholarship recipients, please visit the Foundation web site at [www.tri-c.edu/give](http://www.tri-c.edu/give). ■



**Members of the Cavaliers' cheerleaders with Alex Macartney and Julianna Macartney**



## Grant Helps Former Foster Youth Excel at Tri-C

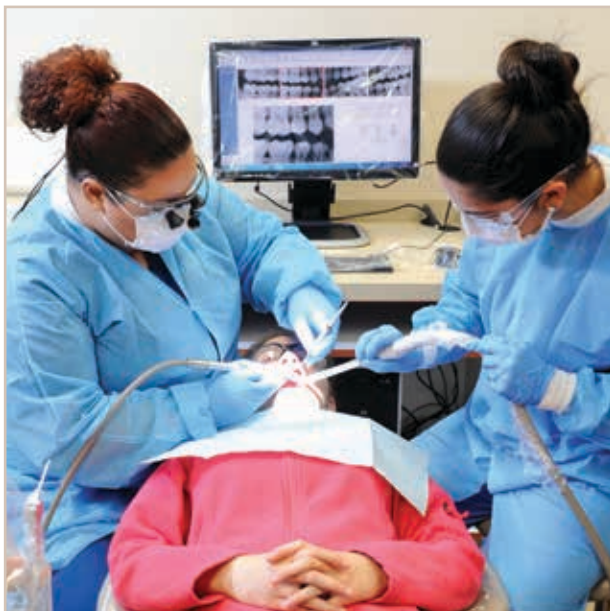
The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation is grateful for a recent grant from Ohio Reach to enhance the Tri-C Foster Scholars Initiative and establish the Tri-C Foster Scholars Mentoring Program. The Mentoring Program, which was just launched this semester, will provide resources and services to assist students who have aged out of the foster care system with wrap-around support services to help them succeed in earning their degrees. Approximately 1,000 former foster youth attend Tri-C.



A signing ceremony for a grant to help former foster youth was held on August 5, 2015. Pictured, left to right: Mr. Dylan McIntosh, Tri-C student; Ms. Felicia King, outreach specialist and regional director-Ohio Attorney General's office; Mr. Michael Bolwaire, Tri-C student; Mr. William Murray IV, coordinator of Ohio Reach and Dr. Alex Johnson, president, Tri-C.

“For too long this population has gone under the radar in post secondary education,” said William Murray IV, coordinator of Ohio Reach, a nonprofit organization working to improve higher education outcomes for those who have aged out of the state’s foster system. “Having a program that will level the playing field for former foster youth is long overdue,” Murray continued. “The commitment by Cuyahoga Community College is that start.” ■

## Ohio Department of Education Supports Completion Initiative and Women in Transition Program



A grant from the Ohio Department of Education will support Tri-C students.

Cuyahoga Community College has received an award in the amount of \$757,072 for the Carl Perkins Two-Year College: Career Technical and Adult Education grant program from the Ohio Department of Education. Grant funds are used to improve access and completion initiatives and provide essential equipment for career technical education.

The award supports Tri-C’s completion agenda, the Women in Transition program, and provides essential classroom supplies and lab equipment for the nuclear medicine technology, physician assistant, pharmacy technology, diagnostic medical sonography, dental hygiene/dental assistant, and engineering programs for the current fiscal year.

Carl Perkins support from the State of Ohio has reached nearly \$4 million since 2010. We appreciate the support from the Ohio Department of Education for these important programs. ■

## Cleveland Teachers Union Golf Outing Supports Tri-C Scholarships

The Tri-C Foundation is grateful for the support of the Cleveland Teachers Union to provide scholarships to Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) graduates who enroll at Tri-C. The scholarships are funded by the Cleveland Teachers Union's annual golf tournament. The Tri-C Foundation appreciates our partnership with local K-12 teachers in our mission to provide access to higher education to CMSD graduates.

