Vision for Success

Innovative leaders. Creative vision. Solid strategy. Strong and growing partnerships. These are all hallmarks of successful organizations. Cuyahoga Community College possesses all of these elements. Our community is fortunate to have the resources of Cuyahoga Community College to build and strengthen our regional workforce. Tri-C’s educational offerings reflect the vision of its leaders broadened through strong and effective partnerships.

In this issue of the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation newsletter, you will hear from the Tri-C Campus Presidents. These dynamic leaders share their perspective on how the College is meeting the needs of the community and planning for future growth and development of our area workforce. After reflecting on their comments, I am sure you will agree that we are fortunate to have them leading this truly exceptional institution.

For more information on how you can support the educational vision of Cuyahoga Community College, please contact the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation at 216-987-4868 or visit us online at www.tri-c.edu/foundation.

Jerry L. Kelsheimer, Chairperson
Tri-C Foundation

Educating our Region:
Dialog with Tri-C Campus Presidents

Cuyahoga Community College Foundation’s Chairperson, Jerry Kelsheimer, recently met with the College’s Campus Presidents to discuss Tri-C’s impact on the community and its workforce. The dialog summarized below between Mr. Kelsheimer and Belinda S. Miles, Ed.D., Eastern Campus President, Patricia Rowell, Ph.D., Western Campus President, and Michael Schoop, Ph.D., Metropolitan Campus President, reveals current strategies and future goals for responding to the educational needs of Northeast Ohio.

Mr. Kelsheimer: How is Cuyahoga Community College responding to the educational needs of our community?

Dr. Rowell: According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 87 percent of the high-growth, high-wage jobs in the near future will require some post-secondary education. Tri-C prepares students for the world of work they will experience, enabling them to gain employment in jobs with livable wages and viable career paths. Tri-C provides a cost effective way for students to learn new skills and knowledge in locations that are conveniently located, close to work and home.

Dr. Miles: Tri-C meets the community’s educational needs in many ways. For example, Tri-C is actively involved in the OhioWINS program that provides English teachers from the Cleveland Municipal School District with instruction to prepare high school students for college level writing. External partnerships promote academic success and individual achievement in our region. Through the Early Childhood Education and Environmental Health and Safety programs, Tri-C provides certification training which results in a safe and effective workforce.

Dr. Schoop: Community colleges were born from a need to have high-quality education that is accessible and affordable. Tri-C offers the lowest tuition in Northeast Ohio and has campuses that are conveniently located throughout Cuyahoga County. Our facilities include state-of-the-art equipment and design, and often serve as models for other educational programs nationwide. Faculty members are dedicated to teaching and make student outcomes their number one priority.

Mr. Kelsheimer: How is the College meeting its mission of providing high quality, accessible and affordable educational opportunities that promote individual development?

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Helping Our Region Achieve Its Potential

Cuyahoga Community College draws strength from the potential of our community. The College works diligently to assess and respond to Northeast Ohio’s educational and workforce training needs. In so doing, Tri-C unlocks the potential of individuals, businesses and community organizations and advances our region.

Each of us has an obligation to achieve our personal potential and to strengthen our community. Tri-C helps improve outcomes in Northeast Ohio by actively partnering with employers to ensure a trained workforce is available. We take great pride in helping individuals across Northeast Ohio develop personally and professionally through education, enabling them to gain the skills needed for high paying jobs that are in demand locally.

Cuyahoga Community College works with its partners throughout Northeast Ohio to provide educational pathways for individuals. These career pathways help to advance our region by ensuring trained workers and caring volunteers are available to meet community needs. If you are not already engaged in the programs and services offered by Cuyahoga Community College, I encourage you to access the workshops, classes and educational outreach events that are available. Maximize your potential; after all, Tri-C is “Where Futures Begin.”

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

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Dr. Miles: Tri-C fulfills its mission daily by extending access through a diverse array of educational pathways. Tri-C provides dual enrollment for high school students, remedial education for students who come to us without adequate preparation for success, an honors program, transfer curriculum opportunities, and many technical training degree options leading to employment.

Dr. Rowell: Partnerships between Tri-C and local organizations strengthen the College’s programs and benefit the community. Agreements with local high schools and universities allow students to move seamlessly through degree programs, sometimes earning their high school diploma and associate’s degree simultaneously. Partnerships with local businesses provide feedback on current programs and ideas for creating new programs to meet workforce needs.

Dr. Schoop: Tri-C is committed to reaching out to Cleveland residents and individuals throughout Cuyahoga County through innovative programs and modern facilities. Outreach initiatives, such as the Healthy Neighborhood Partnership that provides health services to community members and valuable learning experiences for Tri-C nursing and health careers students, provide needed services to our most vulnerable populations. Our outreach efforts expose many individuals to the power of education and the difference it can make in our community.

