INVEST IN STUDENT SUCCESS

Ted Koppel delivered an important message at the Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) Foundation’s 24th annual Presidential Scholarship Luncheon in November. He stressed that higher education is critical to an informed citizenry and that community colleges are important because “knowledge is power.” Scholarships provided through community support help to spread that power throughout Northeast Ohio.

On behalf of the Foundation, I thank you for supporting Tri-C students. Your investments make higher education affordable and accessible to many, which is critical to the growth and vitality of our community. To help ensure that higher education remains available to everyone in our region, please consider Tri-C in your year-end giving. We need your commitment and partnership to empower the community.

There has never been a more important time to support the mission of Cuyahoga Community College. It is through your partnership that Tri-C can continue its half-century tradition of being the place where futures begin for so many in Northeast Ohio. Thank you for being a champion for our students and our community. Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year and my sincere gratitude for your continued support.

Rick Chiricosta
Chairperson, Tri-C Foundation

Presidental Scholarship Luncheon impacts student success through $1.3M raised for scholarships

Revered news anchor Ted Koppel discussed the evolving state of journalism and the country’s current news climate at the 24th annual Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Presidential Scholarship Luncheon on Nov. 1, 2016. Mr. Koppel, who has won eight Peabody Awards and 42 Emmy Awards during his more than 50-year career, reinforced Tri-C’s mission to educate our community. He said, “Journalism is an essential, fundamental requirement of an informed society, which is the rock bed of a democratic system.”

The luncheon raised $1.3 million to benefit student scholarships. “These dollars create the scholarships that turn dreams into student success stories at Cuyahoga Community College,” said Rick Chiricosta, chairperson of the Tri-C Foundation. “Lives change through the opportunities provided by our generous supporters.”

Ted Koppel shared his experiences as an “eyewitness to history” in an informative and often entertaining question and answer session moderated by Mr. Chiricosta.

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Champions for student success

Last month as we welcomed guests to our 24th annual Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Presidential Scholarship Luncheon, I was so inspired to see the names of nearly 200 partners scrolling across the screen. These included corporations, foundations, organizations and individuals – members of the Tri-C family and friends. Everyone who supports the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation is a champion for student success, helping to provide scholarships so that Tri-C students can complete their degrees and join our region’s workforce.

Many of the students benefiting from scholarships are studying in our Centers of Excellence in Nursing, Public Safety, Manufacturing, Information Technology, Creative Arts and Hospitality Management. A new strategic initiative, these Centers promote student success and completion while addressing the educational, cultural and economic needs of our region. The Centers of Excellence supply skilled workers for local employers, address areas of anticipated job growth, demonstrate high success rates, receive national recognition in their fields and have broad impact on the region.

If you have not had an opportunity to visit our campuses lately, I hope you will do so and see for yourself how the support of a generous community is benefiting our entire region. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

National Endowment for the Arts hits a high note for Tri-C

Students at the Tommy LiPuma Center for Creative Arts and their audiences will enjoy the benefits of renewed support from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

Assistance from NEA will support the Dance Theatre of Harlem’s shows in January as well as the 2017 Tri-C JazzFest. The mission of JazzFest is to bring world-class jazz to Cleveland audiences, preserve the history and foster awareness of jazz, help students further their abilities and understanding of jazz, and increase public awareness and appreciation of jazz music as an American art form.

Dr. G. Paul Cox, Tri-C’s dean of creative arts, is grateful for the support from NEA. “By expanding opportunities for students and audience members to experience the arts, our city is strengthened beyond measure,” Cox said.
Nursing and Health Careers students will benefit from $1M donation

Tri-C Nursing and Health Careers students will benefit from an increased number of scholarships thanks to a $1 million gift from Medical Mutual of Ohio. The donation expands the existing Medical Mutual Nursing and Health Careers Endowed Scholarship Fund, established in 2012. Thirty-one recipients of this scholarship have graduated from Tri-C and secured jobs helping others across Northeast Ohio.

