The Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the Offices of Student Life at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) invite you to embrace the unity within our community.

The Fall 2017 Celebrating Diversity Series roster brings attention to diverse topics and cultural issues, educating and enlightening faculty, staff, students and the community through a variety of lectures, workshops and programs.

Please join us as we celebrate diversity by embracing our similarities as well as our differences. For more information about these and all of our programs, please visit www.tri-c.edu/events or call 216-987-0204.

Programs are offered at various Tri-C locations:

**METROPOLITAN CAMPUS** – 2900 Community College Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115
**WESTERN CAMPUS** – 11000 Pleasant Valley Road, Parma, Ohio 44130
**EASTERN CAMPUS** – 4250 Richmond Road, Highland Hills, Ohio 44122
**WESTSHORE CAMPUS** – 31001 Clemens Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145
In Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15, 2017)

Julia De Burgos
Cultural Art Center:
“Doors to My Barrio” Exhibit

“Doors to My Barrio” is a traveling public art project in which local Cleveland artists, including students from Tri-C’s Hispanic Council, have created original pieces of work on recycled and salvaged doors. Each artist uses his or her individual style and inspiration to create a piece that represents a Latino country. Look for doors from the exhibit at the Western and Metropolitan campuses during Hispanic Heritage Month.

Contact Magda Gómez at 216-987-0204 or magda.gomez@tri-c.edu for more information.

Grupo Son Gitano

Wednesday, Sept. 20
Noon-1:30 p.m.
Western Campus Atrium

Grupo Son Gitano is an eclectic musical group that blends unique styles from Spain, South America, Puerto Rico and the U.S. to create the ultimate Latin fusion. Son Gitano jumped onto the Cleveland music scene in 2009, captivating audiences with their original sound.

Free dance lessons (11:11:30 a.m.) by Lennon
Free Caribbean food demonstrations by Tri-C alumna, Yolanda Ramos.

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Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month Zumba Style at Tri-C

Wednesday, Oct. 4
1-2 p.m.
Eastern Campus Gymnasium (ESS 1500)

This fun, easy-to-follow dance workout is a great way to burn calories, help raise your cardio endurance and improve blood circulation. Earn 50 Health and Wellness points, too!

Free smoothie-making demonstrations by Tri-C alumna, Yolanda Ramos.

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Film Screening:
Who is Dayani Cristal?

Wednesday, Oct. 11
Noon-2 p.m.
Metropolitan Campus
Mainstage Theatre (MTA 100)

This film shows the plight of migrant workers – their motivations, fears and hopes.

Sponsored by Voices from the Village

Contact Rebecca Carte at 216-987-4587 or rebecca.carte@tri-c.edu for more information.

Latino (Im)migrants in Ohio: Opportunities and Challenges

Thursday, Oct. 12
6-8 p.m.
Westshore at Corporate College West
CCW 112

Over the past fifteen years, the Latino population in Ohio has grown by 89 percent – now making up 3.5 percent of Ohio’s total population. While many were born here in Ohio, others have come from other countries and states for a variety of reasons, each with his or her own unique story. For Latinos who immigrate here from outside of the U.S. or migrate from other states, Ohio can present many opportunities (there are more than 16,000 Hispanic-owned businesses here) as well as challenges including cultural misunderstanding and discrimination.

Tri-C invites you to this panel discussion with local experts to learn more about Latinos in Ohio, the opportunities and challenges they face, and their contributions.

Panelists include:
John Flores, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Case Western Reserve University
Veronica Dahlberg, Executive Director, HOLA Ohio
Elena Foulis, Ph.D., Senior Lecturer, The Ohio State University

Contact Rebecca Carte at 216-987-4587 or rebecca.carte@tri-c.edu for more information.
SEPTEMBER:

Common Reading Kickoff

Wednesday, Sep. 13
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Metropolitan Campus
MLA Studio 101

Students, faculty and staff are welcomed to this open house event. Attendees will receive FREE books and T-shirts, and view interactive displays, videos and a gallery walk. Contact Lisanetta McDade at 216-987-3442 or lisanetta.mcdade@tri-c.edu for more information.

Film Screening: 13th

Thursday, Sep. 21
noon-1:40 p.m.
Metropolitan Campus
MTC 229

Wednesday, Oct. 4
7-9 p.m.
Westshore at Corporate College West
CCW 112

Tuesday, Oct. 10
2-4:30 p.m.
Metropolitan Campus
Black Box Theatre (MCCA 108)

DEFAMATION is a riveting courtroom drama that explores the highly charged issues of race, religion, gender, class and the law with a twist: The audience is the jury. More than a play, DEFAMATION is a unique opportunity to engage in civil discourse about the most pressing social issues of our day. Contact Magda Gómez at 216-987-0204 or magda.gomez@tri-c.edu for more information.

