

OUR MISSION: To provide resources for advancing student success at Cuyahoga Community College and to transform the lives of those it serves.

Student success is top priority



Trina M. Evans
Chairperson,
Tri-C Foundation

More than 55,000 people a year benefit from the life-changing education and training programs offered at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®). The Tri-C

Foundation plays a critical role in ensuring students can access an education and be successful in achieving their goals.

With the help of the Tri-C Foundation, the College was able to award more than \$3.2 million in scholarships to more than 2,700 students last year. This is a record in dollars awarded and number of students impacted. The Foundation continues to increase scholarship awards each year – a trajectory that will continue through 2023 with the help of a new, five-year strategic plan.

Created by the Tri-C Foundation Board of Directors, the strategic plan is a roadmap to leverage our impact on students and the community. It has provided a refreshed focus, and we commit to working together to ensure every student has the resources needed to learn, thrive and succeed at Tri-C and in life.

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Students recording success in Fran and Jules Belkin Theatre



Alex Johnson, Tri-C president; Megan O'Bryan, president, Tri-C Foundation, with Jules and Fran Belkin

Tri-C student Javier Davis holds the College and its creative arts programs in high regard. He has taken every opportunity to hone his talents in disciplines ranging from remix production to live sound engineering and promotion, spending countless hours in the Gill and Tommy LiPuma Center for Creative Arts to focus on his career aspirations.

These programs have also caught the attention and earned the respect of industry professionals, including the Belkin family. The former Belkin Productions was launched by Mike and Jules Belkin in their father's clothing store in Cleveland more than 50 years ago. It grew into one of the finest music production companies in the U.S.

Jules Belkin and his wife Fran have never forgotten the city where it all began, becoming patrons and philanthropic supporters in the arts community. Jules is a founding member of JazzFest's National Advisory Committee and serves on the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum Board. Fran serves on the Board of the Cleveland Institute of Art.

In June the College recognized the couple's support of student success by renaming the Metropolitan Campus' Black Box Theatre as the Fran and Jules Belkin Theatre.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alex Johnson".

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

Student success and completion rates continue to grow at Tri-C

This spring, we celebrated the commencement of one of the largest classes in the history of the College, comprising more than 3,000 graduates. Over the last few years, we have been diligent in our efforts to help students to continue their studies and earn their degrees. These efforts are showing good results – in the past year alone, we have seen an increase of 27% in the number of students completing their degrees in two years or less. Our graduation numbers are soaring, and so is our retention. Over the past academic year, we saw an increase of 7% in the number of students returning to Tri-C to earn degrees and certificates that lead to good jobs or transfer to four-year institutions.

All Tri-C students, current and future, will benefit from the passage of Issue 61 last fall. I thank you for your support of this important issue, which garnered 68% approval. This bond will provide new and updated facilities and necessary maintenance to serve the College and our community for the next quarter of a century.

If you have been on campus recently, you have noticed that the physical transformation made possible by this bond has already begun. We have broken ground on the Westshore Phase Two expansion, as well as the Western Campus STEM building. The Metro Campus Center, though not yet completed, is already changing the physical scene in the Central neighborhood.

Lastly, I am pleased to share with you that the reaffirmation of accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission certified the quality and depth of our offerings, our distinguished faculty and our administrative processes. Thank you for your unwavering support, both now and into the future. ■



Students recording success in Fran and Jules Belkin Theatre *(Continued from cover)*

It is in innovative spaces such as this where more than 6,000 Tri-C students find their passion and creative voice to cultivate vision, imagination and inspiration.

“We are proud to have earned the respect and support of industry icons Fran and Jules Belkin, Tri-C President Alex Johnson said. Their participation has helped current and past students realize their dreams. We are pleased to recognize them for their outstanding



Javier Davis

contributions with the naming of the Fran and Jules Belkin Theatre.”

“Helping Tri-C students pursue their passion for creative arts is deeply important to Fran and me,” Jules Belkin said. “We are honored to be recognized in this meaningful way that is helping to change lives.” ■



JAZZFEST LEGENDS *Gala*

Jazzing up Cleveland streets with hot music and vibes

More than 250 guests celebrated the kickoff of the 39th annual **Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland presented by KeyBank** at the Foundation's Legends Gala on June 28, raising scholarship funds for creative arts students.

The event honored the newest JazzFest Legends: Lawrence Simpson, Ph.D, provost of Berklee College of Music and former president of Tri-C's Metropolitan and Eastern campuses; Jackie Warren, pianist and jazz educator; and Frank Alkyer, publisher of *Downbeat* magazine.

The JazzFest Legends Gala was a great precursor to JazzFest, which featured free music on the outdoor **Strassman Insurance Services Stage**, up-close-and-personal lectures in the **Chemical Bank Talk Tent**, family fun in the **U.S. Bank Kids Club** and cool beverages and snacks in the **Davey Tree Beer Garden** and **JACK Cleveland Casino VIP Lounge**. We appreciate everyone's support of this great annual festival and look forward to celebrating the 40th anniversary in 2019!