“It feels great to know we’re helping the next generation of nursing and health care professionals as they learn their craft at Tri-C,” said Rick Chiricosta, chairman, president and CEO of Medical Mutual. “We know this is a winning investment that will benefit our community for decades to come.”

Tri-C President Alex Johnson, who announced the gift at the Presidential Scholarship Luncheon in November, said it will have an enduring impact. The College ranks among the national leaders in awarding nursing and health career degrees, meeting the need for skilled workers in an industry vital to the region’s economy.

Student Veteran of the Year honored at Cleveland ceremony

Tri-C student and Strongsville native Clayton Angeloff was honored as Student Veteran of the Year at the City of Cleveland’s Veterans Day Ceremony. Angeloff, who served in the U.S. Air Force and is enrolled in the Emergency Medical Technician program, administered first aid to a fellow student who was in distress, which helped save the student’s life.
He emphasized the importance of quality journalism, particularly in the age of digital media, and urged everyone to discern facts from opinions in today’s digital age. Koppel stressed the importance of growing an educated and informed citizenry, which he said is critical in order to “not put democracy out of business.”

The informal nature of the session allowed Koppel to share his unique perspective with the audience, entertaining them with political humor and a short song before finishing his remarks by wishing the Cleveland Indians well in the World Series.
Mr. Jerry Kelsheimer, regional president of Fifth Third Bank Northeastern Ohio, presenting sponsor of the 2016 Tri-C Foundation Presidential Scholarship Luncheon; Mr. Ted Koppel; Tri-C President Dr. Alex Johnson; and Tri-C Foundation Chairperson Mr. Rick Chiricosta

Mr. David Whitehead, Community Leader, with Mr. Ted Koppel

Mr. Matt Reville, COO of Consolidated Solutions, with Mr. Ted Koppel

Mr. Ted Koppel with gifts presented to him on behalf of Tri-C students for his participation at the event benefiting student scholarships

Mr. Ted Koppel with Ms. Megan O’Bryan, Tri-C Foundation vice president
Tri-C recognizes contributions of civic and business leaders at Fall Commencement

Cuyahoga Community College will award Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees to City of Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson and Margot J. Copeland, Chair and CEO, KeyBank Foundation to acknowledge their contributions to the College and community at the Fall Commencement on Thurs., Dec. 15, 2016.

Mayor Jackson has made a lasting impact through nearly eleven years of dedicated service as Mayor of Cleveland, and received his first degree from Tri-C. Ms. Copeland, one of Northeast Ohio’s most esteemed civic and business leaders, serves on the board of visitors of the College’s Workforce, Community and Economic Development Division. She is a dedicated advocate for Northeast Ohio and higher education, and a generous partner of Tri-C.

Stokes commemoration honors a legacy of leadership and advocacy

The 50th anniversary of Carl Stokes’ election as mayor of Cleveland will be commemorated in 2017 with a yearlong series of events honoring Mayor Stokes and his brother, Congressman Louis Stokes. Please read more about this celebration on the following pages.

Dr. Stuart and Roberta Sears support Dental Hygiene students

A love for education inspires Dental Hygiene program Supervising Dentist Dr. Stuart Sears and his wife Roberta to share their expertise with Tri-C students. “I taught a public speaking course on weekends that was specifically created to help working students attend college,” Mrs. Sears remembers fondly. As he neared the end of his career as a periodontist in private practice ten years ago, Dr. Sears also began teaching at the Metropolitan campus.

Although the tuition at Cuyahoga Community College is among the lowest in Northeast Ohio, Dr. and Mrs. Sears realized that the financial burden of tuition, supplies, textbooks and board examination fees could be overwhelming. As a result, they offered generous scholarships to Dental Hygiene students.

