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CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

SUMMER 2013

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS



Catherine M. Kilbane, **Tri-C Foundation Chairperson**

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Board of Directors is very grateful to the supporters of Pathway to Possibilities, held on June 7th to celebrate

the leadership and legacy of Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton. Thanks to the generosity of many, we raised a record \$1.1 million from this event to benefit scholarships for students of Cuyahoga Community College!

Directors of the Foundation Board are very excited to welcome Dr. Alex Johnson back to Cleveland as the fourth president of Cuyahoga Community College. We look forward to working together with him as we endeavor to reach new heights for the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation. Even though we exceeded our goals in completing our Invest in People – A Legacy for the Future Campaign (see page 3), we have so much more to do to meet the needs of our community. Thank you to everyone who helped us meet our goals. Our students and our community depend on each and every one of us to ensure that we continue to provide affordable, high-quality education and workforce training.

Catherine M. Kilbane, Chairperson **Tri-C Foundation**

Community College's Metropolitan Campus from 1993 to 2003, has been named President of Cuyahoga Community College, effective July 1, 2013.

He returns to Tri-C from the Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC), where he served as president of the nearly 60,000 student, nine campus/center institution

Dr. Alex Johnson, who led Cuyahoga

Dr. Alex Johnson as President

in greater Pittsburgh. Previously, he was chancellor of Delgado Community College in New Orleans, serving in that capacity during Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath.

"In Dr. Johnson, we have found a strong leader with the ability to extend his influence beyond the College itself. He has an absolute commitment to student success and to supporting our faculty and staff and has demonstrated his ability to manage fiscal affairs responsibly. Moreover, he will be aligned and engaged with the community's needs and interests, and willing and able to evolve our organization in response to a changing environment," said Jerry L. Kelsheimer, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

"As Metropolitan Campus President I had the great privilege to serve under and work closely with Dr. Thornton for 10 years," said Dr. Johnson. "It is indeed both an honor and very humbling that the Board has the confidence in my ability to build upon her tremendous legacy."

During his tenure at CCAC, Dr. Johnson is credited with strengthening the college's leadership in meeting the Pittsburgh region's workforce and economic development needs as well as expanding recognition of the college regionally and nationally, building CCAC's commitment





Dr. Alex Johnson, President **Students We Serve**



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN





Dr. Alex Johnson President Cuyahoga Community College

Invest in People – Building on the Legacy... Reaching New Heights

I am so excited to be back home in Cleveland at Cuyahoga Community College. Although I have been away for a few years, the College and the City have remained close to my heart. It is great to see so many positive things happening in Cleveland, and here at Cuyahoga Community College. Next month we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first day of classes, on September 23. So much has been accomplished through the years, and yet so many opportunities await us.

Cuyahoga Community College and the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation are blessed to have great friends, supporters and partners in our community. These partners have made possible so many of the College's achievements, helping to build a legacy for the future. As we look ahead to the next 50 years for Tri-C, it is more important than ever that we continue to *Invest in People*, Building on the Legacy to Reach New Heights.

There is nothing more important than ensuring student success for those studying in our classrooms, many of whom are struggling to meet the financial burden as they seek a better living. We must continue to *Invest in People*, making education affordable by supporting the Foundation's critically needed scholarships for student success. As we work together with our partners to build the next chapter and reach new goals, we must continue to enable student success. I hope you will join me in this mission. I look forward to working with you and seeing you in the community!

PNC Provides Support for Students in Tri-C's High Tech Academy

For over a decade, PNC has been a major supporter of Cuyahoga Community College's High Tech Academy (HTA), an innovative educational option that uniquely prepares secondary school students for technology-focused careers.

A joint effort between Cuyahoga Community College and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD), HTA provides programming for a minimum of 270 CMSD high school students annually. Students complete a rigorous academic program, earning college credit that can be applied toward a two- or four-year degree while they work toward their high school diplomas.

