

INVEST IN PEOPLE

Cuyahoga Community College Foundation

Spring 2013

Pathway to Possibilities

For more than two decades, Northeastern Ohio has benefited from the dynamic and tireless leadership of Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton as President of Tri-C. She has championed the College and the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation relentlessly, building a legacy for generations to come.



Catherine M. Kilbane, Tri-C Foundation Chairperson

As we look ahead to her retirement, it is fitting that we celebrate her vision and leadership in this issue of *Invest in People*. Her priority has always been providing access to education for all members of our community and a talented workforce for our corporate citizens. She has grown the scholarship endowment balances of the Tri-C Foundation from \$1.3 million to more than \$38 million. That in and of itself is a great achievement. The story at the right will remind you of some of her accomplishments for our students, our community, and our region. We are fortunate to have been shaped by the leadership and legacy of Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton.

This year, the Tri-C Foundation's June event, *Pathway to Possibilities*, celebrates Dr. Thornton's leadership, legacy and passion for access to education. I hope you will join us on June 7th, or make a contribution to the Foundation's **Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton Scholarship Fund**, and *Invest in People* in her honor.

Catherine M. Kilbane, Chairperson Tri-C Foundation

Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton to Retire; Pathway to Possibilities to Honor Her Leadership and Legacy on June 7th

Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton, who has guided unprecedented institutional growth and development as President of Cuyahoga Community College for the last 21 years, recently announced her upcoming retirement.

Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C), currently marking a year-long celebration of its 50th anniversary, was Ohio's first community college and remains its largest. Dr. Thornton became its third president on January 2, 1992, after serving six years as President of Lakewood Community College (now known as Century College) in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. She began her community college career in 1971 as an English faculty member at Triton College in a Chicago suburb and remained there until she left in 1985 from her position as the Dean of Academic Affairs.



Pathway To Possibilities

"With the continued support and confidence of the Board of Trustees, the College Foundation and the people of Cuyahoga County, it has been my distinct privilege to work with our outstanding faculty and staff to promote student success in collaboration with our community partners," said Dr. Thornton.

Throughout the years, Dr. Thornton has been likened to a dreamcatcher, catching the dreams that help us access the pathway to possibilities in our community. Her accomplishments are many, and she leaves a legacy that will touch generations to come. Within the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation, she has championed the endowment funds for student scholarships, growing them from \$1.3 million in 1992 to more than \$38 million, including support from the Presidential Scholarship Luncheon.

The Pathway to Possibilities at Cuyahoga Community College

It is with mixed emotions that I write this column. I am excited about the future, both for the College and my family, but at the same time, I cannot help but feel nostalgic as we all move on to our next chapters. By now, most of you are aware of my upcoming retirement. I have been privileged to serve as Tri-C's President and work collaboratively with so many of our business and community partners over the past 21 years for student success and achievement. It has been a joy to work with such an engaged Board of Trustees, devoted Directors of our College Foundation and a dedicated group of faculty and staff. Together, the College and its community have accomplished much over the years.

I am confident that all of the good work of Cuyahoga Community College will continue in the future. We are at an exciting time in the history of the College as we celebrate our golden anniversary and 50 years of helping students begin new futures. This is the appropriate time for me to bring closure to my tenure as President and to begin the transition to new leadership. As a College, we have reached a good juncture for that change to easily occur. We have completed many major academic initiatives, implemented new student success strategies and completed many major capital projects.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend special thanks to the supporters of the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation, whose donations have helped to shape the pathway to possibilities at Tri-C, and the entire Cuyahoga Community College family for the great work that we have done together. We have always put students first, as it should be in education.

My husband, Walter, and I plan to remain in the community and be engaged in volunteerism, which is also a big part of my life. We will remain staunch supporters of the College and of the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation because of its mission and all the good it does for those in our community who need assistance in accessing or continuing their education. Please remember that without the financial means to access it, the best education in the world is useless to those who strive for better futures. Walter and I will continue to support the Foundation. I hope you will do the same. Our students and our community are counting on it.



Jerry Sue Thornton

Jerry Sue Thornton, Ph.D.
President
Cuyahoga Community College

As requested by Dr. Thornton, in lieu of recognition opportunities and gifts, please donate to the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation's Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton Scholarship Fund to support her passion and commitment to access to education for all students at Cuyahoga Community College.

