

## AN INVESTMENT IN STUDENTS IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY



**Ms. Trina M. Evans**  
Chairperson,  
Tri-C Foundation

I am honored to serve as the new Chairperson of the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation and would like to thank Rick Chiricosta for his years of leadership as the previous Chairperson.

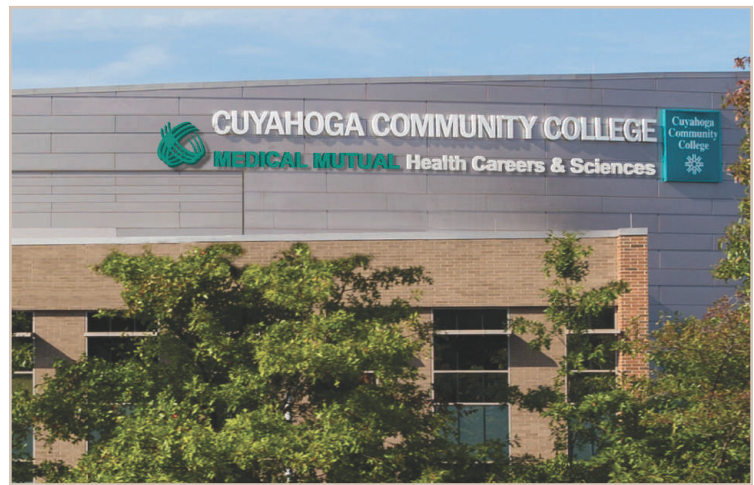
In the time I have served on the Board, there has been a significant increase in both community support and student completion rates.

Tri-C is an active partner in The Higher Education Compact for Greater Cleveland, which is committed to increasing the number of Cleveland students who are prepared for, have access to, and succeed in college. The Compact is a promise from a group of civic leaders, educators, and college and university presidents to remove obstacles that prevent Cleveland youth from attending and completing a college education by increasing college readiness, access and persistence and measuring student progression through a College Success Dashboard. Tri-C is proud to see an increase in the graduation rate of Cleveland Metropolitan School District students from the College, from 2% in 2011 to an expected 7-9% in 2017. These incremental increases are a result of a strong, systemic approach to student completion.

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation helps make dreams a reality for thousands of community members every year by securing funding for scholarships and programs. This support helps Tri-C students complete their studies and secure a better future. Each gift received by the Tri-C Foundation is an investment in our students and our community. I thank you for your continued support to help make it possible for students to complete their education and create a more productive workforce. Cuyahoga Community College truly is Where Futures Begin™.

Trina M. Evans  
Chairperson, Tri-C Foundation

## College recognizes Medical Mutual's long-term partnership



*Cuyahoga Community College Medical Mutual Health Careers & Sciences Building*

Cuyahoga Community College recently renamed the Westshore Campus building to recognize Medical Mutual of Ohio for its longstanding support of Tri-C, its students and programs. The College dedicated the Medical Mutual Health Careers & Sciences Building, the academic hub of Westshore Campus, in a ceremony held on August 3, 2017.

“The new name reflects the enduring impact Medical Mutual has made on educational and workforce training programs at the College, particularly in the field of health care,” Tri-C President Alex Johnson said.

The health insurer’s partnership with the College dates back more than two decades and includes the establishment of the Medical Mutual Nursing and Health Careers Endowed Scholarship Fund in 2012.

“Tri-C is a vital part of the revival of Cleveland,” said Mr. Rick Chiricosta, Chairman, President and CEO of Medical Mutual. “Its impact on the futures of so many in our community – by providing an affordable and accessible college education – is enormous. And being able to support the next generation of nursing and healthcare professionals is particularly important to me.”

