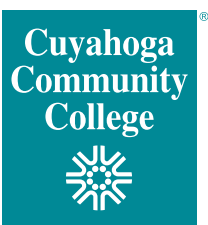


# Ohio In-Demand Jobs Week 2025: Get in the Game — Take Charge of Our Future

In-Demand Jobs Week is a statewide celebration of Ohio's top jobs, industries and skills, aimed at inspiring career exploration and skill building.



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Learn more at [tri-c.edu/IDJW](https://tri-c.edu/IDJW)



## About Cuyahoga Community College, Workforce Innovation and Workforce Partnerships

**Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®)** is Ohio's oldest, largest community college and has provided education to more than 1 million community members. More than 1,000 credit courses and 600 noncredit workforce and professional development courses are offered each year.

The Workforce Innovation division of Tri-C offers 200-plus technical programs and is dedicated to enhancing economic growth and the quality of life in Northeast Ohio. Workforce Innovation served over 8,000 students during the 2023-2024 academic year.

The Workforce Partnerships team leads efforts to strengthen and promote workforce training programs, support student recruitment and retention, and build meaningful connections with employers and community partners.



**Angela Finding, MBA**  
*Executive Director,  
Workforce Partnerships*



**Kim Johnson, Ed.D.**  
*Collegewide Director,  
Student Support Services*



**Cici Kaltz, MPP**  
*Director, Employer  
Partnerships and  
Apprenticeship Programs*



**Sarah Baldwin**  
*Recruitment Specialist*

### STUDENT PROMISE STATEMENT:

We promise to provide an affordable, accessible, and quality education that empowers you to achieve your academic and career goals by fostering a supportive, engaging, and inclusive learning environment where your success is our priority.



Dear Colleagues and Partners,

Ohio's In-Demand Jobs Week 2025 provided an incredible opportunity to showcase how Tri-C is preparing students for the region's most essential and rapidly growing career paths. I want to thank all who participated and contributed to making this week a success.

Throughout the week, we engaged over 200 individuals through a series of interactive and impactful events. We began by welcoming high school students to a hands-on Public Safety Showcase, where they explored careers in law enforcement, fire-emergency medical services and other critical fields. On May 7, community members attended our Workforce Community Showcase, where Tri-C programs, faculty and staff, alongside valued community partners, highlighted pathways to in-demand careers in health care, manufacturing, engineering, IT, construction trades, transportation and more. We closed the week with our Business Breakfast, which focused on apprenticeships and earn-and-learn models, underscoring our commitment to bridging gaps between education and employment.

Tri-C's active participation in In-Demand Jobs Week reflects our role as a leader in talent and workforce development. We are proud to work collaboratively with employers, educators and community organizations to ensure Northeast Ohio residents have access to training that leads to thriving careers.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to shape a strong, skilled workforce that meets the evolving needs of our region.

With sincere appreciation,

**Angela M. Finding**

*Executive Director, Workforce Partnerships*

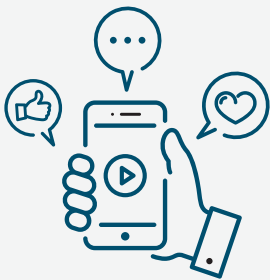
*Cuyahoga Community College*



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**200+**  
ATTENDED OR  
ENGAGED OVER  
THE WEEK



MARKETING STATS  
FOR THE WEEK  
**1,400**  
WEBSITE USERS



**27,200**  
SOCIAL  
IMPRESSIONS,  
VIEWS AND REACH



## EXTERNAL PARTNERS

- Carmella Rose Foundation
- Cement Masons Local 404
- COMTO
- Greater Cleveland Works  
(formally Ohio Means Jobs |  
Cuyahoga County)
- NEO College Tech Prep
- Ohio811/Northern Ohio  
Damage Prevention Council
- Operators Local 18
- Opportunities for Ohioans  
With Disabilities
- Painters District Council 6

## TRI-C PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

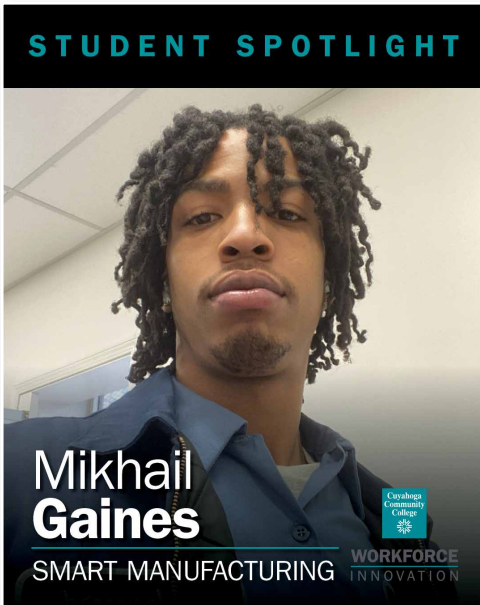
- Access Centers
- Advanced Manufacturing and  
Engineering Training Academy
- Automotive Technology
- Career Services
- Catering
- Computer Science
- Construction Training Academy
- Education Opportunity Center
- Enrollment
- Financial Aid
- Government Affairs and  
Community Outreach
- Health Industry Solutions  
Training Academy
- Hospitality Management
- Marketing and  
Communications
- Procurement
- Public Safety Training  
Academy
- Recruitment Specialists
- Transportation and Logistics  
Training Academy
- Workforce Partnerships



