



ADVANCE FUTURES, TRANSFORM THE REGION.

STRATEGIC PLAN TO 2023

Prioritizing Student Access, Equity and Success

CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

MISSION

To provide resources for advancing student success at Cuyahoga Community College and to transform the lives of those Tri-C serves.

VISION

To ensure Tri-C has the resources needed to help every student learn, thrive and succeed and to create a prosperous community for all.

PRIORITIES

Student Experience: Improve attainment by increasing program funding to drive student success.

Workforce: Ensure more students have resources to enter and succeed in workforce training programs that lead to in-demand jobs, including health care, information technology and manufacturing, in our region.

Affordability: Increase access and reduce costs for students through scholarship support and cost efficiencies.

YOUR INVESTMENT

Student success is on the rise at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®). Your support for scholarships and life-changing student programs is key to that growth. With 50,000 students a year, high-quality associate degree and workforce programs and the lowest tuition in Ohio, **Tri-C is driving the economic prosperity and future of our region.** Your support for student success through the Tri-C Foundation is an investment toward a thriving Northeast Ohio now and for years to come.

To ensure maximum impact, the Tri-C Foundation embarked upon a comprehensive planning process that engaged in research, analysis and dialogue to form the strategies of a five-year plan, culminating with the 50th anniversary of the Tri-C Foundation in 2023. The process included environmental scanning, focus groups, interviews and surveys with key stakeholders including Foundation Board members, employers, alumni, students, faculty, the College's Board of Trustees, donors and staff. **The resulting strategies bring a focus to our work, emphasizing the need to double down our efforts to support degree and credential attainment and workforce development in high-demand fields.**

The strategic planning process underscores the vital role Tri-C and the Tri-C Foundation play in addressing poverty, educational inequity and the burgeoning skills gap in our community. **The plan affirms that there is no more important organization than Cuyahoga Community College to uplift individuals and create economic growth for Northeast Ohio.** *Advance Futures, Transform the Region* is a roadmap to ensure a robust return on your investment in student success through the Tri-C Foundation.

Thank you for helping Tri-C be the place
Where futures begin.™ ■





GOALS AT A GLANCE

GOAL	2010	2018	2023
Impact graduation numbers	2,380 certificates and degrees awarded annually	4,314 certificates and degrees awarded annually	6,000+ certificates and degrees awarded annually
Eliminate financial barriers for students	2,233 students awarded scholarships annually, totaling \$1.6 million	2,737 students awarded scholarships annually, totaling \$3.2 million	3,750 students awarded scholarships annually, totaling \$4.4 million
Enhance Centers of Excellence	Not applicable	One Tri-C Center of Excellence with an endowed fund for programming and scholarships	All Tri-C Centers of Excellence with an endowed fund for programming and scholarships
Expand number of students earning workforce credentials	1,000 credentials awarded	16,000 credentials awarded	17,000 credentials awarded
Enhance experiential learning opportunities in high demand fields	1,000 student placements	6,100 student placements	8,000 student placements
Eliminate academic barriers for students	44% Fall to Fall student retention rate	47% Fall to Fall student retention rate	52% Fall to Fall student retention rate
Broaden alumni involvement	Not applicable	Establish alumni ambassador program	300 active alumni ambassadors, including a robust alumni council



“The Tri-C Foundation brings dreams to life for thousands of community members, enabling students to complete their education and build a better future for themselves and their families. Each gift received advances students and uplifts the community.”

— **Trina Evans**, Tri-C Foundation Board Chairperson, and Director of Corporate Center, KeyCorp



“I have wanted to be a pioneer since 4th grade. This scholarship allows me to be a pioneer in a field I love: 3D printing and additive manufacturing. I am thankful to be moving toward a trailblazing career in 3D medical printing.”

— **Alexander Peterson**, Tri-C Student, 3D Digital Design and Manufacturing

Invest in the Tri-C Foundation today, create a prosperous tomorrow for Northeast Ohio.