Since the launch of the program in 2000, more than 1,000 high school students have earned college credit prior to high school graduation, and 52 high school students have graduated with their associate degrees as they received their high school diplomas. Nearly 70 HTA students graduate



In 2012-13, 70 students graduated from Tri-C's High Tech Academy

from the program annually, on track to become successful professionals.

The College welcomed Mr. Saul Ramos, Vice President, Community Development Banking at PNC, as a special guest speaker at the 2013 HTA graduation. The College and the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation are very grateful for PNC's steadfast partnership with HTA and for helping these young people grow up great!

Tri-C Foundation's Invest in People Campaign Exceeds Goal

In July 2011, the Tri-C Foundation set an ambitious goal of securing \$40 million over two years to support student scholarships and program development and enhancement. Through the generosity of local and national foundations, corporations, government agencies, and thousands of members of our community, the Foundation significantly exceeded the Invest in People – A Legacy for the Future Campaign's goal, raising more than \$41.3 million for Tri-C students. Through contributions and planned gifts, the Tri-C Foundation grew its endowment funds, building a legacy for student scholarships as well as teaching and learning excellence. The Campaign fostered such innovations as the Tommy LiPuma Center for Creative Arts and the Veterans Education Connection Center. Contributions enhanced and expanded youth-serving programs and arts programming. Donations supplied education and workforce training programs with state-of-the art equipment and learning resources and scholarships.

The Foundation's Directors played a major role in achieving this milestone through their own contributions and by broadening the reach of the Foundation throughout Northeast Ohio. Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Board Chairperson,



Tri-C students at Commencement, Spring 2013

Catherine M. Kilbane, said, "The Tri-C Foundation is delighted with the community's passion for the mission and values of Cuyahoga Community College. It is overwhelming to see how people and organizations, some for the very first time, generously found ways to express their commitment to student access and student success through support of this Campaign."

Thank you for your support of the *Invest in People* – A Legacy for the Future Campaign to ensure that Cuyahoga Community College will always remain the place where futures begin.

Aetna Foundation Supports Health Careers Summer Programs

Thanks to support from the Aetna Foundation, students from around the region are exploring careers in health care this summer at Tri-C's Health Careers Summer Academy and Exploration.

Cuyahoga Community College's Health Careers Summer Academy and Exploration initiative cultivates young people's interest in health careers and diversifies the next generation of health care professionals. The goal is to introduce youth, primarily from low-income families, to a variety of health careers in hands-on, fun and interesting ways, making health careers an inviting, clear and realistic choice.

Students in Tri-C's Health Careers Summer Academy learn about the health care professions.

The program has two components: the Health Careers

Summer Academy (grades 5 and 6) and the Health Careers Summer Exploration (grades 7 through 9), which meet weekdays for one to two weeks.

This project serves students from the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, expanding their knowledge base of health careers, allowing them to experience health careers programs with positive employment outlooks for the coming years and helping to expand the pipeline to health professions. Providing an early introduction and guidance to students considering professional goals in health-related fields, the project helps students become better prepared to enter and succeed in college.

Cuyahoga Community College Welcomes Dr. Alex Johnson as President Continued from page 1

to diversity and updating the facilities needed for innovative learning. He also worked to strengthen the college's financial position through effective and efficient budget management processes and the expansion of revenue streams, including a groundbreaking \$41 million fundraising campaign. Johnson earned a doctorate from the Pennsylvania State University, a master's degree from Lehman College, a bachelor's degree from Winston-Salem State University and is the recipient of two honorary degrees.

Business Owners Eager to Create Jobs and Stimulate the Economy

The *10,000 Small Businesses* initiative at Cuyahoga Community College has served over 100 small business owners since the launch of classes in September 2012.

