There are many ways to give the gift of education. Throughout this newsletter you will see examples of how you and others can increase access to higher education for those who are interested in structuring better lives for themselves, their families, and ultimately our community.

In these pages...You will be encouraged to look for Cuyahoga Community College on the ballot when you go to the voting booth in November. You will learn of the many generous individuals and organizations who have committed financial support to scholarships for Tri-C students. You will meet some of the students who have benefited from a Tri-C education.

One of my favorite ways to give is through the Gift of Education program. This program makes it easy for individuals to contribute to the Tri-C Foundation Scholarship Fund in honor or in memory of someone special. As you prepare for holiday gift giving ahead, you may call the Tri-C Foundation at 216-987-4868 for a Gift of Education brochure or mail your donation using the enclosed envelope.

By giving the gift of education to support Tri-C and the students it serves, you can make it possible for more individuals in our community to realize their dreams of an education. We truly appreciate your support.

Shelley Roth, Chairperson
Tri-C Foundation
Community Support is Critical to Tri-C

Cuyahoga Community College students and graduates include your colleagues, friends, neighbors, employees and perhaps even a member of your family. They represent all ages and every sector of the economy - our teachers, nurses and other health care professionals, fire fighters, police officers, engineers, and business professionals - and reflect the cultural diversity of our region. Without the continued support of our community, Tri-C could not provide the diverse educational offerings that are available today.

The Tri-C Foundation’s Invest in People: Support Scholarships for Student Success campaign is in its final year and needs community support to remove the financial barriers that keep students from pursuing higher education and/or workforce training. Please consider using the enclosed envelope to make a scholarship donation today.

On November 8th, I hope that you will consider supporting Issue 6. Your vote will allow Tri-C to continue to provide quality education and training for our citizens so they can secure well-paying jobs.

Your support of these Tri-C initiatives ensures that a higher education is attainable for those who seek it.

Celebration Held for Nursing and Health Careers Scholarship Recipients

With generous funding from external sources, the Tri-C Foundation awarded 42 scholarships to deserving second-year Nursing and Health Careers students. This scholarship distribution was the largest allotment awarded to a specific program in the Foundation’s history.

A scholarship breakfast was held on August 23rd to honor the recipients. Speakers addressed the support Tri-C provides to help students overcome the financial obstacles that they face while obtaining their degree. The scholarship recipients thanked the College and noted the importance of their awards. Many stated that the scholarship would give them more time for study by alleviating the need to work extended hours to cover tuition costs. Nursing student Regina Davis remarked, “It was a privilege to get this scholarship. It takes away from the anxiety of having to work, be a parent, and go to school.”

County Commissioners Fund Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program

The Cuyahoga County Commissioners recently passed a resolution to provide funding for Tri-C’s Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Service-Learning Program. Service-Learning is an educational experience that teaches students to apply what they learn in class to benefit others. Students enrolled in selected sociology, psychology, and hospitality management courses are taking part in such experiences through Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. Offered in partnership with the Cuyahoga County Department of Senior and Adult Services, this program enables students to apply their experience and education through fun-filled year-round activities that benefit grandparents and their grandchildren. The League for Innovation in the Community College awarded the program the Innovation of the Year Award in 2003. For more information, contact Dr. Valerie S. Brown at 216-987-4521.

Participants of the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program enjoy lunch together.
2005 Presidential Scholarship Luncheon

Breaking News with
TIM RUSSERT

The Tri-C Foundation wishes to extend special thanks to the event’s supporters for making the 2005 Presidential Scholarship Luncheon such a wonderful success. The event exceeded its fundraising goal, and more than 1,000 attendees thoroughly enjoyed Breaking News with Tim Russert.

Guests enjoyed a white chocolate Capitol Building filled with chocolate mousse for dessert.

Tim Russert received a personalized Rock and Roll Hall of Fame jacket and autographed Cleveland Cavaliers basketball as special gifts from Tri-C students.

Tri-C President, Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton, discusses the importance of scholarships with Tim Russert.

The Tri-C Journalism and Mass Communication students interview Tim Russert.

Connie Browning, President of SBC Ohio, and Tim Russert.

Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, Jr. and his wife, Edwina, with Tim Russert. Reverend Moss presented the benediction at this year’s Luncheon.

Shelley and Harriet Roth (center) enjoy the Luncheon with their guests.

Tim Russert with Frank C. Sullivan, President and CEO of RPM International Inc.
New Directors Join Tri-C Foundation Board

Cuyahoga Community College Foundation is proud to announce three new appointments to the Board of Directors. “Each year the work of the Tri-C Foundation Board becomes more important as the need for philanthropic support to enable Tri-C to achieve its educational and community service goals continues to increase,” noted Gloria Moosmann, Executive Director of the Tri-C Foundation.

