



Serving Those Who Served

Crile Veterans Center and Archives opens at Western Campus

Military veterans have a new home base at Tri-C's Western Campus in Parma.

The College opened the Crile Veterans Center and Archives in May to help veterans reach educational and career goals as they transition from soldiers to civilians and become contributors to the economic vitality of Northeast Ohio.

The new center includes an area for academic advising and counseling; computer access to enable veterans to participate in online courses and services; meeting space; and a resource area providing information on veteran programs.

"Cuyahoga Community College is dedicated to serving those who served this nation," Tri-C President Alex Johnson said. "The addition of the Crile Veterans Center and Archives builds on our commitment to military families across Northeast Ohio."

The Kisco Foundation awarded Tri-C \$80,000 to help establish the Crile Veterans Center. The gift followed the College receiving the foundation's Kohlberg Prize, given annually to increase support for veterans attending community colleges.

The new center sits adjacent to the Crile Archives, which preserve and present artifact that document the experiences of veterans on the battlefield and at home. The archives focus on the health and healing of veterans returning to civilian life.

The Parma campus sits on the site of the former Crile Military Hospital, which opened during World War II as a temporary wartime hospital. It remained an active military site for more than two decades.



On a Roll

College debuts Citizens Bank Mobile Training Unit to bring programs to manufacturers

A gift from Citizens Bank will help Tri-C's Manufacturing Center of Excellence make house calls.

The College received \$60,000 from the bank in year one of a multi-year commitment supporting the center's new mobile training unit. Tri-C dedicated the Citizens Bank Mobile Training Unit during a June ceremony.

The mobile unit will bring the College's award-winning training programs to the doorsteps of Northeast Ohio companies and schools in nine counties. It houses a versatile lab area for hands-on training and a classroom space with 10 desk stations, a whiteboard and video system.

The 53-foot-long trailer allows the College to offer customized programs at client sites, increasing access to essential training to address the region's manufacturing skills gap. Programs include CNC machining, welding, 3D printing and programmable logic controllers, with others in development.

"Tri-C is a valued community partner, and we are proud to support this unique educational resource," said Mike Shiplett, Ohio market executive at Citizens Bank. "This investment will bring advanced, hands-on training to many who may have not have had the opportunity without it. This is an investment in job training and the local economy in Northeast Ohio."

The gift for the mobile unit builds on the bank's long-standing partnership with the College. Citizens Bank has contributed more than \$135,000 to Tri-C for various programs.

"Citizens Bank has always had a deep commitment to enhancing our region's economic prosperity," said Alex Johnson, president of Cuyahoga Community College. "This new gift will enable Tri-C to reach out to students, communities and organizations to expand access to advanced manufacturing training opportunities."

Teaming for Student Success

Tri-C partners with Hiram College on mentorship pilot program

Tri-C is partnering with Hiram College on a student mentorship pilot program aimed at encouraging community college students to continue their education at four-year schools.

The goal of the Mentorship for Student Excellence program is to determine whether peer mentorship can play a role in improving academic achievement, economic efficiency and degree completion. The program will pair a mentor student from Hiram with a mentee from Tri-C.

The Ohio Department of Higher Education awarded \$680,000 through its Innovation Program Awards to launch the project.