The Goldman Sachs Foundation continues its five year commitment to the Greater Cleveland area (\$5 million in grants to support business education through Cuyahoga Community College and \$10 million in lending capital). The purpose of the *10,000 Small Businesses* initiative is to allow local small businesses to create jobs and stimulate economic growth. The program also offers business advice, technical assistance and networking

opportunities to participating small business owners through an extensive network, built in partnership with Goldman Sachs. "Access to Capital" is a topic covered throughout the curriculum and through



Graduation day for business owners from the 10,000 Small Businesses initiative.

direct business services. According to the program's Executive Director, Joe Gross, "The program provides needed education and capital, positively resulting in job creation and business growth."

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Staples Supports Student Scholarship Funds



The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation appreciates the support of Staples, whose team members recently presented a check for student scholarship support to the Foundation. Pictured, left to right are Larry Hinton, Senior Account Manager, Staples; Rebecca Jacobs, Business Development Executive, Staples; Gloria Moosmann, Vice President Resource Development & Tri-C Foundation; and Kevin Hudson, District Sales Manager -Account Management, Staples. We appreciate their support!

Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Congratulates all of the members of the Class of 2013!

Here are the appreciative words of some 2013 graduates who received Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Scholarships to support their educational pathways.



"I have always wanted to further my education. Finances have been one of my biggest struggles and I appreciate the scholarship support from the Tri-C Foundation."

Elizabeth Chipman Culinary Arts



"A scholarship to me is not just money, but another ticket to help me to get on the train to my success!"

Jordan Shores Associate of Arts





"Scholarships give students peace of mind and help them with their expenses. They provide something to work for. Thank you for your support."

San Kim Information Technology

"Scholarships can make that difference in the ability for a potential student to pursue higher education. Thank you!"

Paul R. Panehal Associate of Science





Thank You for Supporting Scholarships for Student Success

Pathway to Possibilities Honors Dr. Thornton's Legacy



Dr. Thornton jams on the drums with guest performer Chris Botti



Lorna Wisham, Senior Advisor, Federal Affairs, FirstEnergy Corp.; Dr. Thornton and Gena C. Lovett, Chief Diversity Officer, Alcoa

Pathway to Possibilities, held on Friday, June 7, at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, honored Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton for more than two decades of service as President of Cuyahoga Community College. The event raised more than \$1.1 million for student scholarships at Tri-C.

Many people know that one of Dr. Thornton's greatest passions is access and support for education for Tri-C students, helping to make education accessible to the community. "Dr. Thornton insisted that the greatest honor and recognition for her would be student scholarships. By supporting the Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton Scholarship Fund, our donors are providing students with a pathway to possibilities," said Catherine M. Kilbane, Chairperson of the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation.

Jerry Kelsheimer, Chairman of the Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees, recognized Dr. Thornton for her unparalleled leadership and vision and recognized her as one of the most respected and innovative leaders within the field of higher education.



Albert Ratner, Dr. Thornton, and Audrey Ratner



Tom and Judi Embrescia, Dr. Thornton and Kathy and Bill O'Neill

"I am very pleased to announce, in recognition and honor of all that Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton has contributed and achieved during her over 21 years of service to Cuyahoga Community College, the Board of Trustees will soon be naming the Institutional Advancement Building on East 22nd Street the Jerry Sue Thornton Center, and the appointment of Dr. Thornton as President Emeritus of Cuyahoga Community College," Kelsheimer said.

"The philanthropy of so many donors and friends helped to make *Pathway to Possibilities* a success. Their support is enabling access to education by providing scholarships for students. We are so very grateful for the leadership of our host committee, the more than 750 guests in attendance at the event and all of those who supported it. They truly made possible a fitting celebration to one of our region's most respected leaders," said Gloria Moosmann, Vice President, Resource Development & Tri-C Foundation.



Tri-C Foundation Chairperson, Catherine M. Kilbane with Dr. Thornton and Tri-C Board of Trustees Chairman, Jerry L. Kelsheimer



Sheila Chiricosta, Dr. Thornton, and Richard A. Chiricosta, President and CEO, Medical Mutual of Ohio



Pathway to Possibilities drew more than 750 guests to honor Dr. Thornton's leadership and legacy on June 7, 2013 at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel.