Gordon Oliver with Foundation Director Tracy Oliver



Foundation Director James Strassman; Tri-C President Alex Johnson, Jules and Fran Belkin and Megan O'Bryan.



Foundation Director and College Board Chair Victor Ruiz with Danielle Ruiz.



Members of the LiPuma Family at the JazzFest Legends Gala.

John P. Murphy Foundation Student Film Initiative launches careers in movie industry

When Thomas Matheis graduated from high school, he was looking to launch his career in film production. He chose Tri-C's Media Arts and Filmmaking program because it offered the most "hands-on" experience around.

Matheis graduated last year with a degree in Media Arts and Filmmaking. He also completed the College's Intensive Film Crew Training Workshop, designed to give students the skillset needed to land an entry-level job in filmmaking. The five-week course covers all aspects of filmmaking, including set design, sound, camera work, lighting and props.

The program is made possible through generous donors such as the **John P. Murphy Foundation**. A longtime supporter of student success, the Foundation recently pledged additional support for creative arts and film studies. In recognition of this, the program is being renamed as the John P. Murphy Student Film Initiative.



Tri-C Alumnus and aspiring film producer Thomas Matheis, with Octavia Spencer at the Foundation's 2017 Presidential Scholarship Luncheon

"The John P. Murphy Foundation is providing a boost for our entire region by supporting Tri-C's film studies," said Megan O'Bryan, president of the Tri-C Foundation. "The program gives students the tools they need to start work in the movie industry by experiencing a wide range of skills needed on the job. It is also benefiting our economy, as Ohio is becoming a mecca for film production. Tri-C graduates are ready to fill the gap in local production talent that many production companies seek."

Since graduating, Matheis has worked on Bruce Willis' *Acts of Violence*, Sylvester Stallone's *Escape Plan 3*, along with *Native Son*, *The Last Summer* and *Them that Follows*. The aspiring cinematographer credits Tri-C with providing him the training he needed to start his career.

We appreciate the continued partnership of the John P. Murphy Foundation, which is launching Tri-C students like Matheis to success in the multibillion-dollar movie industry. ■

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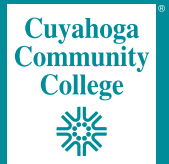
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Advancing student success

We appreciate the support from the following recent donors whose gifts are helping to advance student success, bolster the prosperity of our region and grow support for priority projects at the College.

AT&T has awarded \$70,000 through its AT&T Aspire initiative to support the Foundation's Hispanic Scholarship Fund and create future educational opportunities.

Recently established with the Foundation, the **Oatey Company Endowed Scholarship Fund** will provide funding for students enrolled in the College's workforce training programs.

Former Encore and Program 60 students **Nancy and Mark Rubin** have established a scholarship to support access and completion for Creative Arts students. They were motivated to help students after seeing firsthand the financial challenges many of them face in paying for education.

The **Arconic Foundation** is supporting the College's Youth Technology Academy (YTA). This gift will enhance the YTA mission in science, technology, engineering and mathematics by helping to prepare tomorrow's workforce for rewarding careers that advance the future of manufacturing.

Microsoft has donated to support the Cleveland Codes Tri-C Software Developers Academy, which provides fast-track technology training to help qualified individuals move into IT jobs. Following the 16-week course, students complete 12-week



More than 70 Hispanic students, some of whom are shown here received scholarships at the College's Annual Hispanic Council Luncheon.

apprentice-style internships with local employers that position them for new careers as entry-level software developers.

The **Reinberger Foundation** has provided funding for the Veterans Education Access Program (VEAP), which provides educational and outreach services to veterans, active duty military, reservists and military families. VEAP offers educational assessment and development for college and career planning, certificate and degree programs, student support services and connections to veteran resources within the community. Nearly 80,000 community contacts have been made through the College's Veterans Initiative since 2007.

Marshal Peter J. Elliott Receives Distinguished Alumni Award

The Tri-C Foundation was pleased to present its inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award to U.S. Marshal Peter J. Elliott in June. A first generation college student, Elliott graduated from Tri-C in 1990, earned a bachelor's degree from Capital University and has served as a United States Marshal for three presidents. Elliott, the longest-serving U.S. Marshal in Ohio, has been honored by members of the U.S. Congress on numerous occasions for his innovations and success. A successful high school athlete, he once dreamed of a career in baseball, before a knee injury dashed his hopes. On accepting the award, he said, "I thank Tri-C for this great award and for giving a broken down high school baseball player a chance to succeed!" His advice to students: "Remember everything happens for a reason and a purpose." ■



2018 Tri-C Distinguished Award recipient Alumnus Peter J. Elliott

FOUNDATION COLUMN

**MEGAN
O'BRYAN**



Megan O'Bryan
President, Tri-C Foundation

New strategic plan focuses on changing lives, transforming the region's workforce

Only 54% of adults in Northeast Ohio have the education or skills required to meet job openings projected for 2020. Through its new strategic plan, the Tri-C Foundation is prioritizing programs that will help close the skills gap. Our plan seeks investments in education and training to prepare more students for good paying jobs in the high-demand fields of manufacturing, IT and healthcare. The Foundation will work to develop industry partnerships to change lives and transform our region's workforce.

