

## INVEST IN PEOPLE



Catherine M. Kilbane,  
Tri-C Foundation  
Chairperson

As we conclude another year, I would like to thank you for your support throughout 2013.

Generous corporations, foundations, organizations, friends and alumni helped us reach our goals this year. Our two

annual events raised record amounts, with over \$2.5 million benefiting scholarships for students. Thank you for supporting our Presidential Scholarship Luncheon and our June event this year – *Pathway to Possibilities*. You have helped students reach their goals for access and completion of education. For many of our students, a college education is beyond reach without a scholarship. Your help provides this lifeline.

As we conclude the celebration of Tri-C's 50th anniversary and look to 2014, I would like to emphasize just how important the Foundation is to our community. To help ensure that higher education remains available to everyone in our region, please consider a continued commitment or your first gift to our *Invest in People – Reaching New Heights* Campaign. We need your commitment and partnership to reach new heights and build a stronger workforce for the future.

Best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year and my heartfelt appreciation for your continued support.

Catherine M. Kilbane,  
Chairperson, Tri-C Foundation

## President Bill Clinton Stresses the Importance of Community Colleges and Specifically Tri-C at the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Annual Presidential Scholarship Luncheon



President Bill Clinton

President Bill Clinton, Founder of the Clinton Foundation and 42<sup>nd</sup> President of the United States of America, highlighted the importance of community colleges at the Tri-C Foundation's 2013 Presidential Scholarship Luncheon on Thursday, October 17, 2013. The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Luncheon, held at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, was another sell-out, with more than 1,200 people in attendance.

"This year's Luncheon has raised a record \$1.5 million with proceeds benefiting student scholarships! This Annual Luncheon is the Foundation's opportunity to raise critically needed funds for student scholarships at Tri-C. We are truly grateful to all of our supporters – many of whom have

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President Bill Clinton with Dr. Alex Johnson, President of Cuyahoga Community College, at the moderated question and answer session during the Presidential Scholarship Luncheon.

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

ALEX JOHNSON



*Alex Johnson*

Alex Johnson  
President  
Cuyahoga Community College

## Keeping Tri-C the Place Where Futures Begin<sup>SM</sup>

Tradition is an important part of academia. I was very pleased to celebrate a distinguished tradition with many of you last month, on the occasion of my inauguration as Cuyahoga Community College's fourth president. Accepting the Presidential Medallion in this special ceremony is a distinct honor. The medallion, featuring the College seal, is a Tri-C tradition dating to 1964. The College's founders wanted it to represent how Tri-C would prepare students for the jobs and careers of the future. This remains a core part of our mission, and we are nationally recognized for our ability to remain flexible and responsive to an ever-changing economy.

President Clinton spoke very highly of community colleges during his address at the Foundation's Presidential Scholarship Luncheon in October, particularly noting the accomplishments of Tri-C. I am proud to build upon the rich legacy of my predecessors, who made Tri-C the place Where futures begin. Together with my esteemed colleagues on the faculty and staff, I am working to ensure that Cuyahoga Community College will continue to excel at building up our students and our community. With your partnership and your support, we will continue to build an ever stronger College for the next 50 years. Thank you for the welcome you have shown me in my first six months as president. And thank you for your continued support of the College and of the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation. ■

## The Collection Auto Group Establishes Scholarship Fund

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of The Collection Auto Group Scholarship Fund to support student educational access, retention and completion at Tri-C. The Collection Auto Group Scholarship Fund is an investment that will benefit the College's students and the community. Cuyahoga Community College has recognized this partnership with signage on the College's new downtown parking garage facility.

The Collection Auto Group has been a partner of the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation since 2006, providing generous scholarship support. Bernie Moreno, President, The Collection Auto Group, serves as a Director of the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation. "Often our students are the first in their families to attend college. Tri-C provides the support they need to experience success in the classroom so that they can complete college and build a better life for themselves and their families. College retention and completion are



Cuyahoga Community College and The Collection Auto Group Center

the keys to successful workforce development for our region, which is why I feel this scholarship is so important," Moreno said.