“We know many of these students are the first in their family to go to college,” Dr. and Mrs. Sears said. “We hope we’re able to provide skills as well as self-esteem and a better life for entire families.” The Dental Hygiene program is extremely fortunate to count Dr. and Mrs. Sears as supporters, and we value their selfless dedication to our students,” said Dental Hygiene program manager Mary Lou Gerosky. Scholarship recipient Melinda Neice said, “The generous gift I received from Dr. Stuart and Roberta Sears allowed me to make it through my final year of Dental Hygiene school and made it possible for me to secure the future for my son, and myself. I am forever grateful.”

The Tri-C Foundation appreciates the Sears family’s support of our students!
Stokes

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Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future

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Celebrate Carl and Louis Stokes’ lasting contributions to Cleveland and the nation. Inspire a new generation to continue their legacy.

Join a yearlong, community-wide commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Carl Stokes’ election as mayor of Cleveland. Mayor Stokes and his brother, Congressman Louis Stokes, played key roles in the advancement of the city and the nation through the civil rights movement and beyond. In many ways, Cleveland’s current national and international recognition owes a debt of thanks for their accomplishments.

Yet their work is not complete.

For the next 50 years, how can we ensure that social and economic development continues throughout Greater Cleveland, and especially in our core communities? How can we empower young leaders to carry the Stokes vision forward and guide every neighborhood to a vibrant and prosperous future?

Goals of the Initiative

- Celebrate the historical accomplishments of Carl and Louis Stokes. Reflect on their impact on political access and civil rights in Cleveland, the nation and the world.

- Consider our current challenges related to social justice and equality. Identify strategies to resolve them through purposeful research, productive discussion and strategic planning.

- Inspire a new generation, led by Tri-C’s Mandel Scholars, to continue the legacy of leadership, advocacy and activism. The student-driven research and involvement will create a roadmap for the civic engagement of Cleveland now and in the years to come.

- Create lasting tributes, including oral histories and exhibitions, as a reminder of the past and our commitment to a better future.
2017 Events and Activities

Already more than 60 organizations have caught the vision. From education, arts and culture, business, policy and social services, these partners know the significance of the Stokes story and are prepared to reflect on the city’s future. Twelve months of celebration, focused dialogue and deliberate effort will engage a wide spectrum of issues.

See what has been achieved. Consider the path forward. Start down that path together.

**Oral History Project** – Those who worked alongside Mayor and Congressman Stokes will record their first-hand experiences for today and tomorrow

**Youth Summit** – Broad engagement by the next generation of Cleveland will invigorate the Stokes legacy and consider their own leadership in the growth to come

**Music and Theatre** – Concerts and performances will transport audiences of all ages to the struggles and victories of the past and challenge them to continue the spirit of progress

**Academic Conference** – Students and faculty will consider the lessons of the policies and actions of the Stokes brothers to teach and inspire future generations

**Panel Discussions/Speaker Series** – Scholars, political and community leaders, authors and visionaries will explore the influence of Mayor and Congressman Stokes on government, society, the environment and more, and discuss the implications for the future

**Entrepreneurial Conference** – Both established and up-and-coming business leaders will work together to identify challenges and new opportunities for the economic development of our city

**New Permanent Exhibit** – This exhibit at Western Reserve Historical Society/Cleveland History Center, opening fall 2017, will place the historic 1967 election in context of the broader history of Cleveland, the civil rights movement and African-American political power in a dynamic, multi-media format

**Policy and Leadership** – Engage in collaborative research and dialogue with key partners to assess progress toward the Stokes vision and highlight priorities for continued growth, promoting the development of young and emerging leaders for the benefit of the entire community

**Culminating Celebration** – Join a tribute to the power of community collaboration to effect change in our city, our nation and our world

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Leading a community of champions

As a partner, community leader and a volunteer, I have seen firsthand the tremendous impact that Tri-C has upon our community. I am confident that businesses, organizations and leaders working together can solve the challenges facing our community. Tri-C is there with us helping to find solutions and implementing them.