SHARED EVENTS INTERNALLY  
WITH TRI-C'S APPROXIMATELY  
**42,000 FACULTY,  
STAFF AND STUDENTS**  
WHO WORK AND LEARN ONLINE  
AND AT  
**TRI-C'S 4 CAMPUSES**  
ACROSS NORTHEAST OHIO

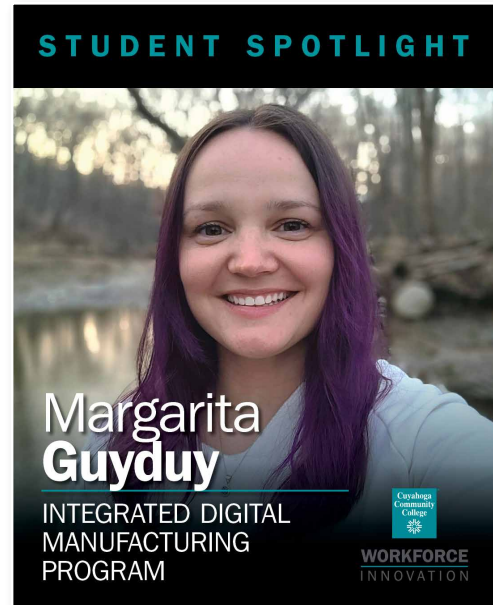
*“Everybody should go outside their comfort zone and take a chance on something you never thought you would do.”*

— Jhaira Reid, Tri-C Welding Student



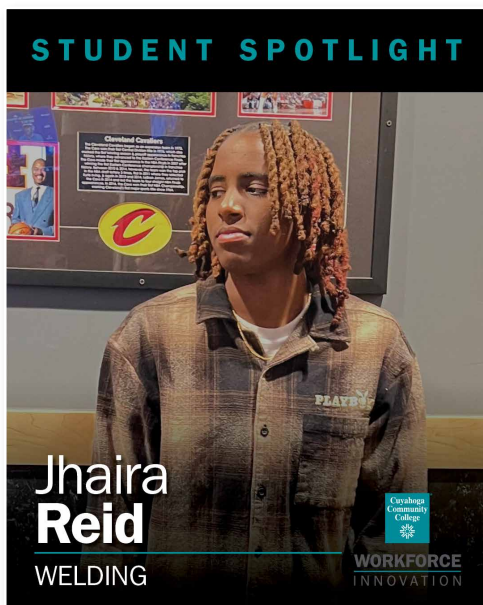
**Mikhail Gaines, Smart Manufacturing**

“My favorite thing so far has been writing a program with Professor Jarrett for a robot to draw a picture,” Gaines said. “I don’t have to be a good artist because I can write programs for the robots to do it for me.”



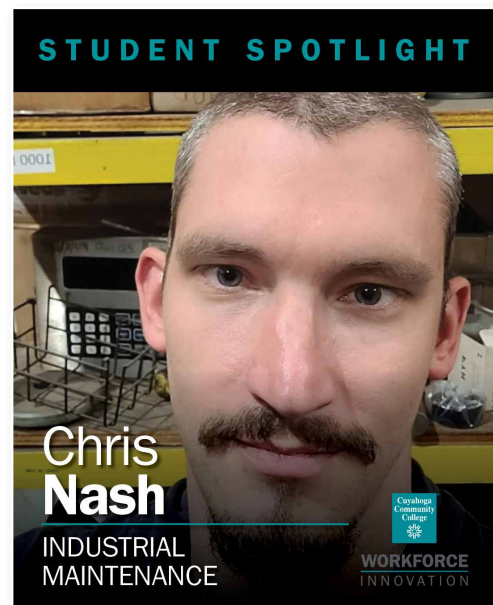
**Margarita Guyday, Integrated Digital Manufacturing**

“I realized that what I learned in class about AC/DC electrical power could help me fix my motorcycle,” Guyday said. “I like to do my own maintenance when I can, and it was so helpful that it’s directly connected to the fixes I needed to make on my bike. It was really cool.”



**Jhaira Reid, Welding**

“When I talked to the welding students and instructor, they were so welcoming and warm, explaining the different things that happen in the class, what they built in the past, and what they plan on building,” she said.