The Collection Auto Group's support will have a lasting impact on our community in alignment with the goals of The Higher Education Compact of Greater Cleveland. ■

## National Science Foundation Funds \$1.1 Million Grant for Youth

Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) has received a grant totaling \$1,179,151 from the National Science Foundation for The Youth Technology Academy: STEM Academy for Youth featuring Youth Essential Skills, also called SAY-YES! (Grant #DRL-1312252)

This three-year project will prepare underserved youth for careers in the advanced technological workforce and for transfer to baccalaureate degree programs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). SAY-YES! is designed to provide a transformational experience within the world of robotics, which will galvanize students' interest in STEM. Students will enroll in college-level coursework and after-school activities including math, robot programming, youth essential skills training and other technical training. Mentors will assist youth with skill competencies and help map a clear path to pursue their technical/engineering degrees and



Youth Technology Academy – 2013 FIRST Robotic Team

careers. High school teachers will also receive technical training in teaching STEM courses.

This is the third National Science Foundation award the Tri-C Foundation has secured for the College and its Youth Technology Academy since 2006. ■

## The Inauguration of Tri-C's Fourth President

Members of the Board of Trustees, Directors of the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation, faculty and staff were joined by dignitaries and honored guests for the inauguration of Alex Johnson, the College's fourth president, on Thursday, November 21, 2013.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Johnson outlined his five priorities for Tri-C:

- focusing on completion with a continued effort toward educational access;
- working more closely with employers to provide degrees and certificates that have labor market value;
- communicating the College's message in effective and innovative ways;

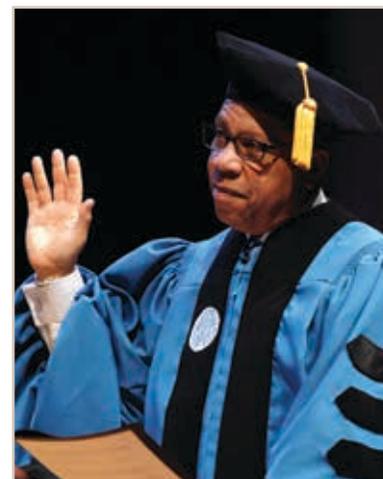


Dr. Johnson delivers his inaugural address.

- making the most effective use of resources for the benefit of students; and
- nurturing and growing the College's legacy of collaboration and community engagement.

In his address, Dr. Johnson said, "A Tri-C education must not just be about learning how to weld, or care for patients, or manage a business, or even to succeed in college. It must be about those things, but a Tri-C education must go beyond them," Dr. Johnson said. "We have to be about the business of preparing successful citizens who situate themselves in the larger context of our society."

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation congratulates Alex Johnson, President of Cuyahoga Community College on his investiture. ■



Alex Johnson, President, Cuyahoga Community College

## University Hospitals Partnership Provides Scholarship Support, Training for Tri-C Students

The Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) Foundation appreciates the partnership of University Hospitals. A comprehensive health system with over \$2.3 billion in annual revenues and 16,000 physicians and employees, University Hospitals provides generous funding for scholarships for Tri-C students through the University Hospitals Endowed Scholarship Fund for Nursing and Health Careers Students. University Hospitals is also a critical partner in providing clinical education to support a variety of the College's health career programs.

Cuyahoga Community College partners with world-class medical institutions like University Hospitals to help advance the availability and quality of healthcare in the region. In 2013, more than 1,050 students from Cuyahoga Community College's Nursing and Health Careers Programs graduated, sending prepared employees to succeed in the healthcare arena. Having gained practical knowledge and hands-on skills under the instruction of experienced faculty and through clinical experiences from facilities like University Hospitals, Tri-C graduates are well prepared to be effective on the job as well as continue their education for future leadership roles throughout their careers.

"We appreciate the partnership with University Hospitals, championed by CEO Thomas F. Zenty III, who also serves as a Director of the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation. This partnership truly reflects an investment in our community. From



providing a clinical site for training to supporting scholarships for student success, University Hospitals is a valued partner for Tri-C and our entire community," said Gloria Moosmann, Vice President, Development and Tri-C Foundation.

A long-time supporter of Cuyahoga Community College, the University Hospitals Endowed Scholarship Fund for Nursing and Health Careers Students was established to provide more pathways to success for students in our community; helping to ensure the quality of health care throughout our region.

In Spring 2013, Cuyahoga Community College partnered with University Hospitals Case Medical Center's Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital on a \$12.7 million grant funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to address a sustainable plan to improve care, lower costs and increase the overall health and wellness of children. The College's Medical Assisting department provided customized training to University Hospitals' medical assistants in the role of a family care advocate.

