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Dear Friends,

I am proud to introduce you to Youth, Adult and Community Connections at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®). This family of programs provides access to educational and workforce opportunities for individuals throughout Northeast Ohio.

Over the last several years, the College has seen improved graduation numbers and an increase in workforce credentials awarded. Following this tremendous progress around student success and completion, Tri-C committed to expanding college access — subsequently launching the Access Agenda with its Six Pillars: Connect, Convert, Enter, Learn, Retain and Complete.

Tri-C provides multiple points of contact to help individuals Connect with the College. We then work with them to guide decisions that Convert to application. The removal of barriers to enrollment facilitates a smooth transition to Enter the College. Once enrolled, individuals Learn and develop the skills and knowledge to succeed while engaging with support services to aid in their Retention and increase their ability to Complete — thereby achieving their educational and career goals.

Youth, Adult and Community Connections seeks to engage the community in programs that ensure access to higher education for people of all ages. In addition to programs for youth and early college students, processes are now in place to increase Tri-C enrollment rates for both College Credit Plus and Tech Prep students. The Saturday Family Academy engages entire families in educational and workforce programming, while the Adult Diploma Program affords individuals the opportunity to complete their high school diploma and a workforce credential simultaneously.

Our greatest challenge — and greatest opportunity — is connecting with those in our communities who are underrepresented in the College and in the workforce.

Through Youth, Adult and Community Connections, we strive to bring you into the College, support you on your journey and keep you on the path to completion — with access to the American Dream of personal and economic prosperity as the ultimate outcome.

Alex Johnson, Ph.D.
President
Cuyahoga Community College
Tri-C focuses on preparing Cuyahoga County residents to complete high-quality credentials and degrees that lead to family-sustaining careers. The College’s relationships with a diverse group of community partners — including school districts; higher education and affiliate groups; nonprofit, public and private agencies; federal, state and local governments; and philanthropic and workforce organizations — help make this possible.

The College’s work in K-12 is both intentional and deliberate, with a strong commitment to helping students enter college with the skills and support necessary to reach their personal and career goals. Many of these efforts expand awareness of Tri-C’s academic programming and transfer opportunities. Other efforts include career-technical skill development, dual enrollment opportunities, academic enrichment and college readiness. Collectively, these programs help more students complete high school ready for college and the workforce.

Tri-C also serves a diverse group of adult participants — including first-generation, income-eligible college students; veterans and their families; women in any stage of life or career transition; nontraditional and stop-out students. Adults interested in finishing their high school diploma with an industry credential or needing ESOL coursework can also find assistance at the College. Family engagement programs, serve multiple generations and contribute significantly toward helping communities thrive and move out of poverty.

Community engagement is critical to helping more Cuyahoga County residents access programs that allow them to experience the promise of the American Dream. You will see us more frequently in neighborhood spaces and places where residents can more easily and conveniently connect with us.

Sincerely,

JaNice Marshall, Ed.D.
Vice President
Access and Community Connections
Tri-C’s Youth, Adult and Community Connections (YACC) department plays an integral role in furthering the College’s commitment to increasing educational access by removing barriers for learners of all ages. YACC expands Tri-C’s reach by connecting community members to nontraditional career and college readiness programs.

Last year, YACC served more than 28,000 community members through Women in Transition, Ohio College Tech Prep, the Educational Opportunity Center, and more. These programs provide vital college preparation skills, higher education access, mentoring, family involvement and financial support to Cuyahoga County residents seeking further education or job skills training. Generous funding through external grants and community partnerships allows us to offer these programs at no cost to students.

YACC’s continuing efforts to connect with individuals, partner organizations and educational resources throughout Northeast Ohio means more children, adults and families can receive career and college readiness training to promote individual development and improve the overall quality of life in our region.

The Tri-C family and YACC team look forward to helping you reach your goals through one of our many program offerings.

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

Cuyahoga Community College is integral to the communities it serves. For those communities to grow and prosper, businesses must have access to a skilled workforce, and residents must have the education to participate in the region’s economic, civic and social life.