Mr. Kelsheimer: What is your vision for the future of Tri-C and the community?

Dr. Schoop: More than ever before, the workforce of the future will require highly skilled individuals who are able to function independently and in teams, utilizing technology to access and disseminate information. Tri-C is committed to interactive learning experiences that will enable students to develop the skills and practices they will need for success in the workforce.

Dr. Miles: I envision that Tri-C will continue to be one of the region’s greatest economic development assets as we prepare individuals from our communities for advanced career and educational experiences. We have the capacity to unite diverse groups of learners as they work toward the common goal of improving their lives and their opportunities through higher education.

Dr. Rowell: The future of Northeast Ohio will draw strength from a skilled workforce, diverse population, heritage of strong family ties, and a complex amalgamation of proud cities. Tri-C is dedicated to building and enhancing partnerships with local employers and communities to meet the educational needs of our community. After all, community is our middle name.

Mr. Kelsheimer: Cuyahoga Community College is fortunate to have innovative leaders at its three campuses. Your visionary leadership benefits not only Tri-C students, but our region, which depends upon the educated workforce provided by the College.
FirstEnergy Develops Training Program at Tri-C

Cuyahoga Community College has recently partnered with FirstEnergy Corp. to help train the next generation of well-educated line workers and substation electricians. FirstEnergy Corp. is a diversified energy company headquartered in Akron, Ohio. Its The Illuminating Company utility provides electric service to more than 760,000 customers in northeast Ohio. Through what is known as the Power Systems Institute (PSI), students will spend half of their week in a traditional college classroom and the other half at a FirstEnergy line shop learning about the utility business. Students in the two-year program will receive free tuition, including college fees, books and protective clothing. Graduates will earn an Associate of Technical Studies Degree with a focus on electric utility technology. Upon graduation, students will have the opportunity to be hired by FirstEnergy with highly competitive wages and a comprehensive benefits package.

“With roughly half of our line workers and substation electricians eligible to retire in the next three years, FirstEnergy and The Illuminating Company are using local resources such as Tri-C to create educational programs such as PSI to help ensure we have the specialized workforce we will need in the future,” said Lorna Wisham, Vice President of External Affairs for The Illuminating Company.

Urban Teacher Training Initiative with Central State University and Cleveland Municipal School District

Cuyahoga Community College recently partnered with Cleveland Municipal School District, Central State University, and the Ohio Board of Regents to establish the Urban Teacher Training Initiative. This unique long-term teacher training program will allow students to seamlessly transfer from one institution to another as they study to become teachers focused on working in urban environments.

Juniors at John Adams High School will have the opportunity to earn credit that applies both toward high school graduation and college credit at Tri-C. After high school graduation, students will continue their academic careers at Tri-C, where they will enjoy dual enrollment status at Central State. Upon earning an associate’s degree at Tri-C, students will transfer to Central State’s College of Education in Wilberforce, Ohio to earn their bachelor’s degree.

“These agreements create a ‘cutting-edge’ educational pathway for future urban educators,” said Tri-C President, Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton. “The six-year program will engage students from high school through a bachelor’s degree and prepare them to teach in urban schools.”
Retirees of Cuyahoga Community College understand the financial challenges many Tri-C students face as they strive to access or continue their education. The bonds they form with students, and their appreciation of the College, often lead retirees to support students by contributing to the Tri-C Foundation scholarship funds.

Beth Orlove, who retired from Tri-C’s Eastern Campus in 2002, recently established a Tri-C Foundation scholarship fund in her name. Ms. Orlove served as an Assistant Professor in the Counseling department for 27 years at the Eastern and Western Campuses and has very fond memories of her time at Tri-C.

“I strongly believe in the College’s mission of providing high quality, accessible and affordable education and witnessed the impact our students have on the community and the workforce. Establishing an endowed fund with the Tri-C Foundation allowed me to continue to support the success of students after retiring from the College,” said Ms. Orlove. “I encourage other retirees, as well as current faculty and staff, to assist students by contributing to the scholarship funds of the Tri-C Foundation.”

Retiree Establishes Scholarship Endowment

Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton, College President, discusses the importance of scholarships with Tri-C retiree, Beth Orlove.

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund

Cuyahoga Community College Foundation honored three recipients of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund at the College’s 30th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration held on Sunday, January 14, 2007. Recipients of this scholarship are graduates of the Cleveland Municipal School District who are civic-minded leaders on their campuses and in their communities and have achieved at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton, College President with Mayra Correa, Western Campus student and a recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship.