Medical Mutual Scholarship Fund Established

Medical Mutual, Ohio's oldest and largest health insurance company, has partnered with Ohio's oldest and largest community college to establish the Medical Mutual Scholarship Fund with the Cuyahoga Community College

Foundation. A long-time supporter of scholarships for student success at Cuyahoga Community College, Medical Mutual has established this new fund to increase the number of scholarships awarded to Tri-C students to pursue higher education while providing highly-skilled professionals to fill Northeast Ohio's most critical health care jobs. Signage at Tri-C's new Westshore Campus will celebrate this new partnership.

"At Cuyahoga Community College, we are fortunate to experience the longevity of partnerships with corporations grounded in community support, such as Medical Mutual," said Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton, President of Cuyahoga Community College. "I cannot think of a better way for us to work together for the success of our region than to support scholarships for future generations of workers in the medical field. We appreciate the support of Medical Mutual and of Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Director Rick Chiricosta in providing for the future of our community."



MEDICAL MUTUAL®

Experience Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland® from April 19 to 27, 2013

Jazz lovers from across the region will converge upon Cleveland in April for the 34th annual Tri-C JazzFest. Celebrated at the College's Metropolitan Campus, PlayhouseSquare and a variety of venues throughout the community, JazzFest is one of the nation's premier educational jazz festivals. JazzFest offers jazz education, community programming and performances by some of the biggest names in jazz and provides a showcase for local and regional jazz artists; residencies for national jazz artists; and workshops, seminars and clinics for students throughout the region.

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation appreciates the support of its 2013 Tri-C JazzFest sponsors, including KeyBank, Dominion Resources, Strassman Insurance Services, Inc., The Cleveland Israel Arts Connection of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland, Anthem Blue Cross and BlueShield, Great Lakes Brewing Company, the Ohio Arts Council, Cuyahoga Arts & Culture and the National Endowment for the Arts. Special thanks to long-term supporter American Greetings, presenting sponsor of the Natalie Cole concert on April 27th.

For the JazzFest line-up, please visit www.tri-cjazzfest.com.



Aaron Neville
April 19



Dr. John
April 19



Anat Cohen
April 24



Michael Feinstein
April 26



Natalie Cole
April 27

Alcoa Foundation, Martha Holden Jennings Foundation and Thomas H. White Foundation Provide Support for SEMAA Program

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation is pleased to announce recent grants for the College's Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy (SEMAA) program from the Alcoa Foundation, the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation and the Thomas H. White Foundation.

SEMAA is designed to reach historically underrepresented youth in grades K-12 to increase their interest in science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) and aerospace professions. The ultimate goal is to increase the numbers of students who enroll in technology-related academic majors in college.

Program sessions are held on Saturday mornings at the Metropolitan Campus in multiple 8-week sessions each year. In addition, three week-long camp sessions are held each summer. While students are attending the classes, parents and guardians are invited to participate in the SEMAA Family Café, which provides parent training on subjects ranging from cultural diversity and preparing for college to parenting skills and community awareness. SEMAA serves approximately 600 students throughout the academic year and summer camp sessions and approximately 500 students during its youth outreach programs. SEMAA graduates who have participated in the entire K-12 curriculum will have completed 441 hours of advanced studies in STEM prior to their enrollment in a post-secondary institution.

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation appreciates the continued support of the Alcoa Foundation, the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation and the Thomas H. White Foundation, as they help to create pathways for our youth.

Tri-C Co-Ops Help Students Become Career Ready

The Ohio Board of Regents' controlling board recently funded the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation's request for the Ohio Means Internships and Co-Ops – Means Careers project. The project will deliver 105 internships and cooperative education experiences in five key JobsOhio industries: advanced manufacturing, business functions, energy, information technology, and polymers and chemicals. In this project, Cuyahoga Community College partners with Lakeland Community College and the Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education (NOCHE) to provide employer-focused support. More than 10 employer partners have committed to provide paid internship and cooperative education experiences for students.



Career Fair at Cuyahoga Community College

Grant funds will support employers and students in a successful internship or co-op experience. The project increases access to internship and co-op experiences by providing scholarships to address a financial barrier faced by students. Professional development opportunities will be available to faculty and staff involved in co-ops and internships. Outreach and technical assistance to employers will be expanded and capacity building will allow the College to be more responsive to workforce needs.

The Cuyahoga Community College Career Center in partnership with KeyBank Foundation provides career exploration assistance, job search preparation, and experiential learning opportunities (co-op/internships) to students, alumni and community members. It also provides employers with on-campus recruiting opportunities and employer services such as co-op/internship identification and job posting. The Career Center also links faculty members and employers to ensure the co-op experience is tied to high quality academic outcomes. In fall 2012, more than 8,300 students, alumni, community members, instructors and employers were served by the Career Center.

