

Resilient AND *Brilliant:*

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

SPRING 2021 VIRTUAL CONVOCATION

Wednesday, May 12



**Cuyahoga
Community
College**





Welcome to the Spring 2021 Virtual Convocation. Today, we will look back and celebrate the many successes of the past year and begin to plan for the bright and promising year ahead.

Thanks to your dedication to student success and retention, the College will graduate more than 2,000 students — including the first cohort of 21 Say Yes Scholars — at virtual and in-person commencement ceremonies in June. For the 2020-2021 academic year, your combined efforts produced the largest number of graduates (4,263*) earning the highest number of degrees and certificates (4,910*) in the history of the institution.



Your hard work and dedication also earned many accolades for the College:

- Tri-C was recognized as one of the nation’s “Best Community Colleges” by Intelligent.com. The College ranked fifth across the country and earned the top spot in the northeast region.
- Tri-C was named a 2020-2021 First-gen Forward Institution by Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (NASPA) and The Suder Foundation.
- The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program and the Siemens Foundation named Tri-C’s nursing program a winner of the Excellence and Equity in Community College STEM Award.
- College Consensus recognized Tri-C as one of the nation’s Top 50 community colleges for online learning.
- *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine again recognized the College with a Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award.



We have overcome many challenges together over the past year, making us a more flexible, adaptable and resourceful institution. We will use what we’ve learned, build upon our successes and seize opportunities to enhance the work of the College and create greater access, equity and success for our students and the community.

*Spring 2021 graduate numbers are not final until fall 2021.



Sincerely,

Alex Johnson, Ph.D.
President, Cuyahoga Community College

Karen Miller, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President, Access, Learning and Success

Michael Boyko, J.D.
Professor, Criminal Justice and President, American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Cuyahoga Community College Chapter

Robert Johnson, Ph.D.
Professor, Counseling and Chair, Joint Faculty Senate Council

AGENDA

9-10:20 a.m.

Virtual Program

Open to all faculty and staff — click links to join

[Virtual Program Livestream](#)

[Closed Captioned Broadcast](#)

Moderator:

Valerie C. Smart, *Adjunct Faculty and Tutor, Business Administration, Westshore Campus*

Presenters:

Alex Johnson, *President, Cuyahoga Community College*

Karen Miller, *Provost and EVP, Access, Learning and Success*

David Bernatowicz, *Associate Professor, History, Vice President, CCC - AAUP Chapter, Metropolitan Campus*

Robert Johnson, *Professor, Counseling and Chair, Joint Faculty Senate Council*

Get Up and Move: Stomp Dance

James L. Gardner, Jr., *Interim Director, Student Life, Athletics and Recreation*

Kendra Willis, *Program Administrator, Women in Transition Program*

10:30 a.m. – noon **Full-Time Faculty Counterpart Meetings**

Meeting links were sent by counterpart chairs to full-time contractual faculty.

[OTM and Curriculum Updates Open Door Question Session](#)

Click hyperlinked title to join

Direct support is available to answer any OTM and curriculum questions during the full-time faculty counterparts meetings.

[Adjunct Faculty Engagement Session](#)

Click hyperlinked title to join

Adjunct Services managers will provide progress updates on initiatives shared at Spring 2021 Colloquium and celebrate the roles you played in supporting that work. Breakout sessions will provide opportunities to discuss feedback from survey results provided earlier this semester.

12:15-12:45 p.m. **[Lunch and Virtual Networking](#)**

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1-2 p.m. **JFSC/AAUP Meeting**


Meeting link sent to all full-time contractual faculty

On Demand **Faculty Training and Development**

Visit the [Mediasite Showcase](#) and [Best of Tech Training](#) to prepare for summer and fall courses.

Cuisine at Home

Cook along with Chef Ky-wai Wong as he creates a gluten-free, vegan butternut squash mac and cheese masterpiece.



Gluten-Free Vegan Butternut Squash Mac and Cheese

Chef Ky-wai Wong

INGREDIENTS

- 8 oz. Chickpea pasta (Banza or Barilla)
- 1 Medium butternut squash, peeled, de-seeded and large diced
- 1/2 Large sweet onion, peeled and chopped
- 1/4 c. Raw cashews
- 1 tsp. Salt
- 1/4 tsp. Garlic powder
- 1/8 tsp. Black pepper
- 1/8 tsp. Smoked paprika
- 1/8 tsp. Turmeric
- 1/8 tsp. Nutmeg

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Add squash, onions and cashews to a pot; cover with water by 1-2 inches. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to medium and simmer until vegetables are tender (about 15 minutes).
2. Meanwhile, cook macaroni noodles according to package directions. Return noodles to pot and set aside.
3. When squash and onions are tender, drain and add to blender with cashews, salt, garlic powder, black pepper, smoked paprika and turmeric. Pulse until completely smooth. Use a tamper if necessary to push ingredients to bottom of blender.
4. Add sauce to noodles and stir, ensuring every noodle is covered in sauce. Dish will thicken as noodles absorb sauce. Serve plain or with your favorite hot sauce!

NOTES

- For best results, use raw cashews. Their mild sweetness complements the other flavors in the dish. Roasted salted cashews are too strong.
- Peeling your squash results in a creamier sauce.
- To save time, use pre-chopped butternut squash from your store's produce section. Frozen chopped squash works, too.
- When blending hot ingredients, be sure the lid is on and use the pulse setting.

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[Butternut Squash Mac and Cheese Part I](#)
[Butternut Squash Mac and Cheese Part II](#)

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