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TRI-C ALUMNI PROFILE:
Dwight Thompson

Diversity and Rigorous
Environment Shaped Tri-C
Alum's Career

Tri-C Instills Perseverance and Focus to Succeed Beyond the Classroom

Dwight Thompson's educational journey began at Tri-C — a decision that significantly shaped his professional and personal development. [Read more.](#)



Building Bright Futures **Thank you for supporting Tri-C Day**

Thank you to all alumni who supported our eighth annual Tri-C Day! Your generosity has truly made a difference in shaping brighter futures for our students.

Food insecurity is challenge for many students. It's hard to study when you're hungry. Through the generous support of donors, the Pantry is an on-Campus resource providing students a weekly allocation of nutritious food. If you did not have an opportunity to support the Campus foodbanks on Tri-C Day, you can still help, by [making your donation here](#). Thank you for supporting student success!

Tri-C Day Alumni Challenge Winner

Congratulations to Patricia G. the lucky winner of the \$100 gift card for the Alumni Challenge drawing! Thank you to Tri-C alumni who attended the Tri-C Day networking event at the Melt. It was great to see you and we look forward to next year!



Tri-C Spring Commencement May 17

As we enter graduation season, we're excited to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our newest graduates—and we're deeply grateful for your role in their success.

Meet Jasmin L., Class of 2024, who turned her own mental health journey into a mission to support others. Guided by inspiring social workers, Jasmin has become a beacon of strength, offering solace to others experiencing similar struggles.

Encouraged by her mentors, Jasmin found her place at Tri-C, enrolling in Fall 2022 as the first in her family to attend college. She now graduates as a 4.0 GPA Mandel Scholar and will transfer to the Mandel Honors College at Cleveland State University. We will celebrate Jasmin's and all of our 2024 graduates' achievements at the College's Spring Commencement on May 17.



Jasmin L., Class of 2024

Tri-C President: Podcasts Are a Powerful Medium for Audience Engagement

In the evolving landscape of media consumption, podcasts have emerged as a potent tool for reaching and engaging with audiences worldwide. In the May edition of his quarterly *Smart Business Magazine* column, Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) President Michael A. Baston, J.D., Ed.D. explores how podcasts are a gateway to a vast audience — when used properly. "Podcasts can help you amplify your message in a big way, spreading awareness about specific topics to a targeted...[Read more](#).



Business Owner Makes Connections Through Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses (10KSB)

Zhao Liu is fluent in Mandarin and has worked in engineering, research and development, and marketing. These experiences gave him the tools to establish a successful e-commerce business, hunting down niches in every corner of the market. [Read more](#).



Eight Tri-C Students Named to All-Ohio Academic Team

Congratulations to the eight Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) students — the most of any two-year college in the state — who were named to the All-Ohio Community College Academic Team, which recognizes the top students in academics, leadership and community service. [Read more](#).



May Momentum

Momentum is a series in which Tri-C President, Dr. Michael A. Baston, highlights exciting things happening at your alma mater and offers a glimpse into the coming month. Take a look at the new [May edition here](#).



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CLEVELAND
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Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland is Back June 20-22!

The **45th annual Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland, presented by KeyBank**, is back at Playhouse Square from June 20-22! Join us for a weekend of music, food, and dancing along Euclid Avenue—it's the ultimate summer kickoff in downtown Cleveland!

More than just a music festival, Tri-C JazzFest is an educational initiative committed to preserving jazz's heritage and shaping its future. With nearly 500 artists performing indoors and outdoors, this event offers world-class talent and valuable educational opportunities for all ages. Indoor concerts feature ticketed performances in Playhouse Square's historic theaters, while outdoor entertainment is free.

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