Partnerships are critical to success in both personal and business endeavors. It is important to understand the community around you in order to be successful. At Cuyahoga Community College, great pride is taken in being the community’s college. But what does this phrase really mean? It means serving the community through educational outreach; it means working with businesses to create training programs; it means listening to students and providing high quality education that is easy to access and offered at times that are convenient. Cuyahoga Community College Foundation continues to help the College achieve its mission, ensuring that everyone in our community has access to high quality, affordable education that is responsive to employer needs.

I am pleased to have the opportunity to serve the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation in this leadership role as we work to support the College’s educational goals. I encourage you to take advantage of the learning opportunities offered by Tri-C and support its mission. For additional information on how you can become involved, please contact the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation at 216-987-4868. Together, we can make a difference in our community.

Jerry L. Kelsheimer, Chairperson
Tri-C Foundation

Moving Forward - Strengthening Partnerships

Although Cuyahoga Community College has many critical funding needs, the need for scholarship support was identified as a priority. In 2003, Cuyahoga Community College Foundation kicked-off the Invest in People: Support Scholarships for Student Success campaign with a goal of securing $5 million by June 30, 2006. We are delighted to announce that as of June 21, 2006, the goal was successfully met. The campaign has increased the scholarships available and enhanced student access to education.

The campaign enabled the College to establish or strengthen partnerships with corporations, foundations, governmental agencies, alumni, employees, and friends of the College from across the region because they saw the value of an educated workforce and an educated community. According to Mrs. Shelley Roth of the Tri-C Foundation Board of Directors, “During the campaign, new scholarship funds were created to better address student needs, such as the Early College Scholarship Fund, Hispanic Scholarship Fund, Honors Program Scholarship Fund, and Workforce Training Scholarship Fund.” The campaign has significantly increased the Foundation’s scholarship endowment funds, bringing the current balance to over $15 million.

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Just a few of the Tri-C Foundation scholarship recipients who benefited from the Invest in People: Support Scholarships for Student Success campaign.
At Cuyahoga Community College we are deeply committed to the community and to the students we serve. This year, the largest graduating class in Tri-C history achieved their educational goals and began a new phase of their lives. We are pleased and proud to have had the opportunity to help these students grow both personally and academically. As we begin another academic year, we are energized by the progress we have made and look forward to challenges with a renewed sense of accomplishment.

We continue to strengthen our service by evaluating and enhancing College programs, providing support services for students, and helping more students become college-ready through outreach into area high schools. As the College prepares to move into another academic year, we are thankful for the support of the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation. The Tri-C Foundation continues to help the College achieve its goals by raising funds for scholarships and programs. We extend special thanks to Shelley Roth for her exceptional leadership over the past two years as Tri-C Foundation Chairperson, and a warm welcome to Jerry Kelsheimer, newly elected Chairperson of the Tri-C Foundation.

Cuyahoga Community College witnessed its largest ever graduating class with 2,350 students at the College’s 40th commencement ceremony on May 18. Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton, Tri-C President, provided advice to the graduates, “Please remember that lifelong learning is essential to your personal and professional development and Cuyahoga Community College can be an integral part of your continued success. We encourage you to come back to your community college for additional training or continuing education.”

Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton, College President, said, “Without some financial support, many Tri-C students are not able to attend college or continue their education. On behalf of the students who will benefit from the campaign, thank you so much for your investment in scholarships – an investment in our community.”

From left to right: Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton, Tri-C President, Mark Cunningham, Tri-C Foundation Scholarship Recipient, and Shelley Roth, outgoing Tri-C Foundation Chairperson, graciously acknowledge the $5 million raised through the Invest in People: Support Scholarships for Student Success campaign.
Valerie and Lou Joseph welcomed over 200 guests to their beautiful Westlake home on Saturday, June 24 for the Tri-C Scholarship Invitational, an event held in support of scholarships for Tri-C students. Guests experienced a wonderful evening in a picturesque setting, complete with music and delicious food. Many enjoyed putting for scholarships on the Joseph’s plush green. The event was a tremendous success, raising over $160,000 for scholarships for Tri-C students. A very special thank you was extended to the Josephs for hosting this outstanding event and to all who so generously supported it.

Celebrating Generosity: Lou and Valerie Joseph, event hosts, Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton, Tri-C President, Gloria Moosmann, Executive Director of the Tri-C Foundation, Michelle Neumeyer, scholarship recipient, Daniel Marcus, Tri-C Board of Trustees Chairperson, and Shelley Roth, outgoing Tri-C Foundation Chairperson.