**Chris Nash, Industrial Maintenance**

“My education and job have helped me keep my sanity. This year, I made a comfortable living and I’m able to provide well for my two kids. I get to work on interesting projects, and am respected by my colleagues,” Nash said.

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**Greater Cleveland Works (GCW)**, formally known as Ohio Means Jobs | Cuyahoga County, is a state agency that serves Ohioans looking for expert guidance to advance their careers, seeking funding to boost their access to education and training, or simply exploring their options for the training and credentials they need to enter or re-join the workforce.

This year 2025 marked the organization’s eighth year celebrating In-Demand Jobs Week (IDJW), a statewide event that promotes Ohio’s in demand industries through hiring, education and training events. The theme for IDJW 2025 was “Get in the Game — Take Charge of Our Future,” which emphasizes taking an active role in career exploration, skill building and connecting with employers to secure the jobs of tomorrow.

## Public Safety Showcase

The KeyBank Public Safety Training Center on Tri-C’s Western Campus trains more emergency response professionals than any other academy in Ohio, featuring specialized simulation areas. On May 5, about 20 students from Shaw and Glenville high schools participated in hands-on demonstrations.

### DEMONSTRATIONS:

- **911 Dispatch:** Students experienced the 911/ Telecommunications training simulator and learned about the literal lifeline provided by dispatch personnel for citizens and police officers.
- **Critical Injury — First Aid and CPR:** Students learned life-saving measures taken by first responders while waiting for emergency medical services to arrive on the scene, such as using CPR and the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to restart a heart.
- **Fire Training Academy:** Students toured the Fire Academy facility, donned protective firefighter’s equipment and, under the supervision of fire academy personnel, used a charged hose line to extinguish a mock car fire.
- **Obstacle Course — Dummy Drag, Officer Down, Needs Assistance:** Teams of students exited a police cruiser and navigated an obstacle course to drag an “officer down” to safety.
- **VirTra Training System:** Students used the VirTra front-projection system to learn about de-escalation strategies for mitigating crisis situations used by law enforcement officers.
- **Virtual Reality Training:** Using virtual reality headsets, students learned how to implement strategies to resolve crisis situations involving domestic disputes and people with mental health concerns and special needs.



### TARGET AUDIENCE/ATTENDEES

High school students, chaperones and volunteers.

## Community Workforce Training Showcase

On the evening of May 7, about 110 community members visited the Manufacturing Technology Center to learn about Tri-C's workforce programs via interactive activities and informational tables. The activities included:

- Career Services Presentations
- Cement Masons Union — Virtual Reality Experience
- Engineering/Manufacturing Technology Pathway Information Sessions
- Fiber Optics Virtual Reality Experience
- Hi-Tech FabLab Activity — Make Your Own T-Shirt
- Human Patient Simulation Lab Exploration
- Mobile Training Unit Tour
- Ohio811 Interactive Digging Trailer
- Public Safety Mock Crime Scene Exploration
- Robotics and Integrated Systems Demonstrations
- Virtual Welding Activity

### TARGET AUDIENCE/ATTENDEES

Community members, partners, families, and more.



## Building the Future Workforce — Apprenticeships and Earn-and-Learn Strategies

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### BUSINESS BREAKFAST SERIES

The Workforce Partnerships team wrapped up In-Demand Jobs Week with the Business Breakfast event on May 8, drawing over 40 attendees. Moderated by Cecilia Kaltz, Director, Employer Partnerships and Apprenticeship Programs, the event featured a panel of experts discussing how apprenticeships and earn-and-learn models can address talent shortages, build sustainable pipelines, and support business growth in Northeast Ohio.

#### PANELISTS:



**Ginny Pate**

*Executive Director, Carmella Rose Health Foundation*

Ginny Pate is the executive director of the Carmella Rose Health Foundation and a certified community health worker with nearly 20 years of experience improving health in Cleveland. She helped launch the Better Health Pathways HUB to address needs in underserved communities and was named a 2024 Better Health Partnership Collaborative Champion. Pate also mentors care coordination agencies and serves on advisory boards to support Northeast Ohio's health workforce.

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**Michelle Rose**

*Chief Executive Officer, Greater Cleveland Works*

Michelle Rose is the CEO of Greater Cleveland Works, overseeing workforce development in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. Appointed by Mayor Justin Bibb in 2022, she led the organization's transition to nonprofit status and secured \$10 million in American Rescue Plan funds to expand access to skilled trades jobs.

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**Barry DiJulius Jr.**

*Director, Joint Apprenticeship Training Center, Construction Trades Operating, Cuyahoga Community College*

Barry DiJulius Jr. brings over 25 years of experience in the construction industry and seven years of experience in trade instruction. He develops workforce training programs, promotes construction technology, and mentors future industry professionals.



[Learn more about Tri-C's Workforce Innovation Division programming.](#)



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