Veterans Memorial Scholarship

The Veterans Memorial Scholarship was established in 1994 at the dedication of the Veterans Memorial monument on the Tri-C Western Campus, which recognizes all Americans who served their country. The Tri-C Foundation awarded Veterans Memorial Scholarships at the annual Veterans Day Celebration held at the Western Campus.

Dr. Patricia Rowell, Western Campus President, and U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Lt. Michael Lavrenchik, Student Advisor of Tri-C’s Veterans Upward Bound Program, present the Veterans Memorial Scholarship to June Hapney of Parma Heights.
Michael Torres Memorial Scholarship Fund

Michael Torres was a Western Campus student studying Japanese and employed by Cinemark at the time of his 2005 death, which was caused suddenly by bacterial meningitis. To honor the memory of their son, Robert and Donna Broski of Parma established the Michael Torres Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is available to all Tri-C students with preference given to employees of Cinemark or students majoring in Japanese at the Western Campus.

“Michael really enjoyed his classes at Tri-C, especially Japanese, which he was taking in preparation for a trip to Japan. Respect, self discipline and helping others were highly valued by Michael, and we thought this scholarship would be a way to honor him,” said Donna Broski, Assistant Professor, Health Careers and Sciences, at Tri-C’s Western Campus. The Broski family would like to thank Cinemark for its generous support in establishing the fund.

Community Partners Building Success Annually

Cuyahoga Community College Foundation is fortunate to have many donors who provide support year after year for the College’s scholarships and programs. Continuous support is critical to long-term success and demonstrates a commitment to the educational infrastructure of our region. An example of a long standing corporate partner is National City Bank, who recently provided funding for such Tri-C initiatives as the Workforce Training Scholarship Fund, High Tech Academy, and Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland.

Ongoing support from individuals has also been instrumental. Many College employees donate year-round through payroll deduction, and encourage their co-workers to do the same. Friends of the College participate in the Foundation’s annual scholarship fundraisers. For example, Richard Moodie of Chagrin Falls became a donor through an event in 2002 and has generously supported scholarships ever since knowing the impact Tri-C students have on the community.

Tri-C Foundation Executive Director Gloria Moosmann notes, “We are grateful to our partners who recognize the importance of continual support for the Tri-C Foundation. Annual funding from our generous donors helps the College increase its capacity to meet the needs of our community.”
Seeking Creative Solutions to Our Community's Needs

When community organizations come together to formulate creative solutions to the challenges we face, there is no limit to the transformation that can occur. The Saint Luke’s Foundation is proud to work with a broad array of individuals and organizations to identify current challenges and to collaboratively implement results-oriented responses. In anticipation of our tenth anniversary as a local grantmaking organization, our board and staff took a critical look at our first ten years with an eye toward maximizing the impact of our work and that of our grant recipients. While we have always focused on making grants and evaluating outcomes, we realized that collaboration and communication are also important tools for us to employ and support. For that reason, we are dedicating significant resources to stimulate meaningful collaboration in our society. In addition, we are focusing on communication as a means of building awareness and support for the tremendous efforts being made to reverse some of our community’s most pressing problems. Our vision is to be a philanthropic innovator and catalyst that supports programs which will improve and transform the health and well being of individuals, families and communities of Greater Cleveland.

Building a world class healthcare workforce requires a distinct form of collaboration among many partners. Our healthcare institutions face critical staffing shortages while our unemployment rates remain among the highest in the nation. By matching the needs of potential workers seeking career training with those of our largest employer, Cuyahoga Community College provides an important bridge to an improved regional economy. But because financial aid does not cover the full cost of a nursing program, Saint Luke’s Foundation provides scholarships that assist many local students as they pursue their dreams of becoming nurses. Tri-C graduates are working in every hospital and health care facility in Northeast Ohio, providing compassionate care to patients and filling the countless roles open to highly skilled healthcare professionals. Healthcare offers scores of rewarding, enriching career opportunities and Tri-C provides a solid foundation for graduates to take that first important step on a career ladder with unlimited potential. We are proud to be in partnership with the Tri-C Foundation and the College and we encourage others to support their important work.

Supporting the Region’s Manufacturing Strengths

The automotive, plastics, and polymers sectors have enriched our regional economy. A concentration of plants and facilities, an experienced workforce, and an impressive logistics infrastructure are among the many manufacturing resources in our community today. As the manufacturing industry evolves to take advantage of new technologies, Tri-C is committed to providing training and educational opportunities that will enable workers of this region to quickly adapt.

Partnerships with industry and within the community are critical for enabling the College to support the ongoing global competitiveness of the manufacturing industry.

