Today’s workforce demands employees who are highly skilled, ready to achieve excellence and always striving to improve. As technology makes the workforce more efficient, it also raises the expectations of consumers. Continuing education and workforce training are needed to create a cutting edge team of employees that is productive and responsive to customer needs.

We are fortunate to have Cuyahoga Community College in our region with its high quality educational opportunities available at its three campuses, Corporate College facilities, and through distance learning technology. However, financial barriers limit some individuals’ ability to access the training and educational opportunities available at Tri-C.

Through the Invest in People: Support Scholarships for Student Success campaign, the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation is working to secure additional dollars to support student scholarships for tuition, fees and other educational expenses. We cannot accomplish the goal of $5 million for student scholarships without your help.

Please consider making a contribution today – this is an investment in the future of our region, which benefits from an educated workforce. For additional information on how you can make a difference in our community, please contact the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation at 216-987-4868.

Shelley Roth, Chairperson
Tri-C Foundation

Partnerships for Health Careers Training

In January 2006, Tri-C announced an educational partnership developed to respond to our region’s health care worker shortages. This partnership with the Cleveland Clinic will increase the College’s capacity to train nursing and radiologic technology students by providing:

- An organizational structure and resources to increase Tri-C’s ability to rapidly respond to existing and emerging health care labor shortages and training needs
- An employer-designed career ladder system
- Enhanced utilization of clinical training opportunities for students
- A registry of full-and part-time faculty
- Clinical Simulation Centers for hands-on education and training

The long-term goal of the program is to create a replicable model for alleviating health careers workforce shortages and respond to training needs to produce a larger pool of trained health care workers and to improve health and wellbeing for the region.

In response to President Bush’s Community-based Job Training Grants initiative, Tri-C submitted an application and was awarded $1,863,833 over a three-year period from the United States Department of Labor. Tri-C was the only college in the state to receive an award from this very competitive process. The award will strengthen Tri-C’s capacity to train workers to develop skills required to succeed in the high-growth/high-demand health care industry. Tri-C’s strategic partners for the President’s Community-Based Job Training initiative are:

- Cleveland Clinic
- Cleveland Municipal School District
- City of Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Investment Board
- U.S. Department of Labor

The College and the Cleveland Clinic have had other successful partnerships. In response to a workforce shortage, the College began offering a Health Information Management Associate Degree program in 2003 to Clinic employees on-site at the Clinic’s main hospital facility.

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The Community’s College

As a community we are bound by common interests. We live together, share services, raise families and seek happiness and security. By working together and contributing to our community, we can benefit from the success of our region and the satisfaction that comes from personal growth and development.

As the community’s college, Tri-C is committed to providing educational outreach. We seek out partnerships with employers and members of our community to help keep our economy strong by providing education that is responsive to community needs and that will keep us competitive within our region, our state and our nation.

Thanks to generous support from numerous individuals, corporations, foundations and government agencies, we work to continuously improve and respond to workforce training needs. We are proud to serve Northeast Ohio. Please join us in helping to make this community a place where all can benefit from education by supporting scholarships. Your investment in Tri-C’s education program enhancement and development and scholarships for our students will contribute to the growth of our community.

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

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According to Tri-C’s Dean of Nursing, Dr. Elizabeth Berrey, “Over the past few years, the College has increased capacity to accommodate a 41 percent increase in nursing enrollment. Despite this, the demand for nursing education is so high that we are currently admitting students to spring 2008 for the day section and fall 2008 for the evening/weekend section. The Department of Labor grant allows Tri-C to accommodate more students who will impact our community by providing high-quality health care services.”

Tri-C’s Institute for Event and Meeting Planning established in memory of legendary event planner Barbara K. Shlensky began its first classes in January. Funding for the development of the Institute came entirely from community supporters through the leadership of Joseph Shafran, President of Paran Management Company, Ltd., and long time friend and colleague of Ms. Shlensky. Mr. Shafran aggressively encouraged the College to develop the Institute and he was right on target as evidenced by initial enrollment which was much higher than projected. Tri-C worked with national consultants to develop curriculum for the Institute. Participants will receive a certificate from Tri-C as well as credit towards national certification.