Mr. David Quolke, Cleveland Teachers Union president, recently visited Tri-C for a check presentation ceremony. A meeting was also held to discuss the ways in which Tri-C and the Cleveland Teachers Union could increase our partnership on future projects to benefit current CMSD students. ■



Dr. Janice Marshall, associate vice president, access and completion at Tri-C, Mr. David Quolke, Cleveland Teachers Union president and Mr. Ken Hale, executive director, college pathway programs.

## Trustee Graham Gives Tri-C Students the Gift of Music

In 1950, Cuyahoga Community College Trustee Dr. Harry Graham received a precious gift from his parents – a violin.

The instrument, believed to have been manufactured in France between 1850 and 1860, was modified by the famous Virzi brothers – violinists from Palermo, Italy who opened their office in New York City in the early 1900s. A number of years later, in 1922, the brothers were issued a groundbreaking patent that incorporated a sounding board inside the violin to enhance the tonal quality of the instrument.

That original Virzi modification makes the violin unusual and appreciated among luthiers. For the young Dr. Graham, it was more than that. It was a trusted partner during his tenure at the High School of Music and Art in New York City. His musical prowess earned him the privilege of performing with his orchestra at Carnegie Hall with Van Cliburn

following the musician's return from Russia after winning the Tchaikovsky Piano Competition. He

was again honored to play his violin at his high school graduation, also at Carnegie Hall.

Recently, Trustee Graham decided that violin could help foster student success at Tri-C and generously donated the instrument for student use at the college. In doing so, he stated, "I hope all who are fortunate to use it get the same joy as I from it."

Trustee Graham's gift is now a part of Tri-C's Creative Arts Academy,

the college preparatory program in the arts, where director Emanuela Friscioni said, "This gift is truly a treasure for our students studying classical music. We are honored that Dr. Graham has provided our students the opportunity to experience it. We look forward to many, many hours of music from this fine instrument." ■



Ms. Tiranay Campbell, an 8th grade student at the Cleveland School of the Arts and a member of The Orchestra Program at Cuyahoga Community College, practices on the violin recently donated by Trustee Harry Graham.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

**GLORIA  
MOOSMANN**



**Gloria Moosmann**  
*Vice President, Development &  
Tri-C Foundation*

## Together, We Have Built a Winning Team

For years Cuyahoga Community College has been the community's college, the place where futures begin. This is true for many thousands of Tri-C alumni. I am proud to call Tri-C my alma mater. Working as a student assistant in the office of the College's first president, Dr. Charles Chapman, I did not know that my life would come full-circle back to Tri-C. Now it seems fortuitous that I was the one who answered the phone call receiving the College's very first stock gift, from Greenville and Jean Holden, which established the Tri-C Foundation in 1973.

It has been a privilege working to continue Tri-C's legacy to benefit students for generations to come, particularly the last 15 years in the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation. It is so very important that we keep the completion of education affordable to our community. That is why the Foundation's mission focusing on student success, providing scholarships for students, is so integral to the college.

We have come a long way since those first days in the Brownell building. I am proud to have played a part in the Tri-C story. But, in keeping with the theme of this issue, the success of the Foundation can only be attributed to an entire team of dedicated individuals, beginning with our Directors. I believe we have built one of the finest foundation boards in the region, led by 60 business and community leaders from across the industries who are committed to enhancing the quality of education.

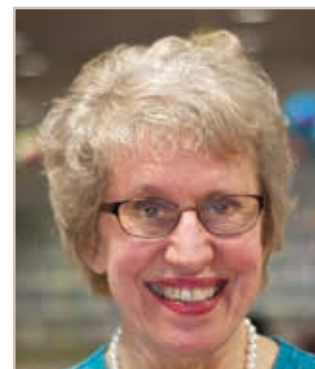
The Tri-C Foundation Directors, College Board of Trustees and leadership team, staff and caring faculty are dedicated to student success. So too are our generous donors. We couldn't have achieved the success of the Foundation without everyone's support. The Foundation's scholarship awards have continued to generate external support to help us deliver and enhance programs. Together, we have enjoyed many accomplishments. But, there is much left to do. Please join me in continuing to support the Tri-C Foundation, the College, and the students we serve. ■

## EMPLOYEE DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Marge Geiger is a professor of English at the Eastern Campus where she serves as coordinator for the English Bridge program and also as a member of the collegewide Committee for English Placement. She supports access to education for all community members, not only the ones who can afford it, so that they can achieve their dreams of earning a college degree.