Seventy-five percent of students entering Tri-C are "non-traditional," meaning they do not come to the College straight from high school. The Foundation's strategic plan prioritizes support to help these students succeed, particularly veterans, minorities and first-generation students. The new plan underscores the need for emergency financial support, in addition to increased scholarships.

The strategic plan shares an exciting new vision for the Foundation to ensure that every student has the resources needed to learn, thrive and succeed. I commend our Board of Directors for undertaking this effort and thank planning co-chairs Whitt Butler and Trina Evans for leading this research and input-driven process with an eye to the future.

Tri-C has the lowest tuition in the state of Ohio and offers high-quality degree and certificate programs that lead to family-sustaining wages. Student success is continually on the rise, and nearly 90% of our alumni stay local. For these reasons and many more, there is no better investment than the Tri-C Foundation. Thank you for supporting Cuyahoga Community College, where futures begin. ■

Catherine Kilbane honored for distinguished service

The Tri-C Foundation Board of Directors awarded its 2018 Heath Oliver Distinguished Director Award to Catherine Kilbane, who joined the Board in 2007. She served as the Foundation's board chairperson from 2012 to 2014, providing leadership during the Reaching New Heights campaign that raised more than \$36 million to make higher education accessible to Northeast Ohio residents. She has held additional roles on the Board as well.

She is retired as senior vice president and general counsel of The Sherwin-Williams Company.

"We are pleased to honor Cathy Kilbane with our 2018 Heath Oliver Award," said Trina Evans,



Catherine Kilbane

chairperson of the Foundation Board. "She has shown ongoing and significant passion and engagement for Cuyahoga Community College, the Tri-C Foundation and our students. We are fortunate to count her among our directors."

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 and the Foundation successfully launched its first major gifts campaign. ■

Foundation Director News



Chris Bart

The Tri-C Foundation welcomes the following new directors to the Board. We look forward to working with each of them to provide resources for advancing student success at Cuyahoga Community College and helping to transform the lives of our students.

Chris Bart is managing director and partner at Aurum Wealth Management Group. He received his bachelor's degree from Cleveland State University.



Paul Fox

Paul Fox is the managing partner at Skylight Financial Group. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Ulster.

Nicolette Jaworski is director of external affairs at AT&T. She received her bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University.

Kathy Krieger is foodservice sales manager at PepsiCo. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Akron.



Nicolette Jaworski

Virginia Lindseth, Ph.D., is a community leader. She received her doctorate in educational psychology from Case Western Reserve University, where she later earned an executive MBA. She also holds a Master of Arts degree in guidance and counseling from John Carroll University and an undergraduate degree in history from Cornell University.



Kathy Krieger

We appreciate the service of the following departing directors:

Scott Orr, vice president, Gilbane Building Company, serving since 2017.

Jodi Bonda, president, JH Bonda & Company, serving since 2004. She was a co-chair of the Development Committee and has been a longtime supporter of student scholarships and programming.

Gwenay Reaze-Coniglio, president, The Coniglio Company, serving since 2011. She served on the Executive Committee and supported many events to benefit student scholarships.

A very special thank you to Tri-C President Emeritus **Jerry Sue Thornton, Ph.D.**, who has served the Foundation since 1992. She has been named Director Emeritus in honor of her passion and dedication to support student success. ■



Virginia Lindseth, Ph.D.

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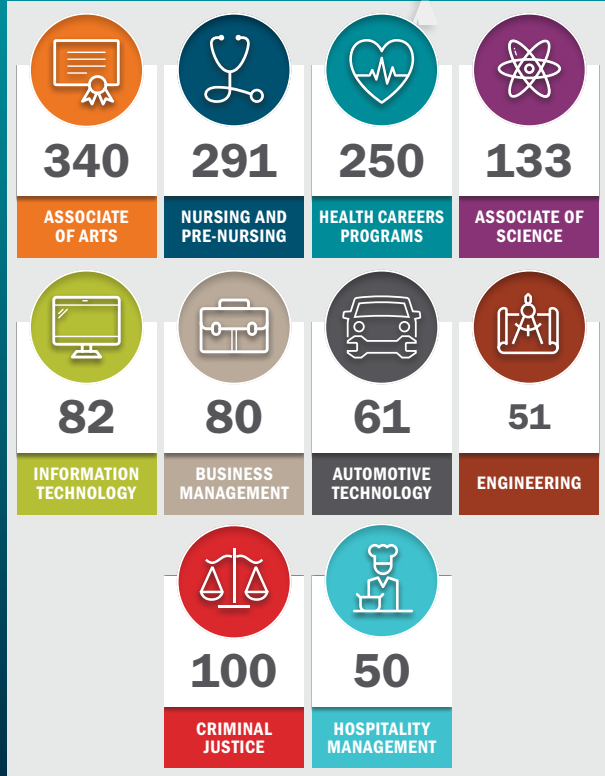
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