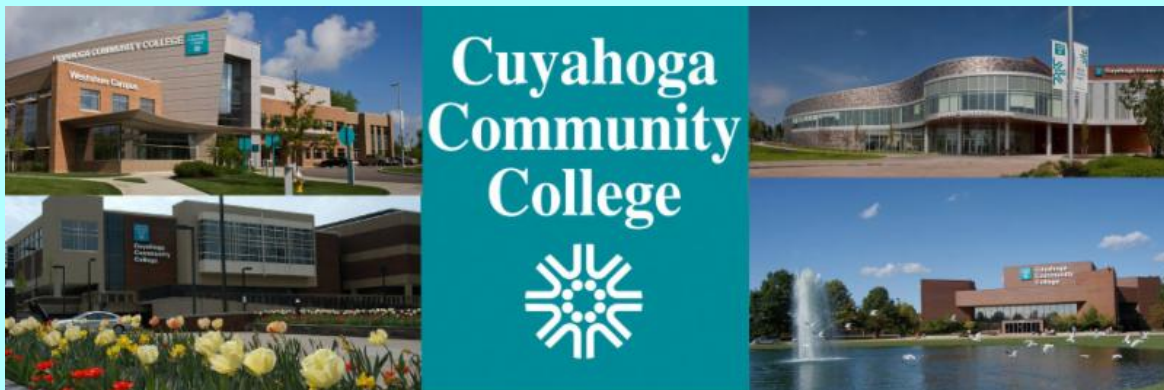


Capital Bond Projects Begin – \$34M STEM Building Underway



Welcome to the New Year!

We thank each and every one of you for helping us achieve an historic 68% passage rate of the first Capital Bond Issue in Tri-C history. The \$227.5M raised will support both College capital needs and student success for the next 25 years. We begin 2018 on a productive note, as Tri-C starts putting those funds into action. (See *our first article below.*)

Also included in our quarterly newsletter is information we hope you find useful to your work in the community and with your constituents. Of course, feel free to contact me if Cuyahoga Community College can be of help to you – whether it's for community partnerships, meeting spaces, or simply working together to meet community goals.

At Tri-C, we value the strong relationships we have with you – our civic and community leaders – and look forward to working with you and serving the growth and success of our region.

Sincerely,

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Capital Bond Progress Report

Jan. 24th STEM Groundbreaking Western Campus

At Noon on January 24th, Tri-C broke ground on a 60,000 square foot STEM/IT addition to the Western Campus in Parma. This is the first of many projects resulting from the passage of Tri-C's Capital Bond in the November 2017 election. New science and IT labs will greet students when the \$34M facility opens in Fall 2019.

"The positive impact of the Bond Issue will be felt throughout Cuyahoga County, as we work to get 85% of the projects underway within the next three years," notes Cindy Leitson, Tri-C VP of Capital, Construction, and Facilities. [Details](#)

**"Intelligence plus character –
that is the goal of true education."**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tri-C's 41st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration draws thousands to Playhouse Square

Each year, Tri-C hosts a free community celebration in observance of Dr. King's birthday – the longest-running MLK event hosted in Cleveland. This year's festivities, helmed by WKYC Anchor Russ Mitchell, began with the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra's debut of a piano concerto written by Cleveland composer Jimmie A. Parker, Sr.

Tri-C President Alex Johnson then welcomed Tri-C's MLK Scholarship winners to the Connor Palace stage (*photo right*). Two talented local student orators – Morehouse College Junior Tyler Wynne and Cleveland Wade Park School 7th Grader Madison Reid – spoke on the idea that "*Failure is not Final.*"



Rounding out the celebration – a rousing performance by three-time Grammy winner Donnie McClurkin. Tri-C VP of Government Relations Claire Rosacco noted, "It is an honor for Tri-C to observe Dr. King's birthday each year and welcome thousands of community members to celebrate with us in the historic and beautiful Playhouse Square setting." [More](#)

Fall Commencement 2017 A Record Number of Graduates



Tri-C experienced an 18 percent increase in student petitions for graduation, continuing the College's upward trend of academic achievement. Over 1,900 associates degrees and certificates were conferred at the Fall 2017 Commencement, held Dec. 19th at Cleveland State University's Wolstein Center. [More](#)

Tri-C Named a Top 10 Military Friendly School in America



Top 10 Honors: Tri-C has been designated a Top 10 Military Friendly School, landing at #2 in the nation among Large Community Colleges. It's the ninth consecutive year for the Military Friendly designation. Learn more [here](#).