Putting for Scholarships

The Joseph family working together to support access to education. Event hosts Lou and Valerie Joseph with their sons Garrett, David and Matthew

Foundation Director Richard A. Johnson, Jae Brown, Tri-C President Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton, Gregg Olbin, Craig Boise, and Foundation Director April Boise

Lora and Bahman Guyuron

Georgianna Kates, Foundation Director Dale Kates, and Chad and Tracey Estis

Winning auction bidders of autographed LeBron James jerseys, Brittan and Fred DiSanto, Tom Slater, and Anna Bain
Scholarship Support Made in Memory of Mr. Gerald H. Gordon

To the honor the memory of Gerald H. Gordon, friends and family have made generous contributions in his name to the Tri-C Foundation’s Journalism and Mass Communications Scholarship Fund. Mr. Gordon, the former President and General Manager of Sun Newspapers, passed away in May 2006. He was an alumnus, past instructor, champion, and true friend of Cuyahoga Community College.

“He was respected by his peers and readers for his work ethic, integrity, and compassion for the community,” noted Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton, Tri-C President, who awarded Mr. Gordon with the Tri-C Distinguished Alumni Award in 1995. Mr. Gordon’s wife, Betty, said that her husband often credited the College for his achievements. “Jerry felt very strongly that it was Tri-C that gave him the boost he needed to become as successful as he became,” she said. For more information on supporting the Tri-C Foundation in memory of Mr. Gordon, please call 216-987-4868.

Scholarship Recipients Named to All-Ohio Academic Team

Two Tri-C Foundation Scholarship recipients were named to the All-Ohio Academic Team. Sarah Oliveri and Andrea Brown were honored in March at the Ohio Statehouse for their achievement. The All-Ohio Academic Team recognizes outstanding students in Ohio’s 23 public two-year colleges who maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.25 and display leadership and community service. “Every day of my time at Tri-C has been special. No dream is unattainable, if you want it bad enough. My scholarship helped me achieve academic success at Tri-C,” said Sara Oliveri.

Majestic Steel USA Educational Scholarship Fund

Jonathan Leebow, Tri-C alumnus and Account Executive at Majestic Steel USA, presented the initial award from the Tri-C Foundation’s Majestic Steel Scholarship Fund to Adam Piechocinski. The scholarship provides financial assistance to Majestic Steel USA associates and their spouses and children. The fund was established with the generous support of Mr. Leebow.

Detective Peter Merylo Scholarship Fund

Tonya Lanza was recognized as the first recipient of the Detective Peter Merylo Scholarship Fund. The fund was established by the Cleveland Police Historical Society in memory of Cleveland Police Detective Peter Merylo to support students enrolled in Law Enforcement and the Basic Police Academy at Tri-C.

Tri-C alumnus Jonathan Leebow and scholarship recipient Adam Piechocinski.

Tri-C professor Dr. James Badal presents Tonya Lanza with her scholarship.
Tri-C Foundation Welcomes New Directors

Cuyahoga Community College Foundation is proud to announce seven appointments to the Board of Directors, each appointed to serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2006. “We are very pleased to add such a distinguished group of individuals to the Board,” said Tracy Oliver, Chairperson of the Tri-C Foundation’s Committee on Directors. “They are dynamic community and industry leaders who will contribute valuable expertise and enthusiasm to our ongoing mission of supporting Tri-C.”

Todd F. Clossin is the President and CEO of Fifth Third Bank Northeastern Ohio and has also served as President and CEO of Fifth Third Bank Tennessee. Previously, he served as President of Key Bank Columbus and in other leadership roles at Key Bank for over 20 years. Mr. Clossin holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from Mount Union College and a Master’s Degree from the University of Chicago.

Denise Marie Fugo founded and is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Sammy’s, which provides catering services under the corporate name City Life Inc. She graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Communications and received her Master’s Degree in Business from the University of Chicago.

Samuel R. Johnson is the Managing Partner of the Americas Business Risk Services practice of Ernst & Young LLP. Prior to joining Ernst & Young, Mr. Johnson held various senior financial executive roles in the software technology industry and was director of finance for Norrell Information Systems. He is a graduate of Morehouse College.

Ferris E. Kleem is the President of Blaze Building Corp., CEO of Blaze Construction, Inc., President of Kuhn Manufacturing, and Vice President of Phoenix Cement, Inc. Mr. Kleem is also the elected mayor of Zane, Lebanon, where he has a dual citizenship agreement with the United States to promote democracy.

Peter C. Tucker, Esq. is the General Counsel for Industrial Timber and Lumber Company. He received his Bachelor’s Degree in Economics from the University of Michigan and received his law degree from American University.

Elie Y. Weiss is the Executive Vice President of Stark Enterprises. Prior to working for Stark Enterprises, Mr. Weiss worked for Merrill Lynch, Banker’s Trust, and co-founded Orion Capital Management. He attended New York University and Yeshiva University.