To ensure the region’s future economic vitality, Tri-C’s Workforce, Community and Economic Development division provides quality training, products and services focused on the high-demand, rapidly changing industry sectors of advanced manufacturing, health care, information technology, professional services, public safety, construction/building trades and transportation/logistics.

These sectors represent growth in the region and align closely with economic development efforts.

Tri-C has created Centers of Excellence targeting these in-demand areas, featuring new programming and integrated pathways between academic and workforce programs that give students more options for learning and future careers. This sector-based approach to workforce development ensures the strategic alignment of training to jobs and focuses on reducing the skills gap in Northeast Ohio.

Tri-C strives to identify new ways to prepare individuals for employment in emerging fields as well as in established local industries. In addition to four campuses, Tri-C’s Access Centers connect residents to workforce training and other educational opportunities at convenient locations in the community. High schools connect students to technical education and employment through Tri-C’s Tech Prep program. Aspire helps students strengthen academic skills and assists with GED test preparation, and the Adult Diploma Program offers an alternative pathway for adults to earn a high school diploma and an industry credential in an in-demand job.

The Workforce, Community and Economic Development division looks forward to continuing to serve the residents, businesses and communities of Northeast Ohio.

William H. Gary Sr.
Executive Vice President
Workforce, Community and Economic Development
About Youth, Adult and Community Connections

The Connections family of programs seeks to engage communities throughout Northeast Ohio and provide higher education access to students of all ages. Programs are available in three main areas:

1. Youth and early college, serving students in grades K-12

2. Adult programs, including the Adult Diploma Program, Women in Transition and the Educational Opportunity Center

3. Family and community initiatives, such as the Saturday Family Academy

Tri-C youth, early college and adult programs reach more than 25,000 and reach an additional 28,000 community members each year.

Tri-C serves more K-12 students than any other institution of higher learning in Ohio.

All Connections programs are offered at no cost to students and participants, thanks to grant funding from external partners.
Access

Cuyahoga Community College is committed to breaking down barriers and enabling individuals from diverse backgrounds to achieve their lifelong learning goals. The Strategic Enrollment Management and Youth, Adult and Community Connections departments work collaboratively to improve access to education and job training for youth and adults throughout Northeast Ohio. The following programs have identified opportunities for increasing effectiveness and improving outcomes to better equip students, program participants and others to enter the College prepared to succeed.

Access Centers

Tri-C Access Centers connect community members — easily and conveniently — with the education and job training needed to build a better future. These programs can lead to a job with family-supporting wages or on a path to a college degree. The centers offer a range of services designed to meet people wherever they are in their education or career.

As of the 2019-2020 academic year, the College is partnering with the following community organizations throughout Cleveland:

- MetroHealth Medical Center
- Esperanza Inc.
- Olivet Housing and Community Development Corp. (an arm of Olivet Institutional Baptist Church) and Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority

The centers provide access to the following classes and programs:

- English for Speakers of Other Languages
- GED/ASPIRE and Adult Diploma Programs
- College and Career Readiness Workshops
- Women in Transition Services
- Assistance with College and Financial Aid Applications
- Advanced Manufacturing and Construction Training
- Information Technology (IT) and Health IT Training

Expanded Partners

- City of East Cleveland
- City of Warrensville Heights
- City of Maple Heights
- Gesher - Career Development and Benefits Center
- Ginn Academy Center for Career and College Readiness

Interfaith Community Service Initiative raises awareness of educational and workforce development opportunities among members of faith-based communities. The program connects the College and faith-based institutions, providing training and information so they can assist parishioners and community members in achieving their academic, educational and workforce related aspirations.
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COMMUNITY OUTREACH FY19