We proudly celebrate Rick DeChant (left center), Executive Director of Tri-C's Veterans Initiative, who was inducted into the Ohio Veteran's Hall of Fame. He then returned from the Nov. 9th Columbus ceremony to join Tri-C in the Nov. 10th Cleveland Veterans Day Ceremony and parade, where Tri-C police cars and the Mobile Workforce Unit carried signage thanking voters

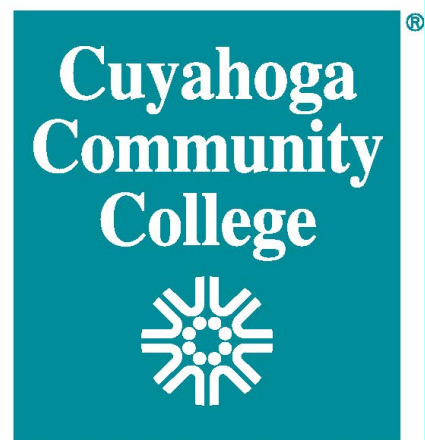
for their support of Capital Bond Issue 61. [Details](#)

Join us at the Military Resource Fair – Friday, April 20th, 9 a.m. to Noon, at the Broadview Heights Community Center (9543 Broadview), and hosted by State Representative Marlene Anielski. [More](#)

New Bond Ratings Reflect Financial Health of Tri-C

The strong and stable financial health of Cuyahoga Community College has led to elevated long-term bond ratings for the institution by the world's largest credit rating agencies. Standard & Poor's Global Ratings assigned its AA long-term rating and Moody's Investors Service its Aa1 long-term rating to the College's 2018 general obligation school facilities construction and improvement bonds.

The increases in the College's ratings will have a significant positive impact on the upcoming sale of the bonds on Jan. 31 to finance capital improvements made possible by the November passage of Issue 61 by Cuyahoga County voters. [Full Story](#)



Welcoming Hurricane Survivors to CLE

Bienvenidos a Cleveland is a collaborative project that supports families relocating to Cleveland from Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. The project, initiated through the efforts of Cuyahoga Community College, Esperanza Inc., the Spanish American Committee and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD), provides a comprehensive resource list for those in transition. [More](#)

Sen. Eklund experiences the manufacturing side of Tri-C



On Jan. 29, Tri-C was pleased to host Ohio Senator John Eklund on a site visit to Tri-C's Manufacturing Technology Center. Pictured third from left in the photo, the Senator flew a drone, used a virtual cutting machine on the Mobile Training Unit and even tried out an electric guitar made from a 3-D printer, part of Tri-C's popular music camp program. VP Alicia Booker (third from right) and VP Claire Rosacco (far left) invited Ford Motor Company's Jim Robinette (far right) to share the customized training solutions Tri-C creates for Ford on an ongoing basis, helping Ford meet new and established employee training needs.

If you'd like to schedule a tour and learn more about Tri-C solutions for workforce development, please contact Katie Montgomery at 216.987.3499.

Tri-C's Adult Diploma Program 2018 Bellwether Award Finalist

Since the 13th Century, the term "bellwether" has been used to call out those who take the lead. (*Webster's*) Building on Tri-C's 2017 distinguished Bellwether Award for the College's workforce development programs (*pictured right*), we're honored to announce that Tri-C's award-winning Adult Diploma program is a finalist for this year's national award recognition. [More](#)



Tri-C Athletes Earn National Honors



Tri-C Women's Cross Country Team Finishes in Top 20 at Nationals

Five sophomores on the Tri-C Women's Cross Country Team led the Challengers toward the top of field at the 2017 Division I Championship. They finished 19th out of 42 teams, adding to the program's history of success. [More](#)



Tri-C Soccer Player Rushoy Brown Achieves All-American Honors

Defender Rushoy Brown, named a 2017 NJCAA Division I All-American, has been recognized as one of the nation's top soccer players, adding to his list of honors following a stellar season. [More](#)



Men's Basketball Begins 2018 Ranked First in the Nation

The Cuyahoga Community College men's basketball team begins 2018 in the same place it ended - first in the nation! The Challengers, on a 19-0 run, retained their first-place ranking in the Jan. 9th National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II coaches' poll. [More](#)

Upcoming Programs & Events



A Broadway Opening for the 2018 Tri-C JazzFest!

This year's JazzFest kicks off with Tony Award winners Leslie Odom Jr. (*Hamilton*) and three-time Grammy winner Dee Dee Bridgewater (*The Wiz*) – two Broadway stars who also are luminaries in the jazz world. The show begins at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 28, at the KeyBank State Theatre at Playhouse Square.

Make plans now to join us for the 39th annual Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland, presented by KeyBank. [More](#)

Community Arts & Culture



Tri-C Presents – 11th Annual Free Classical Piano Series – Cleveland Museum of Art, March 18th at 2 p.m. – Invite your constituents to join us as we welcome internationally acclaimed pianist Lise De la Salle in her CLE debut. [More](#)



Are any of your constituents Women in Transition? Tri-C offers free, eight-week sessions to chart next steps in a life's journey. All ages welcome. [More](#)



CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE Career and Job Fair

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018
10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Employer registration will begin February 1, 2018

Cuyahoga Community College Western Campus - Gymnasium

11000 Pleasant Valley Road • Parma, OH 44130

Presented by the Workforce, Community and Economic Division
and Career Centers at Cuyahoga Community College



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