The dedication of Tri-C leaders to our community and the College’s record of delivering a talented workforce are among the reasons that I am chairing the Workforce and Community Economic Development division’s Board of Visitors, an advisory group of business and civic leaders who assist the College in developing responses to our region’s workforce needs. Our members include key ambassadors representing the interests of business and the community. The Board is pivotal to helping Tri-C accomplish its strategic priorities of community engagement, training and talent development, economic development, and business solutions.

I am proud to play a role in helping to solve the challenges that impact all of us through the WCED Board of Visitors. I look forward to working with each of you and the College to prepare the next generation of our workforce and our future. Thank you for your engagement.

Engineering Technology students benefit from generous bequest

Tri-C’s Engineering Technology students will receive scholarship support thanks to the will bequest from Bay Village residents Richard and Lela Schier. The Schiers generously left a portion of their estate to the Tri-C Foundation, and The Richard and Lela Schier Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established in their names.

A proud graduate of West Tech High School and a veteran of the U.S. Navy, Richard Schier had a distinguished career at Eaton Corporation, where he held several patents, and later owned his own consulting company. His wife Lela was a business and accounting graduate from Ohio University who served as a trusted employee for several local companies throughout her career.

This incredible gift highlights the impact thoughtful planning can have on the community. If you have not yet created a will or an estate plan, you are not alone – it is estimated that more than half of all Americans do not have a will in place. The Tri-C Foundation has tools designed to help you find the information you need to get started. Visit www.tri-c.edu/plannedgiving to learn more about financial planning and review gift options that provide income for you while simultaneously benefiting members of our community.

The Schiers’ firm belief in education and lifelong learning will create a legacy of opportunities for Tri-C’s Engineering Technology students. The Foundation is grateful to Richard and Lela Schier for this generous legacy commitment to benefit our students.
Cleveland is a championship city. Not just in sports, but in business, education, healthcare and the arts. Cuyahoga Community College is a key ingredient to making this region a winner, and our students are the true champions – breaking barriers to succeed and complete their education.

Tri-C students reflect our community. They are often first-generation college students, veterans, women in transition, high school students, immigrants and minorities who choose Tri-C as their smart path forward. Since its inception in 1992, the Presidential Scholarship Luncheon has raised over $17 million to assist students with financial need in pursuing their education. Thank you for supporting scholarships for our students.

Our strategic plan at Cuyahoga Community College is focused on student completion, student experience and equity in outcomes. This is helping Tri-C to retain and graduate more students and linking them to workforce opportunities and/or transfer options to complete a four-year degree. Thanks to the College’s strategic plan and philanthropic support from the community, Tri-C awarded more than 2,600 scholarships last year, and our graduation rate has increased 400% over the last three years.

We have established Tri-C’s Centers of Excellence to promote student success and completion while addressing the educational, cultural and economic needs of our region. The Centers of Excellence supply skilled workers for local employers, address areas of anticipated job growth, demonstrate high success rates, receive national recognition in their fields and have broad impact on the region. The Centers of Excellence are:

- Division of Nursing Education
- Center for Creative Arts
- Public Safety Training Center
- Hospitality Management Center
- Center for Information Technology
- Manufacturing Technology Center

By supporting the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation, you are making an excellent investment in the future of our region. In fact, for every dollar invested in Cuyahoga Community College, $10.50 in economic benefit is provided back to the community. Your support is directly linked to our continuation as a champion community college, which is a win-win for everyone.