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- Washington Park Community School Outreach: 150
- ACE Mentor Program of Cleveland: 3,290
- Aspire GED/ABLE Outreach: 1,000
- Broadway P-16 Youth Council: 300
- Cleveland Central Promise Neighborhood: 50
- Cleveland Scholastic Program: 150
- College Success Program: 184
- CWRU 9th Grade Partnership: 1,722
- Veteran Services Outreach: 7,840
- Upward Bound (TRiO) Outreach: 4,247
- Thurgood Marshall Oratorical Debate Competition: 376
- Student Support Services: TRiO Outreach: 301
- STEM Science Fair and Robotics Competition: 200
- PACT: 100
- Ohio Reach Mentors: 39
- Ohio College Tech Prep Outreach: 6,844
- New Tech East: 168
- Friends of Max Hayes: 80
- Educational Opportunity Center (TRiO) Outreach: 1,722
- Educational Talent Search (TRiO): 7,840
- National Technical Association: Cleveland Chapter: 625
Youth and Early College Programs

Carl D. Perkins Grant

The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act is the federal law that funds career and technical education. The purpose is to develop the academic, career and technical skills of secondary and postsecondary students.

Current* programs supported by the Carl D. Perkins grant include Women in Transition and Student Accessibility Services (SAS). In the past, we have supported increasing awards to CTE programs, helping more students, including programs such as automotive technology, environmental health and safety, Black Diamonds Women’s Conference, engineering technology, fire training academy, public safety, radiography, recording arts and technology, visual communication and design, nursing, preventative care, information technology.

*as of July 2019

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Transfer Initiative

A partnership between Tri-C, the Transfer Center and Black American Council.

Tri-C signed a new agreement with the HBCU Alumni CLE Council and the United Negro College Fund in January 2019.

Provides opportunities for high school students to visit HBCU schools that offer programs aligned with Tri-C’s Centers of Excellence.

More than 350 high school and college students from Tri-C participate in the annual HBCU College Fair.

MORE THAN 4,500 HIGH SCHOOL AND EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS VISITED 35 HBCUs
Educational Talent Search (TRiO)
This federally funded pre-college program, created in 1965 as part of the Higher Education Act, has been offered at Tri-C since 1968.

Provides skills and motivation necessary for students in grades 6-12 to enter and succeed in postsecondary programs.

Participants receive a variety of free services and participate in scholastic and cultural enrichment activities.

Upward Bound (TRiO)
A year-round program that helps CMSD students in grades 9-12 graduate from high school and succeed in college.

Participation is limited to low-income, potential first-generation college students attending Glenville, East Tech, John Hay or John Marshall high schools.

Upward Bound Math and Science (TRiO)
An after-school program that provides college prep services and exposure to educational and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering, medicine or math (STEM) disciplines.

Exposes students to STEM careers through college field trips, guest speakers and group lectures by STEM professionals.

UBMS students are twice as likely as their counterparts to enroll in college.

Educational Opportunity Center (TRiO)
Provides information and assistance regarding financial and academic support available to help individuals pursue postsecondary education.

Participation is limited to Cuyahoga County residents age 19 or older, who are low-income and/or potential first-generation college students.

Student Support Services (TRiO)
A federal program that helps eligible students graduate with an associate degree and/or transfer to a four-year school.

Provides a comprehensive range of academic and other support services to increase retention, graduation and transfer rates.
High Tech Academy (HTA)

- Established in 2000 by Tri-C and CMSD
- Prepares high school students for technological careers and/or higher education with a focus on English, reading comprehension, mathematics and information technology.
- Students attend classes at their home school in the morning and college-level classes at Tri-C’s Metropolitan Campus in the afternoon.
- Goals include new transfer and articulation agreements with notable HBCUs.

Ohio College Tech Prep

Connects high school students to high-skill and high demand technical education and employment starting in grade 7.

Curriculum prepares students for college and careers by teaching real-world technical skills that meet modern workforce demands.

Services more than 13,000 students in 6-12 grades.
Adult Programs

Adult Diploma Program
Provides job training and a pathway for adults age 22 or older to earn a high school diploma and industry credential aligned to one of Ohio’s in-demand jobs.
Scholarships from the Ohio Department of Education allow students to attend workforce classes at no cost.

Aspire
An award-winning program that provides free instruction to help people develop skills for success in college, training or a job.
Aspire prepares students to take the high school equivalency exam (HSE), enrolls them in ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) classes and prepares them for their next steps.