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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JOHNSON



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

### Tri-C is planning for the future

Tri-C has been able to offer affordable, life-changing education and training for more than 50 years, serving more than 55,000 students annually. To ensure the College can continue to provide this valuable resource for generations to come, the Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees recently voted to place a 0.5-mill capital bond issue on the Nov. 7 ballot. The bond issue will provide funds to cover the repair, improvement and construction of facilities vital for college completion and workforce education, allowing the College to address decades of wear and tear on buildings, keep pace with rapidly changing technology and create new instructional space for growing programs. To compete in the economy of today and tomorrow, our students' success – and the success of the employers who hire them – depends on Tri-C being up to date.

Providing an affordable education and assisting students with financial need is also key to the College's strategic plan. Each year, Tri-C's Presidential Scholarship Luncheon brings together community members to support student scholarships and address the critical need to ensure access for everyone. This year, we are particularly excited to welcome Academy Award-winning actress Octavia Spencer as our keynote speaker at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel on October 4. Spencer received her second Oscar nomination earlier this year for her portrayal of a "human computer" in the inspirational and educational film, *Hidden Figures*. Tri-C's Creative Arts Center of Excellence helps prepare our students for careers both onstage and behind the scenes, and we are thrilled to welcome an acclaimed artist our students can admire and emulate as they pursue their own pathways to success.

Thank you for your continued support of Cuyahoga Community College. Your partnership contributes to the ongoing success of our students, our College and our community. ■

### New Veterans Center opens at Tri-C's Western Campus

Tri-C celebrated the opening of the Crile Veterans Center and Archives with a Memorial Day celebration at Western Campus on May 26, 2017. The community had the opportunity to tour the new center with its founder and director James Banks, Ph.D., and attend a discussion with alumnus Mr. Dominick Farinacci and Tri-C student veteran Mr. Jaymes Poling about their collaboration, *Musical Warrior*.

The Kisco Foundation awarded its Kohlberg Prize to Tri-C last year to help establish the Crile Veterans Center. The College also received a second grant from the Foundation to increase and enhance support for veterans attending community colleges, and their families.

The new center will offer a full array of support services to help veterans reach educational and career goals as they transition from soldiers to civilians and contribute to the economic vitality of

Northeast Ohio. The space includes an area for academic advising and counseling, computer access to enable veterans to participate in online courses and services, meeting space and a resource area providing information on veteran programs.

"This will enable us to expand frontline services and support to the hundreds of veterans who call Western Campus home," said Mr. Rick DeChant, executive director of Tri-C's Veterans Initiative. "It also continues the College's legacy in helping veterans learn to heal and heal to learn."

With the new center, the Tri-C Veterans Initiative estimates the number of veterans and families it serves will surpass 10,000. The College also aims to increase veteran enrollment from 750 to 900 within the next two years. Veterans consistently rank among the highest-achieving students at Tri-C. ■

## College recognizes Medical Mutual's long-term partnership

*(Continued from cover)*

The Westshore Campus opened in 2011 with a focus on nursing and health sciences. Tri-C's Nursing Center of Excellence ensures that our region remains synonymous with quality healthcare and nursing excellence. With one of the nation's largest concentrations of medical professionals and abundant state-of-the-art facilities, Northeast Ohio has become a world-class healthcare center which attracts top health professionals and individuals seeking the very best care, while providing area residents with unparalleled career opportunities. ■

## Tri-C honors community leaders at Spring Commencement



*Mr. Rick A. Chiricosta and Margaret W. Wong, Esq. were presented with Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees at Tri-C's Commencement ceremony in May for their contributions to the College, the Foundation and our community. The Foundation thanks Rick and Margaret for their continued service to Cuyahoga Community College and congratulates them on this well-deserved honor. They are pictured here with Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees Chair Mr. Victor Ruiz (far left) and College President Dr. Alex Johnson.*

## Citizens Bank Mobile Training Unit brings training to the community

Tri-C and Citizens Bank are teaming up to take state-of-the-art manufacturing training on the road to employers and schools across the region. This rolling classroom will bring award-winning programs from Tri-C's Manufacturing Technology Center of Excellence to the doorsteps of Northeast Ohio companies and schools in nine counties. It houses a versatile lab area for hands-on training and a classroom space with 10 desk stations, a whiteboard and video system. The 53-foot-long trailer allows the College to offer customized programs at client sites, increasing access to essential training to address the region's manufacturing skills gap. Programs include CNC machining, welding, 3D printing and programmable logic controllers, with others in development.

