

Tri-C Faculty Leadership in Sustainability Award, 2017

Tri-C created the *Faculty Leadership in Sustainability Award* to recognize faculty who have demonstrated leadership by incorporating sustainability in their curriculum to help students understand the basic concepts of sustainability and effectively communicate those concepts to others in the community.

The 2017 winner of the *Faculty Leadership in Sustainability Award* was Dr. Henry Young, Associate Professor of Speech Communications at the Metropolitan Campus. A class of Dr. Young's students performed a dramatic reading of an original sustainability-themed play titled "Dr. Greenfield's Final Green Exam" on the Main Stage Theater during Earth Week at Metro Campus. The play, written by award-winning local playwright and City of Cleveland Arts and Culture Coordinator Cornell Calhoun III, focused on sustainability efforts at Tri-C and in the City of Cleveland. The performance was open to the public, and audience members included members of the Tri-C community, family members and friends of performers, and a number of City of Cleveland employees. Additionally, the City of Cleveland filmed the play for a later broadcast on TV20.



Dr. Henry Young with the *Faculty Leadership in Sustainability Award* and the *Excellence in Teaching Award in Honor of Ralph M. Besse*.

Dr. Young's Speech Communications students learned about sustainability efforts at Tri-C and in the City of Cleveland in a creative way while participating in the assignment. The partnership also strengthened connections between Tri-C and the City of Cleveland.

2017 was the fourth time Dr. Young and Mr. Calhoun have collaborated on this assignment, with the play having been updated several times to incorporate changing sustainability efforts. In addition to the sustainability play, some of Dr. Young's past classes have researched and delivered environmental-themed persuasive speeches, and Dr. Young has been involved with the Metro Campus Environmental and Recycling Committee for over 8 years.



Dr. Henry Young's class performing a dramatic reading of "Dr. Greenfield's Final Green Exam," photo by Ruggero Fatica, City of Cleveland.