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation is grateful for University Hospitals' continued commitment to the College, the students, and our community. ■

## Employee Donor Spotlight

Deborah Allen is an Associate Professor of Radiology at the Western Campus. Allen has been a member of the College faculty for the past 17 years. She believes it is important to give back to Tri-C's students because "scholarship support, no matter the size, lets students know someone cares about their success." Allen added, "giving to scholarships lets students know that we're in their corner. It can be the final push they might need to succeed or continue their education."

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation greatly appreciates the support of Professor Allen and all of the faculty and staff who generously give back to support student success at Tri-C. ■



**Deborah Allen**  
*Associate Professor of Radiology  
Western Campus*

# Scholarships are an Investment in Student Success. Thank You for Helping Tri-C Students Reach New Heights!



“As a recipient of a Tri-C Foundation scholarship, I wish to express sincere appreciation for making it possible. Thank you so very much for supporting students. We couldn’t do it without you!”

**Cinnamon Carswell**  
Associate of Arts



“I cannot begin to express the numerous ways scholarship support assists me in pursuing my educational goals and lessens the financial burden of college expenses. Thank you for helping me achieve my dreams!”

**Deena Marano**  
Diagnostic Medical  
Sonography



“The Tri-C Foundation scholarship is a great help to me in continuing my college degree and paying my educational expenses.”

**Yan Huang**  
Purchasing and Supply  
Management

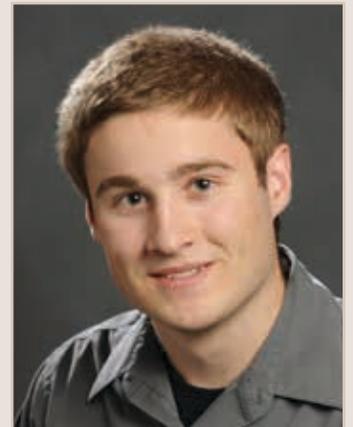
“This scholarship has meant everything to me. Without your support, there would be no such advantage. You have given me the power of knowledge to succeed.”

**Edwin R. Sanchez**  
Mechanical  
Engineering  
Technology



“I wish to express my deepest thanks for this scholarship. I will strive to perform well in the upcoming semester. I will do my best to make the most of this opportunity.”

**Eric Richey**  
Business Management



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been long-term donors – for making this possible,” said Catherine M. Kilbane, Chairperson, Cuyahoga Community College Foundation.

During his keynote address, President Clinton shared his commitment to global education and workforce development, noting that the community college model is a strong example of the shared decision making and creative cooperation needed to address society’s challenges.

Following his remarks, President Clinton and Tri-C President Alex Johnson, Ph.D., shared a question and answer session, addressing current topics



Fred Koury, President, Smart Business Network, President Clinton and Lena Koury



Rick Chiricosta, Chairman, President and CEO, Medical Mutual of Ohio with President Clinton

of interest and world affairs. In recognition of President Clinton’s keynote address, Dr. Johnson announced that the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation has established the President Bill Clinton Scholarship Fund. “This fund will benefit Tri-C students who are the first in their family to attend college. It will be quite an honor for our students to receive such a scholarship,” noted Johnson.



Jerry Kelsheimer, President and CEO, Fifth Third Bank, Northeastern Ohio, President Clinton, and Julie Kelsheimer



Thomas F. Zenty III, CEO, University Hospitals, with President Clinton

Gloria Moosmann, Vice President, Development and Cuyahoga Community College Foundation, said of the event, “We are so very pleased that President Clinton joined us as our keynote speaker this year and shared his vision about the importance and impact of community colleges, especially Cuyahoga Community College.



Lee Seidman with President Clinton and Jane Seidman

“He also understands the importance of scholarship support, which is why he agreed to engage with us as our speaker. Proceeds are distributed to the numerous Foundation scholarship funds. Each scholarship awarded contributes to the quality of life for all by providing a stronger workforce for the region.” ■



Daphne Johnson, President Clinton and Alex Johnson, President of Cuyahoga Community College



Bernie Moreno, President, The Collection Auto Group, Marta Moreno, President Clinton and Emily Moreno



James B. Aronoff, Esq., Partner-in-Charge, Cleveland, Thompson Hine LLP

## Funding Supports Veterans Initiative



Cuyahoga Community College continues to serve our country's Veterans through outreach and affordable education and programs. Recently, the College opened the Metropolitan Campus Veterans Center. Funding from the Alcoa Foundation will help leverage the success of the College's Veterans Initiative to provide outreach and student success services for Veterans, with a focus on the College's workforce training programs. The Veterans' Coordinator, supported by funding from the Alcoa Foundation, will help more Veterans be successful in earning degrees and certificates to position themselves for successful futures and contribute to a diverse workforce.