Citizens Financial Group Chairman and CEO Mr. Bruce Van Saun and Citizens Bank Ohio Market Executive Mr. Mike Shiplett attended the celebration in June to dedicate the newest addition to Tri-C's Manufacturing Center of Excellence, the Citizens Bank Mobile Training Unit. "Tri-C is a valued community partner, and we are proud to support this



*Leaders from Tri-C and Citizens Bank celebrate the dedication of the Mobile Training Unit.*

unique educational resource," said Shiplett. "This investment will bring advanced, hands-on training to many who may not have had the opportunity without it. This is an investment in job training and the local economy in Northeast Ohio."

The mobile unit is scheduled for training at Cleveland-area General Motors plants. It has also been showcased at workforce events, such as the recent IndustryWeek Manufacturing and Technology Conference and Expo in Cleveland, and has visited area high schools and community organizations. ■

## Tri-C's Hospitality Management Center of Excellence feeds area culinary and tourism staffing needs

Adding to the excitement and enthusiasm of Northeast Ohio's flourishing culinary and hospitality scene, many of the more than 300 students enrolled each year in Tri-C's Hospitality Management Center of Excellence programs are hired by our region's most prestigious employers. Offering associate degrees and certificates in culinary arts, lodging and tourism, and restaurant and food service management, the Center has earned an outstanding reputation for using industry-supported curriculum and providing students with hands-on learning and meaningful internship experiences.

In addition to programs on three campuses, the Center's highly visible facility at downtown Cleveland's Public Square provides unique opportunities for students to interact with urban chefs and area employers. Students are prepared

to advance in a wide range of occupations or obtain bachelor's degrees from four-year institutions.



Culinary Arts students may obtain professional certificates in specialty areas such as baking/pastry arts, culinary arts and personal chef, or an associate degree with a concentration in Culinary Arts. Lodging and Tourism students earn certificates in hotel operations and event/meeting planning, and they may also earn associate degrees with a concentration in lodging and tourism. Restaurant and Food Service Management students obtain professional certificates in food and beverage operations and associate degrees with a concentration in restaurant/food service management. ■

## Tri-C students succeed in the classroom and the community

Successful Tri-C students can be found on our campuses, in your neighborhoods, and even in culinary competitions across the country. Seven Tri-C students (William Funk, Heidi Hubbard, Bruce Hyde, Kouame Kouakou, Angelique Patton, Adekunle Popoola and Bethany Thomas) were named to the All-Ohio Community College Academic Team, which awards scholarships to recognize student excellence in academics, leadership and community service. This year, Tri-C had more students named All-Ohio than any other school.



*Culinary Arts student Janice Campbell whisked her way to the finals of the Ultimate Culinary Clash.*

Two of our student-athletes received national attention this spring. After winning the 2017 Player of the Year award from the Ohio Community College Athletic Conference, baseball player Matt Starcovic was named a 2017 NJCAA Division II All-American. The sophomore from North Olmsted was the only Ohio player honored. Tri-C sprinter Naleta Andrews broke a 16-year-old school record to help the Challengers claim the NJCAA Region XII Outdoor Track and Field Championships in May. The freshman from Shaker Heights won the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.42 seconds, topping the previous Tri-C record set in 2001.

FirstEnergy Corp. has hired all 22 graduates from Tri-C's most recent cohort of the award-winning Power Systems Institute program to enhance service reliability for Northeast Ohio customers. The two-year program, which is a partnership between Tri-C and The Illuminating Company, a subsidiary of FirstEnergy, combines hands-on utility skills training at a FirstEnergy facility in Brooklyn with technical coursework taught in Tri-C classrooms. Graduates earn an Associate of Technical Studies degree with a focus on electric power utility technology.

