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Donors ensure a prosperous future for Tri-C students

Imagine a future in which every Northeast Ohioan is trained for a job where they can earn what they need to care for their family to grow and prosper right here in Greater Cleveland.

That's the vision driving Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) today. To make it a reality, we must transform a workforce system to serve individuals in need, connecting them to accessible, flexible education that leads to life-changing jobs. As we transform lives, we will meet the demands of our region's vital industries.

Developing the workforce of the future requires a focus on enhancing and amplifying our services. We are partnering with businesses to develop skills training that meets their immediate needs and is affordable and accessible — allowing every person to develop their essential talents and skills.

Philanthropic investments help Tri-C and the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation bring this vision to life.

This issue of Invest in People highlights some of our supporters who are making this happen. Thank you to all donors who share our vision and commitment to Tri-C, our students and our community's future. ■



From left: Patrick and Julie (seated) Pastore; Dr. Baston, Megan O'Bryan, Tri-C Foundation Director Ed and Anne (seated) Cochran.

Lou Joseph: A steady leader for the Tri-C Foundation

Foundation Director Louis G. Joseph has been a passionate advocate for Tri-C students for more than two decades. President and CEO of The Brewer-Garrett Company, he joined the Foundation board in 2001 and dedicated himself to making higher education accessible to all Northeast Ohioans.



Lou Joseph (center) with his assistant Victoria DehMalo (seated right) and the Tri-C Foundation team.

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Andy and Adriana Randall lead the way to more student scholarships

Cuyahoga Community College Trustee and Foundation Director and Director Emeritus Andrew E. Randall knows deep down that Tri-C is an "incredibly important institution." He attended his first Presidential Scholarship Luncheon in 1997 and has been a steady contributor ever since. His wife, Adriana Randall, enrolled in basic courses at Western Campus in the 1990s before transferring to Cleveland State University. These early encounters launched the couple's lasting commitment to Tri-C and our students.



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Cuyahoga Community College Tri-C® Foundation Mission:

To provide resources for advancing student success at Cuyahoga Community College and to transform the lives of those Tri-C serves.



Emmy-winning actor and producer Patricia Heaton shared stories of motherhood, growing up in Ohio and the individuals who inspired her as she helped the Tri-C Foundation raise scholarship funds during its 2022 Presidential Scholarship Luncheon, presented by PNC.

Since its inception in 1992, the Presidential Scholarship Luncheon has raised \$23 million to help students with financial need pursue higher education and achieve their academic and career goals. Proceeds from the 2022 luncheon will expand the Workforce Training Scholarship Fund and Student Emergency Fund and grow an Experiential Learning Endowment to offer training stipends.



A new Michael Heaton Memorial Scholarship in Journalism and Media Studies will be established through event proceeds and a generous contribution from Patricia herself.

Michael Heaton, Patricia's brother, was a longtime Plain Dealer reporter and columnist known as the Minister of Culture. He passed away in 2022.

Heaton, a Bay Village native, served as keynote speaker at the Oct. 20, 2022 event at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel. Christi Paul, anchor of WKYC-TV's *What's Now*, moderated the discussion.

In his remarks, Student Donte Jones thanked guests for their support. "If not for an institution like Tri-C, businesses, individuals like you and the Foundation, many students like me would not be able to attend college in order to make a better life for ourselves and for our families. It is with your support that the Northeast Ohio community prospers."



Women in Transition (WIT) students and alumni (pictured above) enjoyed a private Q&A moderated by Margaret Bernstein, WKYC's director of advocacy and community initiatives. The six-week WIT course helps women set goals and access education and resources to achieve them. Nearly half of Women in Transition graduates pursue further education and workforce training. ■

Lou Joseph: A steady leader for the Tri-C Foundation *(continued from page 1)*

Joseph advanced through leadership roles on the Foundation Board, serving as treasurer (2006-2010), finance committee member (2001-2010) and executive committee member (2006-present). As chairperson (2020-2022), he was a steady, responsive leader who helped the Foundation remain focused and committed to finding solutions to the challenges impacting our students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Concluding his tenure as chairperson, Joseph remarked, "I have seen that we can quickly shift our focus to address

students' most pressing needs while still thoughtfully planning for our community's future. Many challenges were thrown at us, but we showed resilience, resourcefulness and resolve — just like our students do each day."