In fiscal year 2019, Aspire served:
2,512 students
1,000 community members
Women in Transition

In 2018, Tri-C’s Women in Transition program celebrated its 40th year of providing information, support and referrals to women in a transitional time in their lives.

Participants attend noncredit sessions with curriculum based on personal development, career exploration and technology skills, as well as workshops designed to help women develop confidence, identify marketable skills, explore interests, research career options and learn about academic and workforce training options at Tri-C.

Reach Scholars Program

Pairs students who have experienced foster care with a Tri-C faculty or staff member to provide encouragement, connection to College resources and emotional support to ensure academic progress toward degree completion. Mentors agree to support their mentee throughout the academic year via in-person meetings, phone calls and email.

A grant from the Ohio Department of Higher Education helps connect Reach Scholars to short-term certificate programs leading to in-demand career opportunities.

39 individuals served as mentors to Tri-C Reach Scholars in FY19.

Over 52 Reach Scholars enrolled at Tri-C in the Spring 2019 semester.

Veteran Services

Tri-C ranks SIXTH among Ohio’s two- and four-year schools in veteran enrollment.

96,700+ Connections with veterans, family members and organizations

62,500+ Direct responses to student veteran inquiries

The College has received Military Friendly® School recognition from Victory Media for 11 consecutive years and is designated as a Top 10 school for the third year running.

In 2016, Tri-C received the Kisco Foundation’s Kohlberg Prize, which recognizes highly successful community college veteran programs.

Numerous events take place throughout the year to support veterans and their families.

600+ Veterans enrolled at Tri-C in Fall 2019

13% Graduation rate among student veterans

37% Transfer rate to four-year institutions

160+ Workforce training certificates awarded to veterans
Family and Community Initiatives

Saturday Family Academy
A free program for families with children ages 4 and up, dedicated to facilitating parental involvement in education through hands-on sessions at Tri-C’s Metropolitan Campus.
Topics include financial empowerment, educational support, health and wellness, safety and career exploration.

Uniting Families through Education
The Uniting Families through Education project supports adult parents without a high school diploma, along with their children ages 16 to 21 who are also at risk of not earning their high school diploma.

PROGRAM FUNDERS

ADULT DIPLOMA PROGRAM
Ohio Department of Education
O’Neill Foundation
White Foundation
Cuyahoga Community College
Dominion Energy

ASPIRE/GED ABE
Albert B. Ratner GED Testing Scholarship
Ruth Miller Foundation Philanthropic Fund
Ohio Department of Education
Cuyahoga Community College
Catholic Charities

COLLEGE SUCCESS PROGRAM
Cuyahoga Community College

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER
U. S. Department of Education

EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH
U. S. Department of Education

FOSTER SCHOLAR’S PROGRAM
Ohio Reach

HIGH TECH ACADEMY
PNC Foundation

OHIO COLLEGE TECH PREP
Ohio Department of Education

SATURDAY FAMILY ACADEMY
Westfield Insurance Foundation

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - EASTERN CAMPUS
U. S. Department of Education

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - METRO CAMPUS
U. S. Department of Education

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - WESTERN CAMPUS
U. S. Department of Education

UPWARD BOUND
U. S. Department of Education

UPWARD BOUND MATH & SCIENCE
U. S. Department of Education

VETERAN SERVICES
Harley Davidson Foundation
Arconic Foundation
PwC Charitable Foundation
Reinberger Foundation

WOMEN IN TRANSITION
Carl D. Perkins Act
Westfield Insurance Foundation
S. K. Wellman Foundation
Nadine H. Feighan
People’s Bank
Raymond and Rita Foos Foundation
Crocker Park
Campus Locations

Eastern Campus
4250 Richmond Road
Highland Hills, Ohio 44122

Metropolitan Campus
2900 Community College Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Western Campus
11000 Pleasant Valley Road
Parma, Ohio 44130

Westshore Campus
31001 Clemens Road
Westlake, Ohio 44145