Nursing Alumna Thankful for Her Tri-C Education

Tri-C Nursing alumna Genevieve Szuba graduated with an associate degree in Nursing (ADN) in 1970. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Nursing degree from Ohio State University and a Master of Nursing degree from Case Western Reserve University. Ms. Szuba enjoyed a long career in public health nursing, working for the Ohio Department of Health on projects such as identifying illnesses in agricultural workers and investigating occupational deaths across the state. Since she started her nursing career later in life, she credits Tri-C with allowing her the flexibility she needed to work full-time while pursuing her education.

She has many fond memories of the faculty members who helped her along the way. "Tri-C was there when I needed it, and part of my heart is still there." Ms. Szuba is also a first generation college graduate whose mother emigrated from Poland at the age of 14. "My mother was very proud of me and my accomplishments, and I am happy to be able to give back and help Tri-C students,"

she said. Taking advantage of the IRA charitable rollover, she has provided scholarship support for students pursuing health careers.

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation greatly appreciates the support of Genevieve Szuba and all of the alumni who generously give back to support student success at Tri-C. ■

Help Tri-C Students with Tax-Free Gifts from Your IRA

Did you know you can support the Tri-C Foundation with an IRA charitable rollover? The rollover allows you to make a gift from your IRA and without negative tax implications. If you are age 70 ½ or older, you can:

- Transfer the funds directly to the Tri-C Foundation (not to a charitable trust, donoradvised fund or charitable gift annuity)
- 2. Make your gift while you are living and see how your generosity can help Tri-C's students achieve their dreams of a college education
- 3. Make your gift by December 31, 2013
- 4. Make any size gift to the Tri-C Foundation to support student success

Please consult your financial advisor when making these decisions. For more information, please contact the Tri-C Foundation at 216-987-4868.

Kelvin and Eleanor Smith Foundation Gift Supports Creative Arts

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation appreciates the generous funding from the Kelvin and Eleanor Smith Foundation to support expansion and enhancement

of the Creative Arts Technology programming at the College's Eastern Campus. With their partnership, the College's Music Technology and Recording Arts Technology programs has funding available for space and lab renovation, essential equipment and technology upgrades.

This support will ensure that students throughout our region will have increased opportunities to pursue their academic goals. The College and the Foundation are grateful for the continued partnership with the Kelvin and Eleanor Smith Foundation, which has greatly enriched and strengthened the quality of education and training that the College provides for members of the community, creating a legacy for the future.

Genevieve Szuba



GUEST COLUMN JOHN E. SKORY



John E. Skory President The Illuminating Company

Tri-C is a Partner for Success

Cuyahoga Community College is known as the place where futures begin. For me, this is certainly the case, and I am pleased to be counted among the graduates of Tri-C. During high school, I began working for The Illuminating Company and soon realized that I needed to continue my education in order to grow with the organization. I spent two years both in the classroom and on the job, pursuing my associate degree from Tri-C.

Then, I was able to transfer my credit to earn my bachelor's degree, as well as pursue graduate work. Tri-C taught me to appreciate lifelong learning and the importance of a good education.

The Illuminating Company and its parent company, FirstEnergy Corp., are pleased to partner with Cuyahoga Community College to benefit our community. Many of our employees have earned their degrees and/or certifications through the College's programs. Skilled employees are critical to us, so we support access to Tri-C's programs through the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Scholarship Funds. The Illuminating Company partnered with Tri-C to form the Power Systems Institute (PSI) training program. Students who have graduated from the program have gained full-time employment with The Illuminating Company.

Cuyahoga Community College is an asset to our region, delivering upon its mission of providing an accessible, affordable education to our community. I support the students and programs through the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation. I hope you will do the same and help keep our region strong and prosperous!

Employee Donor Spotlight

Dr. Mark Ryland is an Associate Professor of Electroneurodiagnostic Technology and Polysomnography at the Western Campus. He believes providing academic information is just one aspect of being a good teacher.