On behalf of the Tri-C Foundation Board of Directors and our students, we thank you for investing in Cuyahoga Community College, Where futures begin™.
Featuring **Centers of Excellence**

- Nursing
- Public Safety
- Creative Arts
- Information Technology
- Hospitality Management
- Manufacturing
At Tri-C student success is number one

We have exciting news to share - Community College Weekly says Cuyahoga Community College is number one! Specifically, we are:

- #1 in Ohio in Associate Degrees
- #1 in Ohio in Two-Year Certificates
- #1 in Ohio in Associate Degrees awarded to African-American Students
- #1 in Ohio and #2 in the nation in Associate Degrees in Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing
- #1 in Ohio and #4 in the nation in Associate Degrees in Health Professions and related programs

We’re number one because at Cuyahoga Community College student success is our top priority. Our current strategic plan is designed to significantly increase student completion rates, enhance the student experience, achieve equity in outcomes and exponentially impact our workforce. Through these efforts our graduation rate is climbing.

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation plays a critical role in helping Tri-C students succeed and achieve their dreams. Through your support the Foundation is able to fund intensive College initiatives to boost student achievement and provide scholarships for students with financial need. Thank you for making our students number one by supporting the Tri-C Foundation.

ALUMNI PROFILE

Susan Porter credits scholarship support as crucial to her academic success

Susan Mason Porter was an entrepreneur in the software and restaurant industries before enrolling at Cuyahoga Community College in 2010 with the hope of eventually pursuing a career in social justice. Though initially concerned about how she would finance her education, Porter excelled at Tri-C and was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, the academic honor society for two-year colleges, and the Robert L. Lewis Academy of Scholars. “Being accepted into Tri-C’s Robert L. Lewis Academy of Scholars forged my academic path,” she said. “The program not only gave me the tools to research social justice issues around the globe, but to also create a website that shined a spotlight on the issues I felt were most pressing at the time.”

After earning her associate degree from Tri-C in 2012, Porter transferred to Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations on a full scholarship. Porter returned to Cleveland after earning her bachelor of science degree and works for Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential. She is putting her education to use to help people with disabilities gain competitive employment and works with employers to create an inclusive company culture for employees with disabilities.

Porter is the alumni representative on the steering committee for the Robert L. Lewis Academy of Scholars, and is grateful for the scholarship support that helped her earn her degrees. “There was no way I could have completed my education in four years had it not been for scholarship money. I am forever thankful for the programs and individuals who invested in me at Tri-C.”
Dr. Alex Johnson named Black Professional of the Year

The Tri-C Foundation Board of Directors congratulates Tri-C President Alex Johnson, who was recently named Black Professional of the Year for 2016. Dr. Johnson was celebrated by the Black Professionals Association Charitable Foundation at their Scholarship and Awards Gala on Nov. 5, 2016. The gala co-chairs, Tri-Foundation Chairperson Rick Chiricosta and KeyBank Senior Vice President David Reynolds, commended Dr. Johnson for his many accomplishments as a visionary, trendsetter and civic champion. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Alex Johnson on this tremendous honor!

Pierre’s Ice Cream Challenge highlights star students

Five Tri-C student finalists presented their ice cream, sherbet and sorbet-inspired desserts in the Pierre’s Ice Cream Challenge at the Hospitality Management Center on Public Square on Oct. 19, 2016. Tri-C Foundation Board Member, Shelley Roth, President of Pierre’s Ice Cream Company, served as a guest judge and shared how much she enjoys the partnership with the College and the Hospitality Management Center. Second-semester student Mark McQueen won first place with his “Can You Panna Cotta?” creation.
Give the Gift of Education

As we embark upon the giving season, please consider a year-end gift that will make a difference in the lives of deserving students at Cuyahoga Community College. Your gift to the Tri-C Foundation will help students far beyond the season, assisting those who otherwise might not be able to achieve their dreams of a college education.

Your support is an investment in people which benefits our entire community. Make your gift by December 31 either online at www.tri-c.edu/donate or by sending a check to the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation, 700 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. Thank you for supporting student success.

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS AT TRI-C

“I am thankful to be a Tri-C Foundation scholarship recipient. This allows me to concentrate in my classes and brings me closer to achieving my educational goals. Thank you for caring about student success.”

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