“The class is helping me to plan better meetings and events for my workplace and is also giving me creative ideas for planning my own wedding and my high school reunion,” says Bridget Conway, Executive Assistant for the United Labor Agency and a student in the Fundamentals course. She echoed many of her classmates who plan to take all of the courses. Student Leslie Levine adds, “I have been waiting a long time for this type of opportunity. I am so excited to be obtaining useful tools to help me enter this career field.”

For more information on the Institute for Event and Meeting Planning, call 216-987-5875.
Key Foundation Partners to Expand Access to Education

A generous commitment from the Key Foundation will enable Tri-C to increase the amount of scholarship support available for Hispanic students attending the College. The Tri-C Foundation established the Hispanic Scholarship Fund in 2003 to provide financial assistance to Hispanic students. Thanks to a strong community response, including a generous donation from the Key Foundation, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund’s endowment now exceeds $500,000.

“Tri-C exemplifies excellence among those who are constantly striving to build economically strong and inclusive communities,” said Margot J. Copeland, Chair of the Key Foundation. “Celebrating diversity and ensuring it absolutely pervades all of our lives, as Tri-C does, is a wonderful service to the people and organizations across Northeast Ohio whose efforts keep our community strong.”

“Tri-C welcomes Hispanic students with open arms and has provided me with the help I’ve needed to pursue my associate degree in nursing,” said Tri-C student Diana Castellón, a Hispanic Scholarship Fund award recipient who is employed full-time and the mother of three.

Kaiser Permanente Partners with Tri-C Nursing Program

As Northeast Ohio feels the impact of the national nursing shortage and the community’s need for quality nursing candidates continues to increase, Kaiser Permanente has generously responded to these needs by partnering with Tri-C to provide scholarship support to Tri-C students through the Kaiser Scholars Program. The Program is designed to provide assistance to Tri-C nursing students and Kaiser employees currently enrolled, or eligible to enroll, in Tri-C’s Nursing Program.

“We are excited about the partnership with Tri-C and look forward to increasing our own workforce and strengthening the community by creating more opportunities for the quality education of nurses,” said Patricia D. Kennedy-Scott, Regional President of Kaiser Permanente.

Pepsi Supports Student Success

Pepsi has invested in the success of Tri-C students through a generous multi-year commitment to the Tri-C Foundation’s scholarship funds. “PepsiAmericas is honored to support Tri-C’s Invest in Student Success campaign. We are a strong advocate of scholarships for underserved students and support Tri-C’s many initiatives in the community,” said Daniel Hungerman, Tri-C Foundation Director and Vice President & General Manager of Pepsi.
Julie Ann Homick Memorial Scholarship

Julie Ann Homick was attending Tri-C’s Western Campus at the time of her death in January 2005. To honor the memory of her daughter, Donna Homick of Parma Heights established the Julie Ann Homick Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship is designed to support second year Tri-C students who volunteer in their community.

“The Julie Ann Homick Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of my daughter, Julie, to honor her spirit of generosity and concern for others. My hope is that the recipients will value their education and use their knowledge, in some way, to make the world a better place,” said Ms. Homick.

Darlene Dobbins was selected as the first recipient of the Julie Ann Homick Memorial Scholarship. After a career in banking, Ms. Dobbins enrolled in Early Childhood Education courses and has become an active member in the Tri-C Black Caucus and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Darlene’s dedication to serving others personifies the spirit of the Julie Ann Homick Memorial Scholarship.

UPS Partners with Tri-C

Cuyahoga Community College and UPS have recently entered into a partnership in response to training needs at UPS. Tri-C is designing customized credit and non-credit training courses that UPS employees will have access to at their work site. Jim Petsock, UPS Employee Relations Manager, said, “UPS strongly supports and encourages the further development of our employees through continuing education. We are proud to partner with Tri-C to help our employees achieve their educational goals.”

UPS has also made a generous gift to the First Generation Scholarship Fund of the Tri-C Foundation. Approximately 58% of Tri-C students are the first in their families to attend college and this scholarship provides financial assistance so that they can pursue life-long learning as a way to a better future.