- The College has developed a strategic alliance with the City of Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Investment Board to train incumbent workers and help build a future pipeline of manufacturing workers. The College provides educational expertise as part of the implementation of a $5.2 million initiative that will expand manufacturing career opportunities in Northeast Ohio.
- The College has secured and is continuing to seek in-kind contributions of lab equipment to be used in alternative energy and engineering technologies.
- The Tri-C Foundation’s Workforce Training Scholarship Fund assists students pursuing workforce training or re-training to upgrade skills for new careers, career transition, or advancement in current careers.

Cuyahoga Community College and the Tri-C Foundation welcome new opportunities to bring training and educational opportunities for manufacturing growth in our region. For information on how you can support these efforts, contact the Tri-C Foundation at 216-987-4868.
Alumna Credits Tri-C for Achieving Lifelong Goal

Alumni of Cuyahoga Community College often credit the College for the professional success they have after graduation. While some say the College helped them determine their futures, others used their experiences at the College as a tool to achieve goals they had already set for themselves. Alicia Marotta is an alumna who took advantage of the affordable education offered at Tri-C to help her accomplish a lifelong goal.

“Since I was five years old, I wanted to own my own restaurant near my home. Tri-C helped me achieve that goal,” said Alicia who graduated in 1997 with an Associate of Applied Business Degree in Hospitality Management with a concentration in culinary art. She put her degree to work when she opened her own Italian restaurant, Marotta’s, in Cleveland Heights. Alicia not only created the entire menu but she also oversees all business aspects of the restaurant. “Owning a restaurant is a lot of hours and hard work, but the rewards are excellent. The best part is being my own boss.”

“My experience at Tri-C was the basis of my career,” stated Alicia. “The culinary art courses prepared me to be a chef while the formal education I received helped me to run my own business. Richard Fulchiron and the faculty of the Hospitality Management program are well versed in culinary arts and they want to see everyone in the program succeed.”

Alicia also knows the importance of scholarship support – she was a recipient of the Tri-C Foundation’s Hospitality Management Scholarship. “Receiving a scholarship was very helpful. I had to work full-time and go to school part-time and the scholarship allowed me to take more courses and graduate faster. Without it, I don’t think I would have been able to continue my education.”

Tri-C is always interested in hearing of the successes of its graduates. If you have or know of a Tri-C alumni success story, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 216-987-4847 or email todd.gagy@tri-c.edu.

An Evening with Tony Bennett

Friday, April 20, 2007, Allen Theatre at Playhouse Square

Cuyahoga Community College Foundation is pleased to announce An Evening with Tony Bennett on Friday, April 20, 2007. This wonderful event, during Tri-C JazzFest, will benefit Cuyahoga Community College music programs and will be held at the Allen Theatre in Playhouse Square. Limited sponsorship packages are available for this exciting benefit event which includes a pre-concert dinner, a post-concert reception, and preferred seating at the Tony Bennett concert. In addition to the concert, talented Tri-C students and alumni including Dominick Farinacci will perform at the dinner and reception. It will truly be a “jazzy” evening to be enjoyed by all supporters.

To reserve your seats for An Evening with Tony Bennett, call the Tri-C Foundation at 216-987-4868 or visit www.tri-c.edu/foundation/spring_event. Seating is limited, so make your reservation today!
On-a-Roll Culinary Carnivale

Have you always wanted to cook like a gourmet? Do you want to learn new recipes that fit into your busy lifestyle? Are you interested in exploring a career in culinary arts? Then you should attend Cuyahoga Community College’s On-a-Roll Culinary Carnivale at the Eastern Campus on Monday, May 21, 2007 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

This event will kick off Tri-C’s new series, Community Cooking Classes, offered by the College’s Office of Community Continuing Education. Enjoy the sights, sounds, tastes, and aromas of classic and contemporary cuisine, which will feature some of the finest chefs in Northeast Ohio and include food stations, cooking demonstrations, and live music. To become an event sponsor or register for this event, call 216-987-2266.

2007 Schedule

| April 19 | Parade and Kick-Off Party |
| April 20 | An Evening with Tony Bennett |
| April 21 | Jazz for Kids |
| April 21 | Women in Jazz |
| April 21 | Chris Botti with Steve Tyrell |
| April 21 | Jazz Meets Hip-Hop, Part 5 |
| April 22 | Bop Stop Jazz Showcase |
| April 24 | Eddie Baccus, Sr. |
| April 25 | The Marty Ehrlich Quartet |
| April 26 | Thelonious Monk Tribute with Jazz All-Stars Joe Lovano, Hank Jones, Lewis Nash, George Mraz, and Kenny Barron |
| April 27 | Charles Mingus’ Epitaph conducted by Gunther Schuller |
| April 28 | Diane Reeves and George Duke |
| April 29 | Jazz Brunch with Frank Morgan |
| April 29 | The Winard Harper Sextet |

For tickets, call 800-766-6048 or visit www.tricpresents.com.

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