Lincoln Electric Partnership Provides State-of-the-Art Training

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation appreciates the partnership of Lincoln Electric Company. The company has been a long-term supporter of student success, providing scholarships through the Foundation's Workforce Training Scholarship Fund. A recent equipment donation is also in use in the College's Advanced Metals/Nondestructive Testing Lab in the Advanced Technology Training Center. The lab features the latest advanced technology welding equipment used in industry, allowing those who complete Tri-C's program to be job-ready for industry employment. Lincoln Electric has also featured the College's training program in its marketing materials. The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation and the College appreciate the partnership of Lincoln Electric.



Thank You for Supporting Scholarships for Student Success



"I appreciate the fact that it is the kindness of caring strangers who recognize that sometimes students need extra help."

Stephanie Coburn,
Nursing

"Thank you for generously helping me to achieve my goal and my dream."

Danay Johnson,
International
Business

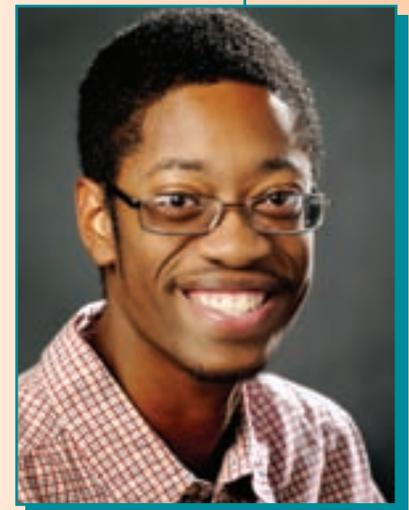


"As a single parent, scholarships help take a financial burden off my shoulders as I continue to achieve a degree. They also provide positive thoughts toward my success."

Kelly Thompson,
Accounting

"Scholarships are important to me because they assist me in funding my education. I am thankful for everyone who has contributed to the process."

Stanley Terry,
Purchasing/Supply
Management



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Jerry L. Kelsheimer, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and a member of the Foundation Board of Directors said, “Dr. Thornton has worked tirelessly for more than two decades to shape Cuyahoga Community College as truly a place ‘Where futures begin.’ With tremendous momentum in place and a new strategic plan now in its final stages of development, she will leave her successor with a strong foundation upon which to continue to build.”

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation established the Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton Scholarship Fund to recognize President Thornton’s superb leadership and dedication to the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation, the College, its students and the college community.

Dr. Thornton has led the College to national prominence while providing high quality, accessible and affordable education opportunities and services to Northeast Ohio. Just a few of her career accomplishments are:

- Increasing enrollment by 40 percent since 1992 to more than 52,000 college credit and workforce training students each year;
- Leading the passage of five tax levies during her tenure, with a resulting \$1.7 billion in total levy revenue to the College over their lifetime;



Dr. Thornton jammed with then-student Dominick Farinacci at Jazz on the Lake in 2000.



The late Heath Oliver (2001 Foundation Chairperson), Morry Weiss (Co-Chairperson of the Foundation’s first Major Gifts Campaign) celebrating the success of the \$20 million campaign in 2002 with Dr. Thornton.

- Doubling the size of the Eastern Campus, creating the College’s fourth campus, Westshore Campus, building the Brunswick University Center, and modernizing the existing campus buildings to provide students with state-of-the-art facilities;
- Creating national Centers of Excellence including the Tommy LiPuma Center for Creative Arts, the Hospitality Management Center at Public Square, the East Health Careers Technology Building, and the Advanced Technology Training Center;
- Creating and expanding distance learning opportunities for students, with more than 800 distance learning courses and 400 hybrid classes offered each year, and over 14,000 students taking an online class each semester; and



Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton with Tri-C’s Founding Board Chair, the late Robert Lewis, in 2003.

- Planning and creating two Corporate Colleges that bring best-in-class business training and coaching to Northeast Ohio businesses and students.

“The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation has been fortunate to have such an inspirational leader as Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton – truly our dreamcatcher. She has challenged us all and raised the bar to benefit our students, our community and our region. On behalf of the College and our Foundation Board of Directors, we are so very pleased to honor Dr. Thornton’s leadership and legacy this year at our annual June fundraiser,” said Gloria J. Moosmann, Vice President, Resource Development and Tri-C Foundation.



