

CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE (TRI-C®)



**Spring  
2025**

# CONVOCATION

**Wednesday, May 14**  
**Metropolitan Campus**



Cuyahoga  
Community  
College





Welcome! On behalf of the Convocation committee and our College's leadership team, I'd like to thank you for attending Tri-C's Spring 2025 Convocation.

This has been a tremendous academic year for Tri-C, and we're here today to both celebrate our accomplishments and look toward the future.

We have much to celebrate from the past year, including the successful rollout of our new academic schools and our first bachelor's degree program, which will provide students with new pathways and opportunities to achieve their dreams.

We saw many outstanding accomplishments from our faculty. As a small sample, Joint Faculty Senate Chair Michael Wilkins was named a Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty honoree. Chef Ky-Wai Wong of our Hospitality Management program was named the regional Chef of the Year by the American Culinary Federation. And Amanda Hanley, an assistant professor of Mathematics, was selected for the next cohort of the CCPI-STEM Fellows.

We brought valuable leadership expertise aboard with the additions of Dr. Olusegun Ishmael and Lee Friedman as executives in residence and new deans who will help shape the direction of our schools and programs.

These and many other successes will add momentum to our institution as we look ahead. I thank all who attended the listening sessions for the Vision 2030 strategic planning process. Your input is tremendously valued as we create the road map to guide us for the remainder of this decade and beyond.

However, we also recognize that the past year — and particularly the past few months — has brought many challenges related to external mandates. As we navigate these new expectations, I want to assure you that we will remain supportive as you continue the important work of educating and supporting our students.

I appreciate your hard work, devotion to our students and steadfast commitment to Tri-C. Together, we will continue to add to our momentum and move Tri-C toward an even brighter future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "MAB", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Michael A. Baston, J.D., Ed.D.  
*President*



# Agenda



**8 – 8:45 a.m.**

## **Coffee and Conversation**

Alex B. Johnson Campus Center (MCC), Food Court

**9 – 10:45 a.m.**

## **Morning Program**

Auditorium

### **Faculty Welcome**

**Michael Wilkins**

*Associate Professor, Mathematics*

*Chairperson, Joint Faculty Senate Council (JFSC)*

**Haidy Kamel**

*Associate Professor, Chemistry*

*President, AAUP/Tri-C Chapter*

### **Presidential Remarks**

**Michael A. Baston**

*College President*

### **Provost's Remarks**

**Karen Miller**

*Provost and Executive Vice President, Access, Learning  
and Success*

### **Retention Updates**

**Angela Johnson**

*Vice President, Enrollment Management*

### **Student and Faculty Showcase**

**Michelle Davis**

*Assistant Professor, Earth Science, Western Campus  
Betwixt and Between Bayous, Bridges, Buttes and Bays*

**Michelle Florencki**

*Assistant Professor, Dental Hygiene, Metropolitan Campus  
Development of Materials for Orientation to the Clinical  
Evaluation System*

**Rachel Discipio Ketler**

*Student, Phi Theta Kappa - Chi Omega Chapter, President*

**Nancy Weissman**

*Professor/Librarian, Phi Theta Kappa Advisor, Westshore Campus*

### **Closing Remarks**

**11 a.m. – noon**

## **Academic School Meetings**

These meetings are intended for all full-time and adjunct faculty, lecturers, deans, program managers/directors, preceptors and staff associated with each school.

**Advanced Manufacturing,  
Engineering and Computer  
Science**  
MAM 110

**Business, Legal Professions  
and Hospitality**  
MBA 209

**Creative Arts**  
MTA 10/Studio Theatre

**Counselors and Librarians**  
MLA 102

**Liberal Arts and Sciences**  
MCC 201

**Nursing and Health Professions**  
MSHC 336

**Workforce Innovation**  
Auditorium

**11 a.m. – noon**

## **Workspace**

Staff members not associated with a school meeting may utilize these workspace locations.

### **Workspace Locations:**

- Alex B. Johnson Campus Center (MCC), Food Court
- Courtyard
- Gill and Tommy LiPuma Center for Creative Arts, CCA 101
- Technology Learning Center TLC 154 and TLC 155

**Noon – 1 p.m.**

## **Lunch**

Gymnasium, Recreation Center (MRC)

**1:15 – 2 p.m.**

## **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

**2:15 – 3:15 p.m.**

## **Adjunct Faculty Engagement Session: Building Classes in Brightspace**

MTLC 153

### **Deans Council Meeting**

MSHC 2A and 2B

### **JFSC/AAUP Full-Time Faculty Meeting**

MCC 201

**3:30 – 5 p.m.**

## **Full-Time Faculty Counterparts Meetings**

*See page 8 for room assignments.*

### **Curriculum Drop-In Support for Full-Time Faculty Counterparts Meetings**

Visit in person at MCC 066 or get support [via Webex](#).



## CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**1:15 – 2 p.m.**

### **AI in Education: Opportunities, Challenges and Best Practices**

MCC 201

This breakout session will discuss practical applications, ethical considerations and strategies for integrating AI tools while maintaining academic integrity and student engagement. Join us to share insights and collaborate on best practices for leveraging AI in the classroom.

**Bradley Lipinski**

*Associate Professor, Philosophy, Metropolitan*

### **A Collaborative Review of ELO Data**

MBA 232

Join your colleagues from across the College to review Critical and Creative Thinking and Civic Responsibility ELO assessment data. Through collaborative analysis, we will review the rubrics, discuss key trends, and use these findings to make informed decisions to continuously improve student learning.

**Holly Craider**

*Associate Vice President, Curriculum, Assessment and Accreditation Activities*

**Anne Distler**

*Professor, Chemistry, Westshore Campus*

**Amanda Nolan**

*Program Manager, Learning Outcomes Assessment Systems*

**Pat Stansberry**

*Assistant Professor, English, Metropolitan*

### **Ensuring Web Accessibility for All: Faculty's Role in Meeting ADA Title II Compliance**

MBA 209

This breakout session will provide faculty with a comprehensive overview of the latest ADA Title II regulations and their impact on online instruction. We will discuss the Voluntary Resolution Agreement, the updated technical standards for web accessibility, and the resources available to help faculty create inclusive online learning environments.

**Joe Amschlinger**

*Executive Director, Compliance and Risk Management*

**Crystal Hester**

*Specialist, Digital Instructional Accessibility*

## CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS continued

### Faculty Externships: Learn Something New, Apply Something Great!

MTA 10

Discover the Center for the Future of Work and its role in driving research goals through faculty externships.

**Jessica Colombi**

*Executive Director, Public Policy and Economic Development*

**Michael Flatt**

*Associate Professor, Sociology*

**Michele Hampton**

*Professor, Business Administration*

**Shana Marbury**

*Executive Vice President, Workforce Innovation*

### Full-Time Faculty Travel and Professional Development Funds

MLA 102

Learn how to effectively use full-time faculty professional development funds, and gain insight into the general travel process, including submitting receipts and requesting reimbursement.

**Karen Mrak**

*Manager, Accounts Payable*

### Get Your Brightspace Courses Ready for Summer and Fall

MTLC 153

Set up your Brightspace courses for success! This session will lead a discussion through essential course preparation steps, including copying course content, updating due dates, and optimizing your course settings for a seamless student experience. Bring your questions and get support to streamline your course setup.

**OLAT Ambassadors and LMS Champions**



## A Psychological Approach To Teaching and Learning

MAM 110

Promoting effective learning for students is a fundamental goal for all faculty. This presentation explores evidence-based, discipline-specific strategies grounded in psychological science that aim to create effective learning environments that enhance student learning.

**David Paulik**

*Assistant Professor, Psychology, Westshore*

## TurnItIn and Other Tri-C Academic Technology

MTLC 155

Explore TurnItIn and other essential academic technologies available at Tri-C! This session will showcase TurnItIn and how it can support academic integrity, streamline grading, and enhance student engagement. Learn the best practices with this new academic tool!

**OLAT Ambassadors and LMS Champions**



## ADJUNCT ENGAGEMENT SESSION

**2:15 – 3:15 p.m.**

### **Building Classes in Brightspace**

MTLC 153

This presentation on Brightspace aims to introduce the new learning management system (LMS) to faculty and staff. It covers the platform's key features, such as course creation, content organization and student progress tracking. Attendees will learn how Brightspace enhances user engagement through interactive tools and resources. The presentation highlights the benefits of adopting Brightspace, including streamlined course management and improved teaching and learning experiences. By the end, participants will feel confident using the LMS and motivated to explore its capabilities, ultimately leading to increased adoption and utilization within the institution.