As her classmates were crossing the stage at the College's Spring Commencement on May 18, culinary student Janice Campbell was in San Francisco competing in the finals of the InterContinental Hotels & Resorts Ultimate Culinary Clash. She earned the trip and a scholarship after winning a local competition at Table 45 at InterContinental Hotel Cleveland. "Tri-C really opened doors for me," she said. "The instructors were awesome, classes were affordable and I learned a lot. I couldn't have asked for more." ■

## Cleveland Eats will celebrate Tri-C's Hospitality Management program

The region's food culture, chef-driven restaurants and craft beer scene will be celebrated during Cleveland Eats, a new culinary festival organized by Tri-C's Hospitality Management Center of Excellence. Cleveland Eats: Small Bites, Big Dreams, an evening to benefit scholarships for Tri-C's Hospitality Management students, will kick off the inaugural festival on Thursday, September 14. Co-Chairs Brandt Evans and Zdenko Zovkic will host the benefit at Pura Vida and Tri-C's Hospitality Management Center on Public Square. Visit [www.tri-c.edu/give](http://www.tri-c.edu/give) for ticket details.

The food and entertainment festival takes place September 15-16 in downtown Cleveland on Mall B

and will showcase the hospitality industry's impact on the Northeast Ohio economy while highlighting Tri-C's vital role in training the skilled workers needed to continue the region's restaurant renaissance. The family-friendly festival will include culinary competitions and classes; food from the region's top restaurants; craft beer tastings and kiosks; and musicians, dancers, artists and other entertainers. A cooperative of corporate and civic partners is staging the festival, and the city's top chefs will be hosting culinary demonstrations and preparing delicious small plates. Complete details about the weekend's schedule, participants and pricing can be found at [www.tri-c.edu/clevelandeats](http://www.tri-c.edu/clevelandeats). ■



### CLEVELAND EATS: SMALL BITES, BIG DREAMS

An evening to benefit scholarships for Tri-C® Hospitality Management Students  
Co-Chairs: Brandt Evans and Zdenko Zovkic

**Thursday, Sept. 14, 6 p.m.**

Tri-C Hospitality Management Center 180 Euclid Ave., Cleveland OH 44114

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# JAZZFEST LEGENDS

# Gala

## Tri-C JazzFest presented by KeyBank hits a high note for music fans

The 38th annual Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland presented by KeyBank returned to Playhouse Square in June, offering something for everyone. The JazzFest Legends Gala kicked off the weekend in style with a celebration at the Allen Theatre on Thursday, June 22. Nearly 300 guests were in attendance to honor the 2017 JazzFest Legends and support the Foundation's Music Scholarship Fund. Inducted as the 2017 honorees were Mr. Jules Belkin, Dr. Thom Horning, Dr. William Woods, Mr. Art Falco and Ms. Gina Vernaci with Playhouse Square, the Kulas Foundation and the John P. Murphy Foundation. Following the celebration, guests enjoyed an evening of music featuring Chris Botti and Dianne Reeves.

Local musicians provided free entertainment throughout the weekend on the outdoor Strassman Insurance Stage. The Chemical Bank Talk Tent was a popular attraction, giving the community the opportunity to learn more about their favorite musicians. Families flocked to the U.S. Bank area for kids activities and to the games in Amusement Alley, and Tri-C faculty led cooking demonstrations in the Hospitality Management Tent. Students in the Tri-C JazzCamp Showcase enthralled the audience and the Cleveland Museum of Art puppets joined in the fun as guests danced in the streets. The lineup of performers drew large crowds to the theatres and included Terence Blanchard, Boney James and Boz Scaggs. ■



*Dr. Alex Johnson with the 2017 JazzFest Legends honorees: Dr. William Woods, Mr. Richard Clark, Ms. Nancy McCann, Mr. Jules Belkin, Ms. Gina Vernaci, Mr. Art Falco and Dr. Thom Horning.*



*Tri-C Foundation Director Mr. Louis G. Joseph attended the JazzFest Legends Gala with Ms. Valerie Joseph.*



*Tri-C Foundation Director Mr. Wayne Foley, President & CEO, Midwest Precision Holdings Inc., with Ms. Barbara Foley.*