Dr. Thornton and Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr. welcomed Oprah Winfrey to the Foundation’s Presidential Scholarship Luncheon in 2002.

Thornton Scholarship Fund to support her passion and commitment to access to education for all students at Cuyahoga Community College. Your donation to this fund will not only honor Dr. Thornton for her service and dedication to the College and community, it will provide students with education and resources to help them meet their educational goals and achieve success outside the classroom.



Dr. Thornton with 2007 Presidential Scholarship Luncheon Speaker General Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.).

Please join Cuyahoga Community College and the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation to celebrate Dr. Thornton’s leadership and legacy.

Pathway to Possibilities will be held on June 7th at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and will include cocktails, dinner and music. All proceeds benefit the Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton Scholarship Fund. As requested by Dr. Thornton, in lieu of recognition opportunities and gifts, please donate to the Dr. Jerry Sue



Dr. Thornton at the Levy Kickoff in 2009.



For ticket information for *Pathway to Possibilities* please contact the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation at 216-987-4868 or visit www.Tri-C.edu/donate to make a gift online.

Tri-C Foundation Receives Grant for Fairfax Freedom Academy from JPMorgan Chase Foundation

The JPMorgan Chase Foundation recently provided a grant to the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation to launch the College's Fairfax Freedom Academy.

The Fairfax Freedom Academy in Partnership with JPMorgan Chase Foundation will address multiple impediments to academic success, creative expression

and college entry. The Academy will be a weekday-afternoon and Saturday program for youth in grades eight through twelve in the Fairfax neighborhood of Cleveland. The program is an adaptation of Cuyahoga Community College's Freedom Leadership Academy.

The model program is focused on increasing high-school graduation and readiness for post-secondary education by enhancing high-school students' skills and experience in reading, music and creative expression, leadership and academic achievement. The curriculum will include literacy, music and the arts, inter-generational leadership, cultural awareness, civic engagement, and healthy living fused into a holistic curriculum that is aligned with—and fortifies—academic core competencies. "The JPMorgan Chase Foundation makes it a priority to support high quality education programs that prepare high school students to successfully enter college or the workforce immediately after graduation. This is exactly why we are proud to partner with Cuyahoga Community College because their programming prepares students to succeed academically and to live productive adult lives," said Cinnamon Pelly, Vice President, JPMorgan Chase Foundation.

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation and the College appreciate the generous support of the JPMorgan Chase Foundation for the *Invest in People – A Legacy for the Future* Campaign to offer our community's youth access to a high-quality educational program that will cultivate critical thinking skills, increase literacy achievement and support leadership development.



Representatives from JPMorgan Chase and Cuyahoga Community College with Freedom Academy participants.

The Edward A. & Catherine L. Lozick Foundation Supports Scholarships for Police Academy Students

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation recognizes The Edward A. & Catherine L. Lozick Foundation as an integral partner in the College's endeavors to meet community needs and is grateful for its recent support for scholarships for students enrolled in Cuyahoga Community College's Police Academy. Beginning in the Spring 2013 semester, scholarships will be awarded to students enrolled in the College's Police Academy based on financial need.



The College's Police Academy (referred to as Peace Officer Basic Training) is a component of the College's Law Enforcement Division, which provides high-quality programs and college credentials for individuals who want to pursue law enforcement careers or are seeking to enhance their professional careers through advanced training.

Leaving a Legacy with a Bequest

If Cuyahoga Community College has made a difference in your life or if you want to *Invest in People* with a gift that benefits the entire community, you can include the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation in your will. Your investment in the education of Northeast Ohio's students is a meaningful way to leave a legacy for the future.

Leaving a bequest in a will is often the simplest way to make a significant charitable contribution. Many people would like to give, but worry about expenses during their lifetime. You can add simple language to your will stating that you would like to designate an exact amount or a percentage of the assets in your will to the Tri-C Foundation. A bequest is the perfect way to retain your income and make a gift that will have an impact on Tri-C's students.

All bequests of \$50,000 or more may become named endowments of the Tri-C Foundation and be designated for student scholarships or college programs. Donors who remember the Tri-C Foundation in their estate plans will be recognized as members of the Legacy Society.

Every donor and every situation is different. The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation staff will help you design your gift to match your personal circumstances and philanthropic goals. To discuss your estate plans, please call the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation at 216-987-4868.