Edward O. Handy III is President and CEO of Charter One Bank (Ohio). He also served as Regional President of Citizens Bank of Connecticut and served at Fleet Financial Group. Mr. Handy earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Urban Studies at Brown University.

Daniel Hungerman is the Vice President and General Manager of PepsiAmericas, Inc., Northeast Ohio Division. He has more than 24 years of experience in the soft drink industry, nine with Pepsi. Mr. Hungerman holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management/Accounting from Robert Morris University.

Roberto Llamas is the Chief Human Resources Officer of The Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Previously, he held leadership positions at TRW, General Electric, and Lehman Brothers. Mr. Llamas has a Bachelor’s Degree in Marketing Management and a Master’s Degree in Organizational Development.

Dr. Nolen M. Ellison Builds Upon Scholarship Endowment

In 2004, the Tri-C Foundation announced the establishment of the Dr. Nolen M. Ellison Scholarship Fund in honor of the College’s second President, who served from 1974 to 1991. During Dr. Ellison’s tenure, Tri-C and the community benefited significantly from his vision and leadership. The establishment of this scholarship will enable more Tri-C students to access their community’s college - the community college that Dr. Ellison served with superb vision, leadership, dedication, passion, and love.

Dr. Ellison and his wife, Carole, have generously contributed to the Dr. Nolen M. Ellison Scholarship Fund endowment, bringing its balance to more than $55,000. Their support will not only help more students to access education at Tri-C, but will provide a lasting tribute to Dr. Ellison in recognition of his impact on the College and our community.

**New Directors**

- Edward O. Handy III
- Daniel Hungerman
- Roberto Llamas

**Emeriti**

- Nolen and Carole Ellison

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Ensuring an Educated Community

Education has an enormous impact on our economy and workforce in Greater Cleveland. By providing access to high quality education, Cuyahoga Community College is a driving force within our local economy. On November 8th the College needs your support to help ensure that the high quality educational programs and services it provides can continue. Your vote in favor of Issue 6 will provide vital operating revenue to help keep student tuition affordable, enhance student services, continue high quality university transfer programs, update education and training programs, upgrade job skills training, and enable the College to continuously improve training for good jobs. Issue 6 is a renewal levy for Tri-C's operating budget and will enable the College to continue regular operations of its three campuses and three workforce training sites.

Cuyahoga Community College is an economic engine that supports the creation of new jobs and promotes regional economic development. Therefore, the passage of Issue 6 is of the utmost importance to our community. Your vote can make a difference in Cuyahoga County. On behalf of Citizens for Cuyahoga Community College, I urge you to visit the polls on Tuesday, November 8th and support Issue 6.

Tri-C Employees Encourage Student Success Through Scholarships

Tri-C faculty and staff understand the importance of supporting scholarships to increase access to education. Kira Seaton, James Armstrong, and Jane Schierloh are among the many Tri-C employees who have generously supported and helped raise funds for Tri-C Foundation student scholarships.

Ms. Seaton, Assistant Professor of Music at the Western Campus, contributes to scholarships because she believes that education is the key to improving our communities and the world around us. She stated, “Tri-C has a proven track record of really helping people who want an education to get it. Educated people understand and value culture, and they bring added skills and knowledge to workplaces.”

Students often share with Mr. Armstrong, Counselor at the Western Campus, the challenges they face in pursuing their education. “Financial barriers are especially significant,” he said. “As Tri-C employees, we are already their partners in education, and most of us can extend our support financially as well.

Scholarships are an investment that shows students we believe in their effort.” Mr. Armstrong urges others to give regularly: “Over the course of time, even a small amount can add up to a substantial investment in a student's ability to complete a class or a program at Tri-C.”

Jane Schierloh, a student advisor at the Metropolitan Campus, held two piano recitals at her home in September to help raise scholarship funds. As a result of Ms. Schierloh’s effort, significant funds were raised for the Louis Stokes Scholarship Fund designated for students enrolled in Tri-C’s TRIO programs that provide educational opportunities for low-income and disabled students. Ms. Schierloh stated, “I work with over 200 students until they graduate or transfer and see firsthand hard working, successful students who need scholarships.”
SAVE THE DATES

November 8 – Election Day - Vote FOR Issue 6!

November 16 – Evening of Musical Excellence featuring harpsichordist Lucille Gruber – Corporate College East

November 18 – Celebrating 25 Years of Jazz at Sammy’s – To benefit Tri-C Jazz Studies and Community Music Scholarship Programs

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