*Tri-C Foundation Director Mr. Jim Strassman, President, Strassman Insurance Services, Inc. and Ms. Debbie Strassman.*



*Mr. Gordon Oliver with Tri-C Foundation Director Ms. Tracy Oliver, Director, Media & Local Affairs for Dominion.*



*Mr. Tony Thomas and Ms. Margot Copeland, chair and CEO of the KeyBank Foundation, with jazz trumpeter and Tri-C alumnus Mr. Dominick Farinacci.*

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# GUEST COLUMN

**ZDENKO ZOVKIC**



Mr. Zdenko Zovkic  
Owner/Restaurateur  
XO Prime Steaks  
Co-Chair, Cleveland Eats:  
Small Bites, Big Dreams

## Bring your appetite to Cleveland Eats!

In more than 25 years in the restaurant business, I have never seen the local culinary scene as creative and robust as it is today. The Hospitality Management program at Cuyahoga Community College is a key contributor to that energy, providing a pipeline of skilled workers for the local industry. I am excited to collaborate with the College to create Cleveland Eats, a Tri-C Culinary Festival.

The event will be a celebration of our local culinary culture that will bring together corporate and civic partners to support the city's long-term economic strength. It will highlight Tri-C students and provide a unique opportunity for them to work directly with some of the region's top chefs. The event will showcase the culinary diversity, student workforce and downtown engagement that is so uniquely Cleveland.

In the two years I have served as a director on the Tri-C Foundation Board, I have been amazed by the breadth of programs and opportunities Tri-C offers to students from across Northeast Ohio, particularly in the Hospitality Management program. I am honored to serve alongside other local chefs on the Cleveland Eats Chefs' Council, and as a Co-Chair of the Cleveland Eats: Small Bites, Big Dreams kickoff celebration, which will raise much-needed scholarship funds for Hospitality Management students.

I hope you will bring your appetite and join us September 14-16 for the inaugural year of Cleveland Eats! ■

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### Tri-C Dean a champion for student success

Dee Dee Bober, Ph.D., considers herself a lifelong learner. In 1992, she was the first student in the Ohio University School of Communication to earn both a Bachelor of Science in Communication and Master of Arts in Communication simultaneously in four years. After spending several years in the corporate sector, Dr. Bober has had a successful 19-year career in higher education. Dee Dee joined Cuyahoga Community College in 2011 and now serves as the Dean of Academic Affairs at Tri-C's Metropolitan Campus.

Dr. Bober has met many single mothers at Tri-C who are successfully reaching their educational goals. When she decided to pursue a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Higher Education Administration, she focused her dissertation research on the remarkable students who were achieving success at a community college as single mothers. "The success stories of single mothers here at Tri-C are so inspiring," Bober



Dr. Dee Dee Bober

said. "You always hear about how single mothers struggle in college, but I wanted my research to focus on the opposite – success factors."

Dr. Bober has seen the difference scholarships make to help students stay enrolled and complete their degrees, and has supported the Metropolitan Campus "Focus on the Finish" Scholarship Fund for many years. "So many people come to Tri-C with challenges and difficult circumstances and I have personally witnessed the incredible impact the Tri-C Foundation has on student success and completion through scholarship and program development," she said. "I have been blessed with the gift of education and a wonderful career, and I want to give back. It is so important to help others when you can."

The Tri-C Foundation is grateful to Dr. Bober for her dedication to student success and completion! ■



## VICE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

MEGAN  
O'BRYAN



Ms. Megan O'Bryan  
Vice President, Development  
& Tri-C Foundation

## Tri-C has the winning recipe for hospitality students

Cleveland is an exciting haven for “foodies,” and Tri-C’s Hospitality Management Center of Excellence is a key ingredient in this vibrant industry! Students in this program earn associate degrees and certificates in programs including the culinary arts, lodging and tourism and food service management. The “hub” of this College-wide program is our Hospitality Management Center, located on Public Square next to our restaurant partner, Pura Vida. Having a state-of-the-art educational facility in the heart of downtown gives our students an opportunity to gain valuable experience and gives you a delicious lunch and dinner destination!