Alumni Give Back to Tri-C

Tri-C alumni responded generously to a mailing sent out in November that aimed to reconnect with Tri-C graduates and gauge their interest in becoming involved with the College. Along with providing feedback and accomplishments since leaving Tri-C, many alumni made contributions to the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Alumni Scholarship recipient, Anna Estep-Tadrzak who is majoring in Health Information Management at the Eastern Campus, poses with her husband, John Tadrzak, a Western Campus alumnus, class of 1981.

UPS representatives, Jim Petsock, Employee Relations Manager (left) and Frank W. Whalley, Vice President of the North Ohio District (right), present a scholarship donation to Tri-C President Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton.
Partnering for Success in Northeast Ohio

As a Cuyahoga County Commissioner, one of my biggest responsibilities is maximizing the potential of each of our citizens. People working together toward a common goal have the power to move Northeast Ohio to the next level. By ensuring that educational standards are maintained in our schools from kindergarten through college, by enhancing access to educational opportunities for those in need, by creating neighborhoods that are safe and vibrant, and by maintaining a highly skilled and motivated workforce that meets the needs of our citizens, our region will grow to meet the challenges of today.

Only by coming together as a community can we have great success in Northeast Ohio. Through partnerships, we can make our workplaces, homes, neighborhoods and region successful. In working with Cuyahoga Community College on many County-wide educational initiatives, I can personally attest to its great value to our region. Tri-C offers high quality programs in convenient locations and at costs that are affordable to most citizens. Tri-C’s success is due in large part to the many partners that have helped to support program development and scholarships for students. Please join me in supporting Cuyahoga Community College to promote educational access in our region.

Scholarship Supports Early College Students

Tri-C’s Early College Programs provide underserved high school students access to higher education and workforce training, exposure to a college learning environment, and encouragement to continue their education. Programs offered include High Tech Academy, Tech Prep, Early Start Engineering, Youth Technology Academy, the Science, Engineering, Mathematics & Aerospace Academy (SEMAA), and Bridges programs. More than 2,300 high school students benefit from this opportunity annually.

The Early College Scholarship Fund was established by the Tri-C Foundation to provide financial support to students enrolled in the Early College Programs. Several community partners and donors including the Cyrus Eaton Foundation, Energizer Charitable Trust, H.C.S. Foundation, National City Bank, PPG Industries Foundation, and Smiling Forever Foundation have contributed to Early College Scholarships.

Tri-C Foundation Board Welcomes New Director

Frank W. Whalley, Vice President of the North Ohio District for UPS, has recently joined the Tri-C Foundation Board of Directors. He began his career with UPS in 1976 after earning his Bachelor’s Degree from LaGuardia College. Mr. Whalley also serves on the boards of the United Way of Greater Cleveland and Urban League of Greater Cleveland.

“UPS understands the importance of an educated workforce in creating stronger communities,” said Mr. Whalley. “I take pride in working for a company that values and supports diverse education programs. I am energized by the prospect of helping Tri-C students work to their full potential to become our next generation of business leaders.”

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Hot Jazz Benefits Tri-C

To celebrate Sammy's 25th anniversary, 150 guests gathered on November 17th for Keep the Jazz Fires Burning. The event honored jazz legend Hank Geer and raised scholarship funds for Tri-C Jazz Studies and Community Music students. Five local jazz groups performed at the event, which was held at Sammy's flagship location in the Flats, and guests feasted on some of Sammy's most famous dishes.

Keeping Pace with the Automotive Industry

Tri-C's Automotive Technology Program has developed collaborative partnerships with General Motors, The George W. Codrington Charitable Foundation and others to meet the training needs of the automotive industry. General Motors helps the program stay current with the latest technology by donating equipment and vehicles for hands-on student training. The Codrington Foundation has provided on-going scholarship support for students enrolled in the General Motors Automotive Service Educational Program.

As the automotive industry shifts to meet alternative energy standards, Tri-C is developing curriculum to train future technicians and automotive workers on new technologies. The College continues to forge new external partnerships to ensure program and student success. To learn more about Tri-C's Automotive Technology Program, call 216-987-5330.

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Tri-C JAZZFEST Cleveland

April 22 - April 30

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Manhattan Transfer, Diane Shuur, Béla Fleck and The Flecktones, Jason Moran and the Bandwagons, and more!

For tickets, call 216-987-4400.

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