Bequest from Alumnus Benefits Veterans Scholarships at Tri-C

Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) and the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation appreciate the generous bequest of alumnus Brian W. Aring to support Veterans scholarships at Tri-C. The College is often a starting point for returning Veterans because of the diversity of its curriculum, which includes some of the region's most innovative programming and services.

Tri-C has a long-standing commitment to reaching out to our Veterans and tailoring support services. For 50 years, the College has helped Veterans in Northeast Ohio achieve their educational goals, dating back to Crile Hospital, which once stood on the grounds of our Western Campus. Scholarship support makes an incredible difference to Veterans. Contributions from many donors, such as this gift from Mr. Aring's estate, make a big difference to Tri-C students. With the generous support of donors to the Tri-C Foundation's Veterans Scholarship Fund, more Veterans are able to access post-secondary education and workforce training opportunities.

Formerly of Parma, Ohio, Mr. Aring served in the U.S. Navy, and then attended Cuyahoga Community College. He passed away in 2011 in Marion, Ohio. The College and the Foundation are very grateful for this gift, which will help more Veterans access high-quality education and workforce training opportunities as they transition successfully from military to civilian life.



The Veterans Scholarship Fund provides support for student Veterans at Cuyahoga Community College.

Partnering with Tri-C is Good Business for Our Region



Rick Chiricosta, President and CEO, Medical Mutual of Ohio and Director of the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation

The healthcare industry is one of Northeast Ohio's most important industries, with hospitals and related healthcare facilities ranking as the largest employers in each of the region's counties.

Medical Mutual, Ohio's oldest and largest healthcare insurer, has a long-standing commitment to provide community support. We serve our community through volunteerism, philanthropy and community partnerships. One of our valued partners is Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) and the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation, providing support for student scholarships.

Tri-C is a leader in training the next generation of healthcare workers. The College's many and varied healthcare programs are helping the region move toward economic recovery. Scholarships enable more individuals in our community to gain the skills necessary to succeed in their health related careers or re-train when faced with unplanned career changes. As the industry's workforce training partner, Tri-C is providing the education and training for many of these positions in the healthcare field.

As a member of the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Board of Directors, I have seen first-hand the difference that financial assistance makes in the lives of many Tri-C students. Talented students are not able to make a difference in our community if they are unable to access or complete their education due to funding limitations. Students need our support.

Cuyahoga Community College is filling the workforce training needs for the future of the healthcare industry and providing quality programs and instruction that align with our industry in Northeast Ohio. Medical Mutual's partnership with the Tri-C Foundation is a win-win for our students, our industry and our region.

Faculty Donor Spotlight: Dr. John Ndefru

Dr. John Ndefru is Assistant Professor of Physics at the Eastern Campus. As a faculty member, he believes in the College's strong commitment to serving students from diverse backgrounds who are seeking a college education and professional training. He is motivated to support student scholarships because of Tri-C's efforts to increase students' access, retention and advancement. He comments, "I believe that any amount of continuing financial support towards students' personal and professional development will go a long way in developing their potentials and in enabling them to thrive and succeed in their educational pursuits."

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



Dr. John Ndefru

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Welcomes New Appointments to the Board of Directors



Fred L. Koury is President of Smart Business Network Inc. He co-founded Smart Business Network in 1989 with a single publication in Cleveland, Ohio, and has built the company into a leading multimedia and content marketing business, providing print and digital marketing services to a national client base. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Bowling Green State University and has completed graduate work at The Ohio State University.

Jon J. Pinney, Partner, Kohrman, Jackson & Krantz, PLL, is a corporate lawyer and business litigator with extensive experience in estate and wealth planning. He received the Ohio Rising Star award in both 2011 and 2012. A member of the American Bar Association and the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, he received his B.S. from John Carroll University and his J.D. from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.



Kelly Ricker, Vice President, Creative at American Greetings Corporation serves as the senior leader of the Creative function across multiple business units. She has been with the company since 2002. Previously, she was a consultant with KeyBank and JPMorgan. Her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration is from Georgetown University and she holds an MBA in Marketing and Strategy from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

DID YOU KNOW...



A generous gift of stock from Grenville and Jean Holden established the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation in 1973 as a 501 (c)(3) non profit organization to secure funding opportunities for scholarship and program development and enhancement at Tri-C.

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Pathway To Possibilities

Save the Date for
A Celebration of the Leadership and Legacy of Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton

Friday, June 7, 2013, 6:30 p.m.
Renaissance Cleveland Hotel

To purchase tickets or for more information, please call the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation at 216-987-4868.



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