The Alcoa Foundation is committed to providing job readiness support services for Veterans. This funding will help ensure that Veterans reach their educational goals.

Tri-C has also been selected as a 2013 Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) grant recipient. The WWP Grants Program bridges gaps in care and services to post-9/11 injured service members by supporting organizations like Tri-C that "provide high-quality, high-touch, unique programming in remote or underserved regions." Through teamwork and collaboration, this grant will enhance the College's ability to support post-9/11 injured service members and foster healthy readjustment to civilian life through programmatic activities aimed at enhancing economic empowerment and independence among wounded Veterans. The grant will support the College's Veterans Services Coordinator based at the Veterans Education Connection Center (VECC) in Partnership with AT&T at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center. The Center is also supported by a generous gift from retired faculty member, Ms. Bettie J. Baker.

With support from community partners, the College can continue to provide enhanced student services for our Veterans and help them with the transition from soldier to civilian. ■

## Ground Broken for Public Safety Training Center of Excellence

Work is underway on Cuyahoga Community College's Public Safety Training Center of Excellence, a new regional center for police, firefighters and emergency medical technicians at the Western Campus. The Center will offer the latest specialized training for first responders on a 10-acre site in Parma and Parma Heights.

The Public Safety Training Center of Excellence will include a renovated building housing classrooms, a physical fitness area and an indoor shooting range; a two-story burn building where firefighters will practice fighting real blazes; a defensive and pursuit driving course; a trench area to practice confined space maneuvers and a retention pond for water rescue drills. The new complex – the only one of its kind in Northeast Ohio – will serve over 400 police and fire departments in 12 counties.



Members of the community joined Tri-C officials and students in the College's Fire Training Academy to celebrate the groundbreaking of Tri-C's new Public Safety Training Center of Excellence.

Tri-C's public safety program trains more safety force members than any other educational institution in the state. Construction is scheduled to be completed in September 2014. ■

# GUEST COLUMN

## PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON



President Bill Clinton  
Founder of the Clinton Foundation  
and 42<sup>nd</sup> President of the  
United States of America.

## “Community Colleges Work the Way that All of America Should Work”

*Excerpts from the keynote address by President Bill Clinton at the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Presidential Scholarship Luncheon, October 17, 2013.*

“I am very, very appreciative of what this community college has done, especially to try to help middle-aged, non-college educated people find jobs in the market that exists today.”

“I have been a big fan of community colleges for a long time. And in particular, I spent a lot of time in Cleveland, I have a lot of friends here and I think I know a fair amount about the work, the mission and history of this community college. And I was thrilled when I read a book by William J. Holstein called *The Next American Economy* which features you [Tri-C].”

“My belief is that community colleges work the way that all of America should work. They are open to everybody. They are highly flexible. And they change the curriculum all the time based on the demand that the community articulates and they tend to get very, very good results. And I think that is terrifically important.”

“You should be very proud to be a part of that here. This community college has kept costs low and results high and has done so, I think, in no small part because so many of you have supported it for so long. But I hope you will keep doing it. Because the world we want to leave to our children and grandchildren has to work more the way that this college does.”



## United States Department of Education Provides Funding for College’s Realtime Writing Program

Cuyahoga Community College Foundation has secured a new five-year award totaling \$266,175 from the US Department of Education to train court reporters. The primary goals of the Realtime Writing Mentoring project are to increase the number of students from minority backgrounds and males who are engaged in court reporting and captioning training (also called Realtime Writing).

The project will establish a Captioning and Court Reporting education and career pathway for

high school students, including an outreach and recruitment strategy to increase awareness of realtime writing as an in-demand career option for individuals located within the City of Cleveland. Student persistence will be encouraged by providing mentoring and experiential learning for court reporting and captioning students early in their training. An industry recognized certificate program will also be developed. ■

## VICE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

**GLORIA  
MOOSMANN**



**Gloria Moosmann**  
*Vice President, Resource  
Development &  
Tri-C Foundation*

## Your Partnership is Critical to Student Success

Reaching New Heights. That is exactly what we in the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation are working diligently to do. Guided by a dynamic Board of Directors under the leadership of Chairperson Catherine M. Kilbane, we are working hard to support student success.