Lorna Wisham is the Vice President of External Affairs at The Illuminating Company. Ms. Wisham previously worked as chief public affairs officer for Cleveland Mayor Jane Campbell. She received her Bachelor’s Degree in Business and Organizational Communication from the University of Akron and a Master’s Degree in Public Communication from American University.
Unity – The Key to Making Cleveland Great

As Mayor of Cleveland, I am privileged to serve this City and its residents, and to focus the talent and efforts of all Greater Clevelanders into a shared vision: “One People, One City, One Mission.” To achieve our potential, we must come together to support individuals in our community as they work to realize the American Dream: a safe environment, steady employment with livable wages, access to education and opportunities for continuous learning. We are fortunate to have a community that is vibrant and diverse, but we must work together to reap the benefits for our community as a whole.

As a life-long Clevelander and graduate of Cuyahoga Community College, I see the benefits of educational access for all in our community. Educational access not only helps individuals achieve their own personal potential, but also enhances the economy and workforce within our neighborhoods and across Northeast Ohio. As a community we are only as strong as our weakest link, so please join with me in support of education. I hope that you will consider supporting scholarships for students in our community. The return on your investment will help to make Cleveland great.

American Greetings: A Century of Creativity

On April 22, 2006, during the Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland, Cuyahoga Community College and community supporters helped celebrate the 100th Anniversary of American Greetings. American Greetings has been a long-time supporter of the Tri-C Foundation, including generous funding of the College’s Visual Communication Centers of Excellence. “Tri-C is proud to recognize one of our community’s strong corporate partners, American Greetings Corporation, in this landmark year,” said Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton, Tri-C President.

High Tech Academy Benefits High School Students

Through a partnership with National City Bank, Tri-C’s High Tech Academy continues to grow and provide hundreds of high school students with college-level courses. Its latest state-of-the-art computer laboratory was unveiled on May 16, 2006, at Lincoln-West High School. The Academy has opened six computer labs in the Cleveland Municipal and Warrensville Heights School Districts.

On June 10, 2006, High Tech Academy graduated 77 high school students who have earned college credits at Tri-C. Five of these students earned enough college credits to graduate with their associate degrees from Tri-C prior to obtaining their high school diplomas. “These students have options,” said Tri-C President Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton. “They are ready for employment, they can continue their education at Tri-C, or they can take their credits and transfer to a four-year institution.”
Featured Tri-C Alumnus: Geoffrey Sleeper

Like many Tri-C alumni, Geoffrey Sleeper earned two Associate Degrees at Cuyahoga Community College. His degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology was completed at the Metropolitan Campus and he continued to the Western Campus where he received his second degree in Respiratory Therapy in 1978. Geoff took the knowledge he gained from both degrees and in 1994 founded Tiara Medical Systems, a Lakewood based manufacturer of medical respiratory products specializing in treating sleep apnea. With customers in over 45 countries, Geoff now focuses mainly on the business end of his company but still remains a licensed registered respiratory therapist and recently spoke at the Cleveland Clinic’s 2006 Lung Summit.

“I couldn’t ask for anything better,” Geoff said, remembering his experience at Tri-C and his success in finding immediate employment after graduation. “Tri-C graduates are coveted by employers because they come equipped with industry experience straight out of college.” Geoff, who also taught Respiratory Therapy courses at Tri-C from 1981 to 1984, credits his success to the time he spent at the College and said he is happy to give back as he supports scholarships for Tri-C students.

Special Thanks to Outgoing Directors

The Tri-C Foundation extends special appreciation and gratitude to its Directors who were unable to continue to serve on the Board or whose terms have expired. The following Directors are recognized for devoting their time and resources to help the Foundation raise critically needed dollars for student scholarships and program enhancement and development.

Directors who terms are expiring are: Mr. William Hegarty, Jr., Managing Director, Gradison McDonald Asset Management; Mr. Heath Oliver, President, Bardons & Oliver, Inc.; The Honorable Peter Sikora, Judge, Juvenile Court; Ms. Mary Lou Stricklin, President and CEO, Visiting Nurse Association Healthcare Partners of Ohio. “The Tri-C Foundation has benefited from a combined 57 years of experience and expertise of the four individuals, which we certainly appreciate and value,” noted Tracy Oliver, Chairperson of the Tri-C Foundation’s Committee on Directors. Mr. Hegarty and Mr. Oliver will continue as Directors Emeriti.

Appreciation and gratitude was extended to Directors for their valuable service who are unable to continue to serve: Mr. Paul Pesses, President, Carnegie Companies, Inc.; Mr. Thomas Slater, Community Volunteer; and Mr. David Yen, Executive Director, World Trade Center Cleveland.
Thank You!
The Tri-C Foundation is grateful to all of the supporters of the *Invest in People: Support Scholarships for Students Success* campaign.

- Over $5 million raised for scholarships
- More than 1,700 individuals, corporations and foundations donated to the campaign
- Significant funding for the Gap Scholarship, Nursing and Health Careers Scholarship, Workforce Training Scholarship, Hispanic Scholarship, and First Generation Scholarship

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Tri-C Scholarship Invitational
Supporters of the Tri-C Scholarship Invitational enjoy the evening. See page 3 for the full story.