Recent articles in *Los Angeles Times* and *Forbes* have sung the praises of our culinary scene, which would not be what it is today without Tri-C. Graduates of this popular program can be found working in hotels and restaurants across the area, and we are honored that so many of them stay connected to Tri-C. The program has an exceptionally high completion rate, and Hospitality alumni stay engaged with the College by advising current students, hosting interns, and even collaborating on the planning for the College’s first culinary festival, Cleveland Eats, September 14-16, 2017.

With 85% of our alumni choosing to live and work in the area, Cuyahoga Community College has a significant impact on our region’s workforce, including the flourishing hospitality industry. With your support, we can increase access and opportunities for the next generation of Hospitality graduates. It’s a delicious recipe for success! ■

## ALUMNI PROFILE

### Tri-C gave alumnus skills and guidance to pursue his dream

After high school, Christopher Kafcsak wanted to continue his education but knew a four-year college was not the right fit for him. While continuing to work in the food service industry, Kafcsak earned an associate of business degree from Tri-C in 2007. “My first degree with an emphasis on human resources helped me learn how to manage people, how to run a business and the importance of staff,” he said.

Kafcsak worked in restaurants throughout Cleveland, and a former boss encouraged him to expand his knowledge of food preparation. This led to his decision to return to Tri-C to study culinary arts, where he quickly met instructors who would inspire and guide him along his path. “Chef Ky-wai, my first culinary arts instructor, showed me new techniques. He was very approachable and made a point to share real world experiences with his students.” He also credits Chef Karen Monath for mentoring him during



Mr. Christopher Kafcsak

his time at Tri-C. “I would go in early and stay late to talk food, restaurants, catering, everything,” he said. “I am pretty sure she knew early on that I was committed to following this path.”

He earned his culinary degree in 2011 and joined Deagan’s Kitchen & Bar as executive chef in 2015. Kafcsak has also launched his own catering company, Nomad Culinary LLC, with the goal of bringing fine dining to clients’ homes, businesses and events. He is still involved with his alma mater, serving on the College’s Culinary Advisory Panel and the Chefs’ Council for Tri-C’s new culinary festival, Cleveland Eats. “At Tri-C, the professors and chefs are willing to listen and help steer you, if needed, by being there after class to teach, advise and even help you obtain employment,” he said. “Tri-C is an affordable way to begin your college path with great benefits.” ■

## Gill and Tommy LiPuma Center for Creative Arts

On June 23, 2017, the College and community celebrated the naming of the home of Tri-C's Creative Arts program. The Gill and Tommy LiPuma Center for Creative Arts recognizes the legacy of Gill and Tommy LiPuma's family and their significant contributions to the music industry and the College.

The late Tommy LiPuma had said of his wife of nearly five decades, "She is more than my soul mate. Gill has been my closest and truest ally and advisor on every major move I've ever made. Her taste in music, just like her taste in art, is impeccable. I cherish her candor, instincts and great intelligence. If it's true that every successful person has a secret weapon, she is mine. In short – no Gill, no Tommy."



*Mrs. Gill LiPuma at the Gill and Tommy LiPuma Center for Creative Arts naming celebration.*

Gill and Tommy LiPuma were instrumental in envisioning and developing Tri-C's Center for Creative Arts. Through their generosity, they helped fill the building with recording studios, digital music laboratories, dance studios and other amenities. This environment is where ingenuity flourishes, assisted by innovative programs, exceptional faculty and visiting artists who hold master classes. But beneath the physical layout and programs is an unshaking commitment to honing the artistic capabilities of young people and helping them realize their potential to serve humanity – an effort that only Gill and Tommy together could inspire. ■

## Tri-C Foundation honors Louis G. Joseph for distinguished service

The Tri-C Foundation Board of Directors awarded the 2017 Heath Oliver Distinguished Director Award to Mr. Louis G. Joseph, president and CEO of The Brewer-Garrett Company, in recognition of his extraordinary commitment and service. In his sixteen years as a Director, Joseph has served as board treasurer and been an active member of the finance and executive committees. The Westlake resident and his wife

established a scholarship fund with the Foundation in 2012 to help degree-seeking students meet their academic goals at Tri-C. The Valerie & Lou Joseph Endowed Scholarship Fund supports students in the College's Honors Program Fellowship.



