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TRI-C ALUMNI PROFILE:
Dennis Duffy

From the bottom of his
high school class to
successful business owner.

Tri-C Alumnus Dennis Duffy Exceeding All Expectations

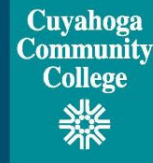
Dennis Duffy often reflects on his educational and career journey, which began at Tri-C. Having finished high school in the bottom 10% of his class, he soon found himself drifting from job to job with no real focus. He envisioned his future family and worried about how he would support them.

When his brother and friends enrolled at Tri-C, Duffy decided to give it a try, too. He registered for classes in 1964, attending mostly at night while maintaining a full-time job. [Read more](#)

Tri-C[®] Alumni Spotlight

Virtual | Interactive

Envision your future through the eyes of Tri-C alumni.



Tuesday, July 13 | 10-11:30 a.m.

This year's alumni include:



Colton Rompala

Colton Rompala works in marketing, sales and graphic design. He is president of two companies and is involved with several nonprofit organizations. His passion is serving people, whether through marketing, printing or community service.



Miguel Sanchez

Miguel Sanchez is a youth and adolescent program professional with more than seven years of experience in mentoring and educational and workforce programming. He currently serves as recruitment coordinator for Tri-C's Advanced Technology Academy. He has overcome many obstacles and is passionate about working with youth in the community.



Ramona J. Smith

Ramona J. Smith is the winner of the 2018 Toastmasters International World Championship of Public Speaking. Her speech on overcoming challenges was titled "Still Standing." This achievement also earned her the College's Rising Star Alumni Award. She teaches high school in Houston.



This event is co-sponsored by Alumni Relations, Career Services and the Common Reading Program.

[Join via Livestream](#)

[Join via BoxCast \(closed captioning\)](#)

Email alumnirelations@tri-c.edu for more information.



Register now! Tri-C's Women in Transition Program Online Summer Session

The Women in Transition program at Cuyahoga Community College debuted in 1978 and has contributed to thousands of personal success stories across Northeast Ohio over the past four decades. Participants build confidence and skills through classes on personal development, career exploration and computer literacy. Interested participants must attend an hour-long virtual info session. Register now for free courses beginning July 20 and Aug. 24. You can access more information and register [here.](#)

Tri-C Career Center Presents: Leveraging LinkedIn

The Tri-C Career Center is staffed with experienced Career Services Specialists who can provide a wide variety of FREE services to alumni members to assist with all phases of your career development.



You can also explore groups, company information, network and search for jobs on LinkedIn. [Learn how to leverage LinkedIn here.](#)

2021 Advisory Committee, Community Champion & Outstanding Alumni Awards

Since 1993, Tri-C hosts an annual event to honor and celebrate the contributions of Tri-C's Program Advisory Committees. At the event, Tri-C honors Community Champions making a difference in the lives and career paths of Tri-C students. Alumni Relations also presents its Distinguished and Rising Star Awards to recognize alumni for professional achievements, service and volunteer work during the program.



You are invited to join this free virtual event on **Thursday, July 22 at 8:30 a.m.** as we celebrate and acknowledge their great contributions. Dr. Marla E. Pérez-Davis, Director NASA Glenn Research Center is our keynote speaker. She will share the role Northeast Ohio agency played in landing on Mars. [Read more.](#)

Tri-C Speakers Bureau/Nielsen Company Wellness Webinars



The Nielsen Company, a global provider of market research and analyses of media and viewer interactions, has partnered with Cuyahoga Community College to offer Tri-C Speakers Bureau wellness webinars.

The unique and innovative partnership allows Tri-C Speakers Bureau wellness webinars, supporting the Nielsen Company's worldwide well-being program called "The Whole You," to be offered to Tri-C Alumni, free of charge.

Join us **Thursday, July 29, at 2:00 p.m. (EST)** for the next wellness webinar, *Family Fitness: Stay Healthy Together*, presented by Chris Faciana, M.S., Program Director, Sport and Exercise Science. During this webinar, you will learn tips and tricks to be more physically active with the family. [Register here.](#)



Tri-C JazzFest Seeking Festival Volunteers

Help Cleveland's hottest music festival hit all the right notes by volunteering this summer during the 42nd annual Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland, presented by KeyBank.

Applications will be accepted online at tri-c.edu/jazzfest/get-involved through **Monday, July 26**. The online form asks for basic information to align the skills of the individual with the tasks at hand. All volunteers must complete the application. After filling out

the application please email alumnirelations@tri-c.edu and let us know you'd like to volunteer!

Looking forward to seeing all of our alumni ambassadors for a wonderful Tri-C JazzFest!

Tri-C's Partnership Between Higher Ed and Health Care

To meet the growing demand for skilled workers in the health care field, many small and mid-sized colleges are working to form partnerships with regional health care providers.

The Workforce Connect Healthcare Sector Partnership, led by Tri-C, is one such collaboration. [Read more.](#)



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