The Westlake resident and his wife established a Foundation scholarship fund in 2012. The Valerie and Lou Joseph Endowed Scholarship Fund supports students in the College's Honors Program Fellowship. "It has been a true pleasure working to uplift students who are most in need of support," Joseph said. ■

Retired alumna pays it forward following rewarding health care career

Gail Patton already had a college degree, but her early career experiences in health care and human services helped define her professional goals. An associate degree from Tri-C launched her successful career as a physician assistant.

Patton completed Tri-C's Physician Assistant (PA) program in 1991. Her passion for women's health led her to enroll in a post-graduate program in obstetrics and gynecology in New York City.

She eventually returned to Ohio, working as a PA in the gynecology/gynecologic oncology department at ProMedica Toledo Hospital for 18 years. She also worked in the breast cancer and general surgery departments at University Hospitals and Cleveland Clinic before retiring in 2019.



"I gained technical skills at Tri-C that I could take anywhere in the country, and I obtained a degree that led me on a path to success. We are really blessed to have Tri-C here in Cleveland," she said.

Patton's Tri-C experience and thriving career have prompted her to pay it forward through a donation to the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation, and she hopes her fellow alumni will consider doing the same.

"I know how hard it is to work and go to school, or just go to school and take care of family," she said. "I hope my donation will help someone along their own journey." ■

Andy and Adriana Randall lead the way to more student scholarships *(continued from page 1)*

Trustee Randall, president and CEO of Cleveland Private Trust, joined the Foundation Board in 1996. He served as chairperson from 2002 to 2004 and was named director emeritus before rejoining in 2018. Appointed to Tri-C's Board of Trustees in 2010, he just completed his second five-year term. This multifaceted service has significantly impacted student access and success.

During his tenure, Trustee Randall has worked with three College presidents. "Each has been an outstanding, tremendous leader, with their own objectives to advance the Tri-C mission," he reflected. "Jerry Sue Thornton strived to increase and elevate the College's profile. Alex Johnson focused on student success rates, workforce training and supporting students who were ineligible for federal grants. Michael Baston's energy is infectious, and I cannot help but be excited about the future."

The Randalls feel strongly about supporting scholarships as well as students' holistic needs. "Tri-C is affordable, offering a breadth of quality courses," Adriana said. "We are happy to support students through our recent gift to the Dr. Alex Johnson Access, Equity and Success Fund, which fills a void for expenses that are often not covered by scholarships."

Established to honor President Emeritus Alex Johnson upon his retirement in June 2022, the fund provides short-term solutions for expenses outside of tuition — such as housing, food, technology and books — so students can continue their education.

"The Foundation is building capacity in high-demand workforce programs like public safety, health care and transportation, and it's exciting to see first-generation students graduate. They are setting an example for their families that will pass through the generations." Trustee Randall said.

The Tri-C Foundation is grateful to the Randalls for their generosity and commitment. ■

Great parking spot leads to student opportunities at Amsdell

When the COVID-19 pandemic cut the 2020 baseball season short, District Garage parking patrons and Amsdell Companies executives Todd Amsdell and David Horton donated their parking fee to the David G. Gillespie Memorial Respiratory Care Scholarship Fund so they could continue assisting Tri-C students. But, they wanted to do even more.



The result is the Amsdell Companies Endowed Scholarship Fund, which will help one Tri-C business major with tuition, fees and books each year. Not only will this fully-fund a diverse student pursuing a business degree, the recipient has the opportunity to interview for a paid summer internship with Amsdell Companies. The College celebrated this commitment at the Metropolitan Campus Business Education Center in October 2022. ■



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