Leadership Workshop:
Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Understanding

Thursday, Sep. 21
9:30-10:25 a.m.
Eastern Campus
ESS 1104

Wednesday, Oct. 18
Noon-1:30 p.m.
Westshore at Corporate College West
CCW 112

Monday, Nov. 6
2-3:30 p.m.
Westshore Campus

Increase your awareness of the various dimensions of diversity and explore what it means to live in a diverse world. Recognize the value of our differences and learn how to foster an environment of awareness, respect and community. Conversations will center on aspects of social identity. Contact Melissa Swafford at 216-987-2044 or melissa.swafford@tri-c.edu (East) or Amanda Fronke at 216-987-5929 or amanda.fronke@tri-c.edu (Westshore) for more information.

DEFAMATION (The Play)

Monday, Sep. 25
10 a.m.-noon
Metropolitan Campus Theatre

Monday, Sep. 25
2-4 p.m.
Eastern Campus
Simon and Rose Mandel Theatre

Thursday, Sep. 28
Noon-2 p.m.
Western Campus Theatre

Sustained Dialogue:
Inclusive Leadership Training

Eastern Campus – Friday, Sept. 29, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Western Campus – Friday, Oct. 6, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Westshore Campus – Friday, Oct. 20, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Metropolitan Campus – Friday, Feb. 2, 2018, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sustained Dialogue is a College-wide program that addresses issues on campus and in the community that are often rooted in differences of social identity through an action-oriented dialogue process that addresses those issues and empowers sustainable, positive change. This training provides people with foundational knowledge and skills for leading change through dialogue. Click here for more information.

Contact Ty Olson at 216-987-2582 or tyler.olson@tri-c.edu for more information.
**OCTOBER:**

**Wrongful Conviction Day**

Wrongful Conviction Day T-shirt or join in the group photo! Representatives from Tri-C Legal Services will be available.

Contact Lisanetta McDade at 216-987-3442 or lisanetta.mcdade@tri-c.edu for more information.

**Common Reading Program:**

**Ohio Innocence Project Talk with Raymond Towler**

Tuesday, Oct. 10
noon-1:30 p.m.
Westshore at Corporate College West Room TBD

Raymond Towler, member of the Ohio Innocence Project (OIP) and the Exoneree Band, will speak on his experience of being wrongfully imprisoned for 29 years for a crime he didn’t commit. As an OIP advocate, Towler works tirelessly to help bring awareness of the U.S. criminal justice system. He will be joined by lawyer Alec Berezin, chair of OIP’s Northeast Ohio Board of Advocates, who will discuss the organization’s efforts to help free the wrongfully accused.

Contact Theresa Gromek at 216-987-5930 or theresa.gromek@tri-c.edu for more information.

**Traveling Exhibit: The History of LGBTQ Civil Rights**

Oct. 2-5
Western Campus
Galleria

Oct. 9-11
Eastern Campus
Learning Commons, ESS 3100

Oct. 16-20
Metropolitan Campus
Liberal Arts Atrium (Lobby)

Oct. 23-25
Westshore Campus
Atrium

This exhibit explores the incredibly inspiring journey of the LGBTQ Civil Rights movement from World War II to present day. Explore “gayborhoods” in the 1940s, the Lavender Scare in the 1950s, the Stonewall Riots and the beginning of organized protests in the 1960s, Pride and a cohesive national movement in the 1970s, the AIDS crisis of the 1980s, gay marriage in the 1990s and the explosion of rights in the 2000s. Learn about important LGBTQ organizations, activists, groups and events that have defined this movement as one of the most important civil rights advancements of the last century.

Contact Magda Gomez at 216-987-0204 or magda.gomez@tri-c.edu for more information.

**Common Reading Program:**

**Careers in Criminal Justice Panel**

Thursday, Oct. 19
1:30-3:30 p.m.
Westshore at Corporate College West Room TBD

A panel of criminal justice professionals will discuss their careers and how they contribute within the criminal justice system. The panel will represent a variety of careers ranging from criminal investigation to criminal defense/prosecution to preparing incarcerated individuals for life after prison. Students will have the opportunity to hear from several prisoners as well.

Contact Theresa Gromek at 216-987-5930 or theresa.gromek@tri-c.edu for more information.