*Tri-C Foundation Director Ms. Katherine T. O'Neill with Heath Oliver award recipient Mr. Louis G. Joseph.*

"If you know Lou at all, you know that everything he does is done with passion and a purpose," said Mr. Rick Chiricosta, former chairperson of the Foundation Board. "No one is more deserving of this recognition than him."

The Heath Oliver Distinguished Director Award was established in memory of longtime Foundation Board Director Heath Oliver, president of Bardons & Oliver and a valuable member of the Board from 1988 until his

death in 2009. Under his leadership, scholarships for Tri-C students became a fundraising priority, the Foundation successfully launched its first major gifts campaign, and Presidential Scholarship Luncheons raised significant dollars to benefit students. ■

## Trina Evans of KeyCorp appointed Foundation chairperson

The Tri-C Foundation announced its 2017-2018 leadership team in June and named **Ms. Trina Evans**, executive vice president and director of Corporate Center for KeyCorp, as the new Board chairperson. She has been a Foundation director since 2014.



*Foundation Board Chairperson Ms. Trina Evans and Director Mr. Rick Chiricosta.*

“The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation helps bring dreams to life for thousands of community members every year by securing funding for scholarships and programs,” Evans said. “This support helps Tri-C students complete their studies and find a better future. I look forward to working with the Foundation leadership team to add to the long list of success stories.”

Evans succeeds Mr. Rick Chiricosta, who led the Foundation the past three years. Chiricosta will continue to serve on the Foundation’s Executive Committee. ■

## Welcome new Foundation Directors



*Ms. Shelly Cayette*

**Ms. Shelly Cayette** is vice president of Partnership Marketing & Strategy for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

A graduate of Tulane University, she manages team marketing strategies, outreach and initiatives for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

**Mr. Aaron Grossman** is the chief executive officer of Alliance

Solutions Group. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Miami University and has grown Alliance Solutions Group, which was founded in 2001, to support nine specialized staffing and recruitment brands across a variety of industries.

**Mr. Scott Orr** is vice president of Gilbane Building Company. He holds a degree in engineering from Purdue University and is active in the ACE Mentor Program, which provides high school students with exposure to the construction business. ■



*Mr. Aaron Grossman*



*Mr. Scott Orr*

## Thank you to outgoing Foundation Director

Thank you to **Ms. Mylayna Albright**, who served as a director since 2014. She served on the Development Committee and was a supporter of student scholarships and programs. We appreciate her engagement and wish her the best in future endeavors! ■

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## TRI-C ON NOVEMBER 7TH BALLOT

For the first time in its 54-year history, Tri-C will have a dedicated **Capital Bond Issue** on the ballot. In June, the Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees voted to place a 0.5-mill bond issue on the November 7 ballot for the repair, improvement, and construction of facilities vital to student completion and workforce education.

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### THE FUNDING RAISED BY THIS CAPITAL BOND ISSUE IS NEEDED TO:

- ✓ Address decades of wear and tear on buildings, keep pace with rapidly changing technology and create new instructional space for growing programs
- ✓ Renovate labs used across the College by health-care, manufacturing, information technology and other in-demand programs
- ✓ Build space at Western Campus (Parma) dedicated to science, technology, engineering and math programs
- ✓ Create a Transportation, Distribution and Logistics Academy (Euclid) with classroom and training space

If your organization would like to hear from a Tri-C speaker on the Capital Plan & Bond Issue or if you would like to volunteer with the campaign, please call Katie Montgomery at 216-952-6146.

**PLEASE VOTE ON NOVEMBER 7TH**



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