"Having received my own college education in an era where tuition was not the burden it is today, I want to respect that gift by giving back – and what better way to give back than to assist our students so that they are not encumbered with debt once they graduate. Supporting scholarships for Tri-C students is an obligation and a privilege."

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation greatly appreciates the support of Dr. Geiger and all of the faculty and staff who generously give back to support student success at Tri-C. ■



**Dr. Marge Geiger**  
*Professor of English*



Mr. Whitt Butler

## Welcome New Foundation Director

**Mr. Whitt Butler**, a partner at Ernst & Young LLP, is an established business leader who has demonstrated leadership throughout the course of his career. He received his bachelor's degree in accountancy from Miami University of Ohio.

## Thank You to Outgoing Directors

The Foundation appreciates the service of **Mr. Dave Jenkins**, who served as a director since 2010. He served as a member of the Finance Committee and, along with the Cleveland Browns, has been a supporter of the Presidential Scholarship Luncheon and Foundation events.

Thank you to **Ms. Patricia Kennedy-Scott**, who served as a director since 2004. She served on the Executive Committee from 2004 to 2005 and, along with HealthSpan, has been a dedicated supporter of the College's health careers program, student scholarships, the Presidential Scholarship Luncheon and Foundation events.

The Tri-C Foundation thanks **Dr. Dale Kates**, who served as a director since 2003. He served on the Development Committee from 2004 to 2007 and, along with Kates Orthodontics has been a supporter of the Presidential Scholarship Luncheon and Tri-C Foundation events.

The Foundation appreciates the service of **Mr. Robert J. Morris III**, who served as a director since 2007. He was a member of the Development Committee from 2007-2012 and the Audit Committee from 2014 to 2015 and, along with Morris Cadillac Buick GMC, has been a supporter of Automotive Technology scholarships, the Presidential Scholarship Luncheon and Tri-C Foundation events.

## Pierre's Ice Cream Company Provides Unique Student Experience



Special thanks to Tri-C Foundation Director Shelley Roth, President of Pierre's Ice Cream Company, for providing opportunities to enhance student experience through the 2nd annual Ice Cream Challenge on Monday, October 12 at Tri-C's Hospitality Management Center on Public Square. Here, Ms. Roth poses with contest winners, who are hospitality students and Chef Maureen Leonard. For the winning recipe, please visit [www.tri-c.edu/give](http://www.tri-c.edu/give).

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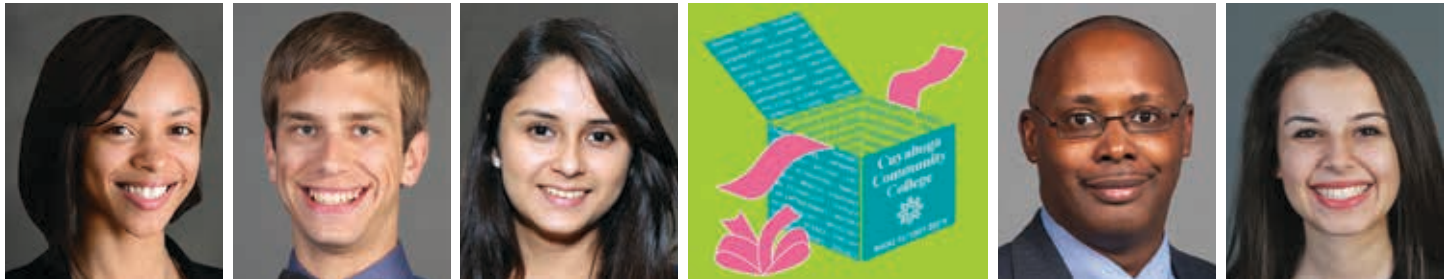
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