**Our Political Climate: A Conversation**

Monday, Oct. 16
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Jerry Sue Thornton Center
Ford Room

Professors David Bernatowicz, Sonja Siler and Vincent Holland will discuss our political climate from a historical context and share analysis and insights for resolving conflict and understanding current events happening locally and nationally. Learn about media reporting, what is real and what is “fake news.” Also hear from Mandel scholars, Nick Galaida and Rebecca Groth, who will offer a student perspective.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Contact Magda Gómez at 216-987-0204 or magda.gomez@tri-c.edu for more information.
H. Richard Milner, Ph.D.
Friday, Oct. 27
9-11 a.m.
Western Campus
WSS G4-A/B

H. Richard Milner, Ph.D. is a professor at the University of Pittsburgh and serves as the Helen Faison Endowed Chair of Urban Education and director of the Center for Urban Education at the institution. He is also the author of numerous publications including Racializing to Class: Confronting Poverty and Race in Schools and Classrooms. In this incisive and practical book, Milner provides educators with a crucial understanding of how to teach students of color who live in poverty. Milner looks carefully at the circumstances of these students’ lives and describes how those circumstances profoundly affect their experiences within schools and classrooms.

Contact Esther Kraft at 216-987-5691 or esther.kraft@tri-c.edu for more information.

Black Diamonds Conference
Oct. 27-28
Metropolitan Campus
Cost: $50

Visit www.tri-c.edu/blackdiamonds for the conference schedule.

The Black Diamonds conference is a support initiative to provide access to information regarding programing, educational alternatives and services to increase the educational success, emotional well-being and financial stability of African-American girls and women. The conference is a collaborative effort of educational institutions, community organizations, corporate partners and individuals to provide continuous developmental opportunities for African-American college women and high school girls in the greater Northeast Ohio area.

Contact Linda Lanier at 216-987-0303 for more information.

NOVEMBER:

Art Discussion: Children in the Criminal Justice System

Thursday, Nov. 2
1-3 p.m.
Metropolitan Campus
MLA 102

Discussion with Courtney Kelly (Psychology) and Jeff Tuma (Philosophy) about children in the criminal justice system.

Contact Lisanetta McDade at 216-987-3442 or lisanetta.mcdade@tri-c.edu for more information.

Common Reading Program
Film Screening: Solitary: Inside Red Onion State Prison

Tuesday, Nov. 7
4-6:30 p.m.
Westshore at Corporate College West Room 112

This HBO documentary details the lives of several men in solitary confinement at Red Onion State Prison in Virginia. Documentarians interview the prisoners, guards and warden involved in the daily lives of these men. This emotional film provides an inside look at what it means to be a part of the “segregated population.” A discussion will follow the film, and snacks will be provided.

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Social Injustice Panel Discussion

Wednesday, Nov. 8
noon-1:30 p.m.
Metropolitan Campus Theatre
Residents of the Northeast Reintegration Center (NERC) discuss the opioid crisis in our community and how it affects incarcerated women and their families.
Contact Lisanetta McDade at 216-987-3442 or lisanetta.mcdade@tri-c.edu for more information.

International Education Week (Nov. 13-16, 2017)

Javier Ávila: The Trouble With My Name

Wednesday, Nov. 15
noon-1:15 p.m.
Eastern Campus
Simon and Rose Mandel Theatre

The Trouble with My Name examines the issues of language, race and social justice in an eye-opening performance where Ávila engages the audience as he tells the story of his life and reads poetry that illustrates what it means to be the American of the future. Ávila’s show breaks barriers and embraces the diversity of a nation whose history is rich and colorful. The message transcends boundaries of race, ethnicity and geography. It is a show not to be missed.
Contact Magda Gómez at 216-987-0204 or magda.gomez@tri-c.edu for more information.

Charleston Daughter: The Rev. Sharon Risher

Thursday, Nov. 16
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Western Campus Theatre

Livestream Locations:
Metropolitan Campus
Black Box Theatre
Westshore Campus
at Corporate College West
CCW 112
Eastern Campus
ESS 2410

The Rev. Sharon Washington Risher was catapulted into the limelight after a shooting at the Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina on June 17, 2015. Her beloved mother and the church’s sexton, Ethel Lee Lance, was killed along with eight others, including two cousins and a childhood friend. Since that horrific tragedy, Risher has been openly critical of the nation’s gun laws and has become a national spokesperson for the grassroots advocacy groups Everytown for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.
Contact Magda Gómez at 216-987-0204 or magda.gomez@tri-c.edu for more information.

Common Reading Program: Mock Trial

Monday, Nov. 27
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Westshore at Corporate College West Room 112

Thursday, Nov. 30
9:30-11 a.m.
Westshore at Corporate College West Room 112

Come participate in the judicial system! This mock trial, run by several ENG-1010 students, will run through the prosecution, defense and deliberation of a defendant accused of a crime. Participants will be the jury who decide the defendant’s fate.
Contact Theresa Gromek at 216-987-5930 or theresa.gromek@tri-c.edu for more information.