**Timothy Davis**

*Specialist, IT Solutions and Adjunct, Business Administration*

**Rebecca Wiggins**

*Senior Instructional Designer, Instructional Design and Learning Excellence and Adjunct, Religion and General Studies*

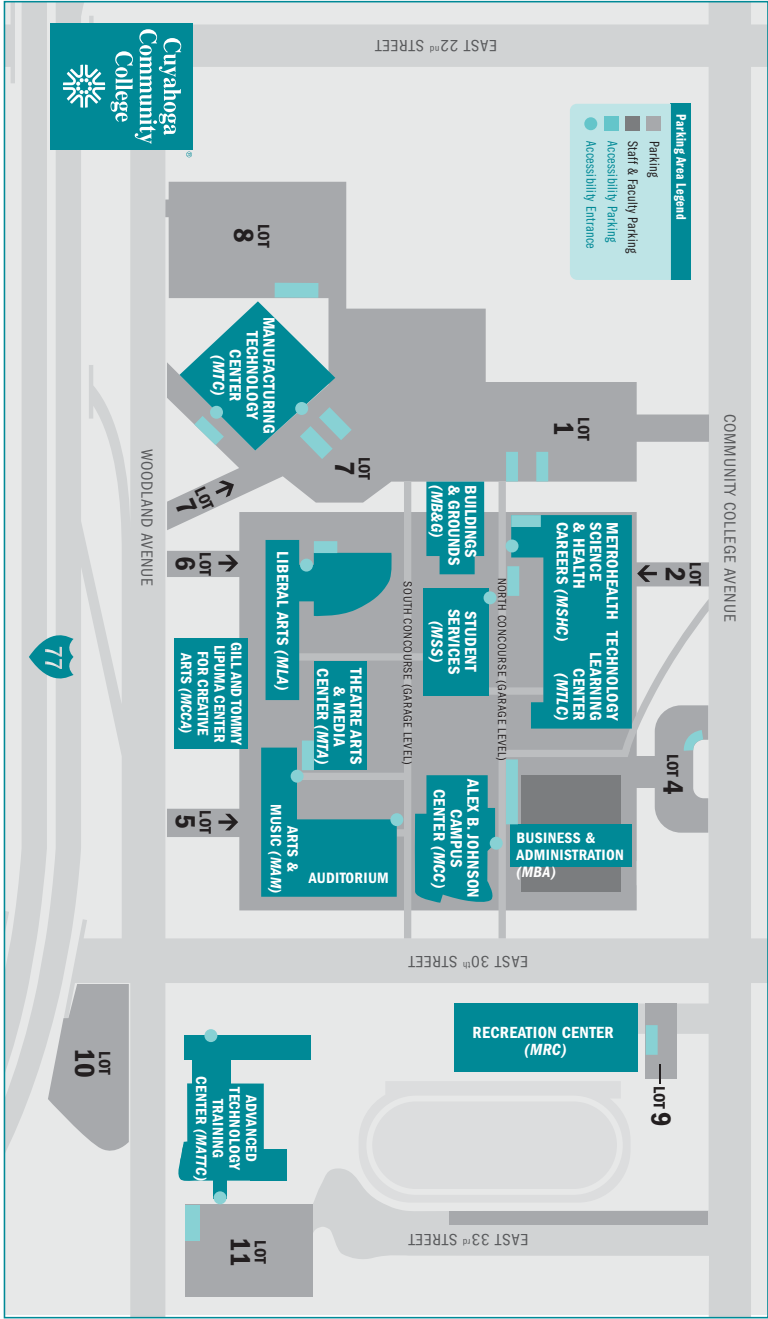


## FULL-TIME FACULTY COUNTERPARTS ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

**3:30 – 5 p.m.**

Accounting	MBA 111
Art	MAM 110
Automotive Technology	MBA 108
Biology	MSHC 114
Business Administration	MBA 107
Business Technology	MCC Common Area
Captioning and Court Reporting	MLA 104
Communication Studies	MLA 108
Counseling	MBA 232
Criminal Justice	MLA 174
Early Childhood Education	MLA 112
Emergency Medical Technology	MSHC 226B (EMT Lab)
Engineering	MLA 114
English	MLA 102
English as a Second Language	MLA 111
Film and Media Arts	MCCA 102
Foreign Languages	MLA 176A
Health Careers	MSHC 222
History/Political Science/Geography/Urban Studies/ Women's Studies	MLA 175
Hospitality Management	MLA 117
Human Services	MSHC 116
Information Technology	MBA 210
Librarians	MSS 208
Mathematics	MBA 209
Media and Journalism Studies	MCCA 202 (Media Lab)
Music	MCCA 304
Nursing	MSHC 336
Paralegal Studies	MLA 206
Philosophy/Humanities/Religious Studies	MLA 207
Physical Sciences/Chemistry/Physics/Earth Science	MSHC 302
Psychology	MLA 320
Recording Arts and Technology	MCCA 303 (RAT Lab)
Sociology/Anthropology	MLA 216
Sport and Exercise Studies	MLA 219
Theatre Arts	MCC Common Area
Visual Communication and Design	MAM 206

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