"My initial undergraduate and graduate college career would have been much more difficult had it not been for financial support from my GI Bill. I feel strongly that any person motivated enough to attend college should get the chance, and finances should not be a barrier. Supporting scholarships is a responsibility I have as someone who benefited from financial assistance."

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



Dr. Mark Ryland Associate Professor of Electroneurodiagnostic Technology and Polysomnography

VICE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN GLORIA MOOSMANN



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

Cuyahoga Community College Foundation – Reaching New Heights

This is an exciting time for Cuyahoga Community College and the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation. We are in the midst of the celebration of 50 years of helping people build new futures for themselves, their families, and our community. For so many of them, this would not be possible without the financial support of student scholarships.

We are very fortunate to have such great partners in our community, ranging from corporations, foundations and agencies, to alumni and friends. Each and every one of you who has supported the Tri-C Foundation has enabled critical support for scholarships and programs at the College. On behalf of all of the students who have benefited from your generosity, thank you!

We are pleased that Dr. Alex Johnson has joined us as our new President to provide the leadership and vision to guide us down the critical path of ensuring student success. As we continue to *Invest in People*, we will focus on Reaching New Heights. The needs have never been greater for our students and our community. Thank you for your past support. I hope we can count on your continued support as we begin to write the next chapter for Cuyahoga Community College, the Tri-C Foundation and the Community we serve.

Shelley Roth Recognized for Distinguished Service to Cuyahoga Community College Foundation

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Board of Directors awarded The Heath Oliver Distinguished Director Award to Ms. Shelley Roth, President, Pierre's Ice Cream Company at its annual meeting in June.

Ms. Roth has long been a part of the Tri-C family, and has served on the Foundation Board for 17 years, since July 1996. Throughout this time, she 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 committees.





Shelly Roth President, Pierre's Ice Cream Company

became a fundraising priority; the Foundation successfully launched its first Major Gifts Campaign; and the Presidential Scholarship Luncheons and Campaign raised significant dollars for scholarships. Mr. Oliver will long be remembered for his tireless dedication and commitment to the Foundation, the College, and Tri-C students.

"Shelley Roth exemplifies the commitment to education and extraordinary support of the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation that Mr. Heath Oliver himself so uniquely demonstrated. She demonstrates

a strong commitment to the ideal that access to education is essential and, in the tradition of Mr. Oliver, exerts extraordinary effort to ensure the continued support of the Foundation, the College and the students we serve," said Catherine M. Kilbane, Chairperson, Cuyahoga Community College Foundation.

Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Welcomes New Director



Kevin S. Thomas, Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, serves as an assurance partner with extensive engagement with public companies and non-profit organizations. He received his B.S. in Accounting from The Pennsylvania State University and his MBA from the University of Pittsburgh.

Thank You to Outgoing Directors

The Tri-C Foundation thanks two departing members of the Board for their service, Mr. Kazi R. Islam, former Chairperson of the Audit Committee, and Mr. Gregg A. Eisenberg, Esq., former Director. We appreciate their dedication to the Foundation, the College, and the students we serve.

Cuyahoga Community College Announces Dr. Ron Liss as New President of Western Campus



Dr. Ron Liss has been named President of Cuyahoga Community College's Western Campus, effective July 22, 2013.

Dr. Liss came to Tri-C from Santa Fe Community College, where he served as Vice President for Academic Affairs. Previously, he held numerous positions at Montgomery College in Maryland, including Dean for Business, Management, Chemistry, and Information Sciences; Director of

Distance Learning and Academic Innovation; and Director of Academic and Student Affairs. He spent 15 years at the Community College of Baltimore County as faculty, department chair, division chair and Director of Instructional Technology.



Cuyahoga Community College When Tri-C opened its doors on September 23, 1963, more than 3,000 students stood in line to register. It was the largest first-day enrollment in community college history.

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