For 40 years, the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation has worked to secure funds for Tri-C's programs, initiatives and students of the College. The Foundation's assets have grown to more than \$40 million to support student scholarships. This is an investment in student success and our community.

Scholarships continue to be a priority initiative for the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation. Over the past five years, over \$6 million has been awarded in scholarships, benefiting approximately 7,500 students. However, the need for financial assistance remains, and scholarships are critical to helping our students – our fellow community members – reach their goals of accessing and completing a college education. Your support remains integral to this success. Thank you for your past support and thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to reach new heights! ■

## Alumni Donor Profile: George Fulford

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation is fortunate to have benefactors across a variety of constituencies supporting both program development and student scholarships. Tri-C alumni are important members of our philanthropic community. For alumni, giving back to their alma mater often has special meaning.

George Fulford and his wife Joyce recently supported the purchase of essential equipment for the College's nursing and health careers programs.

"I've made gifts to Cuyahoga Community College Foundation regularly over the years, and it was fun being able to make a larger gift, especially knowing just where it's going," said Mr. Fulford.

Mr. Fulford graduated with honors from Tri-C's Physician Assistant program in 1973 and recently retired from what he calls "a satisfying and



**George Fulford**

successful career in the field." He credits Tri-C with giving him a good career start and has always been grateful to the College. "I already had an undergraduate degree, but wasn't very satisfied in my field. Then I saw a newspaper article about the Physician Assistant program and thought that sounded interesting," Fulford explained. "It was the right school and the right field," he said, explaining that he spent most of his career working with one physician for 38 years!

The Fulfords' gift provided an advanced microscope for the Medical Laboratory Technology program and a Hydrocollator Heating Unit for the massage therapy program. He said it was very satisfying to have the gift directed toward essential equipment for Tri-C students. Fulford added, "It's important to give back to your roots." ■

## Smart Business Network Establishes Endowed Scholarship

Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Director Fred L. Koury, President of Smart Business Network, has established an endowed scholarship fund to increase access to higher education and support student success. He believes in Cuyahoga Community College's mission to help more individuals complete their degrees and position themselves for successful futures. The Foundation appreciates the support of Mr. Fred Koury! ■



## Investing in Tri-C Students

Tri-C Supporters Al and Jan Widiger have been married for 56 years and have lived in Cleveland since 1974. They met in Midland, Michigan when they were busy working for Dow Chemical. Now retired, both keep busy through their community involvement. Al has been attending Tri-C's Western Campus Encore Program for over 20 years and Jan has been a volunteer with AARP's tax preparation program for over 30 years.



Al & Jan Widiger with Dr. Ron Liss, Western Campus President

The Widigers appreciate the hard work and financial sacrifice it takes to complete a college education and have spent the last 15 years investing in Tri-C's students. In 1998, they established a scholarship fund at the Tri-C Foundation to benefit students in the Nursing and Health Careers programs. This dynamic duo is passionate about giving back to help students who otherwise might not be able to attend college. They like knowing that their investment has helped so many individuals achieve their dreams of a college education. In addition to their annual scholarship support, the Widigers have included the Tri-C Foundation in their estate plans.

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation greatly appreciates the support of the Widigers and all of its donors who generously support student success at Tri-C. To learn more about how to include the Tri-C Foundation in your estate plans, visit [www.tri-c.edu/plannedgiving](http://www.tri-c.edu/plannedgiving). ■

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## Looking for the Perfect Gift this Holiday Season?



With the holidays quickly approaching, the season of gift-giving is upon us. Through your tax-deductible donation to the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation, you can make a gift in honor of that special

someone and also help deserving Tri-C students further their education. Your generous support of scholarships will make a difference in the lives of students by helping them achieve their dreams. The person you choose to honor will receive a personalized card acknowledging that a gift was made in their honor.

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If you are age 70 ½ and older, you are required to receive annual distributions from your IRAs which are then included in your adjusted gross income (AGI) and subject to taxes. The IRA Charitable Rollover permits you to make donations directly to charitable organizations such as the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation without counting them as part of your adjusted gross income (AGI) and, consequently, without paying taxes on them. This legislation was initiated in 2006 and was extended until December 31, 2013. If you are interested in a tax-free way to turn your IRA Rollover into a gift that will benefit students, call the Tri-C Foundation at 216-987-4868 or visit [www.tri-c.edu/plannedgiving](http://www.tri-c.edu/plannedgiving) for more information.

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